

TRANSFORMATION INTO A SKUNK

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Skunks, while not an uncommon encounter in our lives, are fascinating creatures of the wild, most famously known for their distinct scent mechanism and striking black and white coats. These remarkable animals represent a captivating blend of resilience, resourcefulness, and a striking beauty.

Of course, you will likely know of their famous defence mechanism where they raise their tails to unleash a potent, nigh-unwashable scent. But these beauties are even more unique still. They belong to the family Mephitidae, a diverse group of small mammals, which includes badgers and weasels. However, a skunk does not have many close relatives within this group - truly, these little guys are one of a kind!

Within their family structure, female skunks raise their young alone or with other females, nurturing them with utmost care and dedication. Breeding season heralds a dance of courtship and connection.

Male skunks engage in spirited displays of dominance to win the affection of potential mates.

Once a bond is formed, the mother will prepare a den, an oasis of warmth and security, in anticipation of the arrival of their offspring. This process involves a lot of care and attention to detail. In the cozy confines of the den, a litter of skunk kits will be born. The bond a mother skunk shares with her young is infallible... Skunks are some of the most excellent and dedicated mothers in the animal kingdom.

Beyond their family dynamics, skunks exemplify resourcefulness and adaptability. They possess a remarkable ability to forage for sustenance, unearthing a varied diet that includes insects, plants, and fruits - sometimes even small mammals like mice. These cunning hunters employ their keen sense of smell and sharp claws to navigate their environment, ensuring their success in an ever-changing world just outside many urban areas.

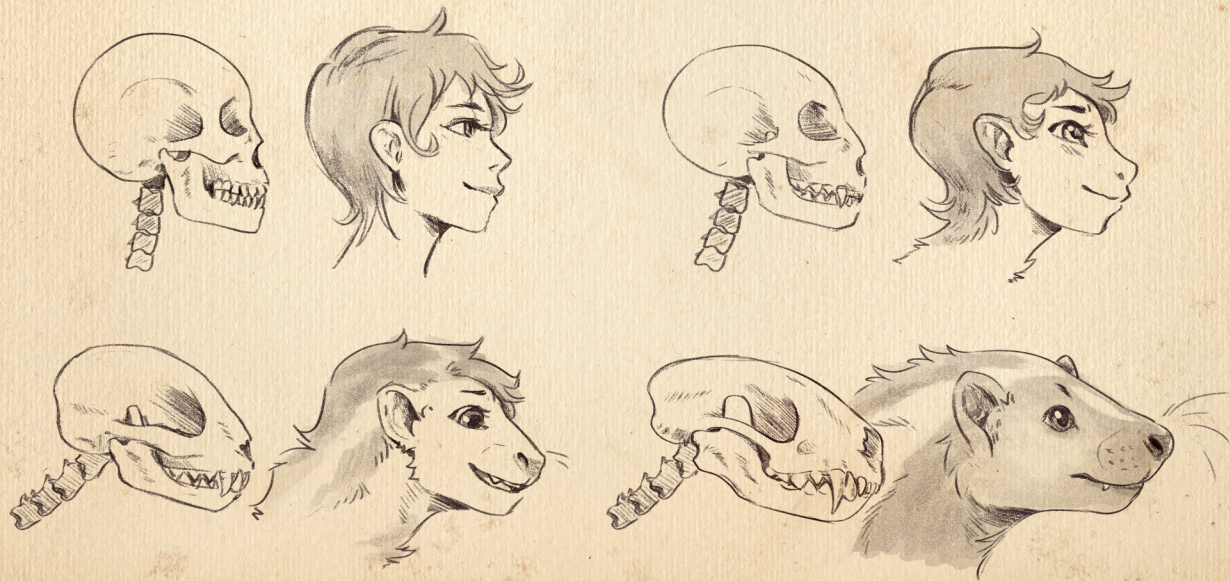
In terms of transformation, adorning the body of a skunk is actually quite a simple transformation. While you will have to contend with new animal instincts and a life on all fours, these creatures are social and intelligent, which makes transition to their world easier. Imagine yourself dressed in a captivating coat of fur, a striking fusion of ebony and ivory. As a skunk, you would possess a defence mechanism that has intrigued (and intimidated) humans for ages - a pacifist ward that is extremely effective.

