

Order delivered

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Yesterday I delivered an order that I have worked on since Christmas.

Before Christmas, a family came to my studio with a bag full of musk-oxen wool and asked me if I would make one or two musk-oxen for them. They had lived in Greenland years ago and now, they newly travelled to Greenland together with their grown up children and they had picked the wool in the nature together with them.

The first musk-oxen

When I get such an order I start to study the animal very carefully.

I have during the years gathered a big library of animal books and after studying them, I specially worked from two wonderful books with drawings and photos that I bought in USA on my last tour there.

I started to sort the wool out in dark and light colors for the sides and for the back of the animal and I was lucky that there were fine pieces that were already felted on the animal, so I could needle them on the body directly. The technique that I have developed to build an animal proved to be very good here and it was so nice to see how the animal slowly grew to look like a musk-oxen.

The musk oxen together with my real Greenland drum

The second musk-oxen is looking a little aside, so when the two stand aside, it looks like a little group that is real.

It was really wonderful to see how glad the family were, when they saw the two musk-oxens. They said that it was exactly like seeing the animals in the nature, and they could never have had a better souvenir.