Not far from the urban centres of humans, one could live out their life as a peaceful creature, shuffling along the forest floor in the hunt for food. With long, durable claws, digging for natural meals is easy. And, it's hard to be cold when you have such luscious fur and a warm den. Truly, this is such a lovely transformation, I'd recommend it to just about anyone wanting to get a taste of the wild world!

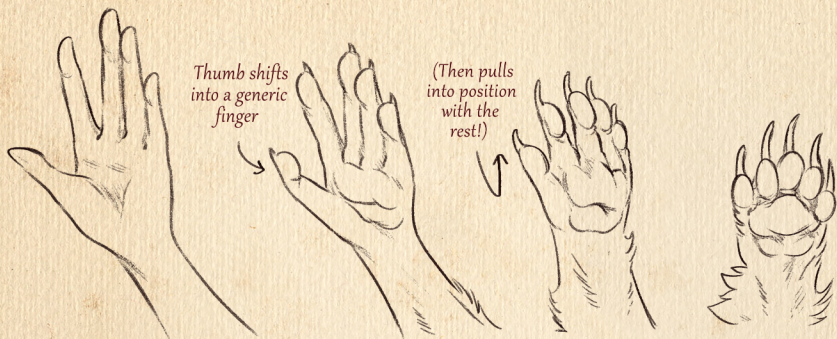


FACIAL CHANGES

A skunk has a very unique face shape; somewhere in the middle of a cat, badger, and bear. Of course, humans are extremely short-snouted animals, so as the transformation begins, the nose and jaw lengthen, pushing out from the face. The ears migrate upwards on the skull, but do not form into points, or grow much at all in size. Instead, their changes are subtle, including sprouting a gentle covering of fur. As this happens, the canine teeth grow in size, as do the size of the irises. Fur laces the neck, approaching the nape where it begins to merge with the hair. At this point, the facial transformation is half complete. Next, the nose widens and becomes darker, covering a larger surface area to improve the soon-to-be-skunk's food scouting abilities. White fur sprouts from the head and neck, forming a beautiful line as it comes in, and whiskers emerge from the cheeks.



HANDS & FEET



Skunk paws are thickly padded, a little stubby, and fully furless on the underside. These paws were made for digging around in the dirt! And what a fun transformation to undergo it is...

First, the digits of the hand shorten, while the thumb loses its opposability, becoming yet another finger. Cushiony padding grows outward from the palms of the hands and the tips of the fingers. As the fingers shrink further still, the padding expands down to the wrist, and fingernails sharpen to claws. Lastly, the fur covers the wrist and the upper side of the arm, soft and ebony dark.

A skunk's paws are very similar to a human's feet; just like us, they are plantigrade animals, meaning they walk with their heels on the ground.

So, to change a foot into the hint paw of a skunk's, only subtle changes must be made overall. The toes must lengthen and thicken, the underside becoming thick with padded skin. Soft fur sprouts down the length of the leg and the top of the foot, slowly covering the entire limb. The big toe shrinks in size and pulls further back into the foot, becoming just another one of the five clawed toes.



TRANSFORMATION OVERVIEW



A relaxed subject sits out in the yard, enjoying her day knowing a change of body is to come. She has offered herself up for my studies, but what form she will take is still a surprise to her.

The fur-hair hybrid grows out from the spine, then changes to full fur



And a surprise it is!
This transformation starts fast, with her breasts perking up as they become smaller, and her attention immediately being drawn to a tail which has sprouted from the base of her spine. Her hair and bits of fur are growing fast, beginning to cover her body as her hands shape into clawed paws.

*A quadruped's shoulders
only extend outwards
and backwards. No need for
ball and socket joints!*



As her spine shifts and changes, she loses the ability to sit upright and is forced onto all fours. Her paws are wide and padded now, and conform naturally onto the grassy ground.

The fur is spreading, especially down the length of her growing tail. Additional nipples emerge down her stomach. Her shoulder blades pull together, and her legs shorten into a length better suited for a quadruped.

The fur continues to grow and covers her whole body, especially the extra long fur that lines the tail. Her striking black and white coat shimmers in the sunlight, and she treks out into the woods, sensing delightful opportunities to be unearthed on this day.

