

# INUIT CLOTHING

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**DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT:**

IT IS ALL ABOUT INUIT CLOTHING AND WHAT THEY ARE MADE FROM.

**RESOURCES: HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR INFORMATION?**

IMAGES FROM THE INTERNET, TEXT WAS FROM BOOKS AND FROM MY MOM'S KNOWLEDGE.

**WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT AS A RESULT OF YOUR RESEARCH?**

THAT INUIT USED CLOTHING FROM ANIMAL FURS.

**DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE PROJECT AND WHY YOU CHOSE IT.**

THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR INFORMATION, AND I WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT INUIT SURVIVED AND I ALSO WANTED THEM TO KNOW HOW INUIT USED TO LIVE LONG AGO.



## Inuit Clothing

### **Introduction**

Inuit have lived in a very cold climate. Wearing warm clothing has been important for our survival.

When Inuit lived on the land caribou and seal were the main sources of clothing material. The insulating properties of the fur made it good in the cold winter. Sealskin was the best footwear because it was durable and waterproof. To conserve heat skin clothes were made and worn in layers sometimes they would wear two or three layers of skins.

Inuit seamstresses found the creativity to make warm and beautiful clothing. The style of the clothing went with their age, gender, occupation or location they lived at. Inuit from all over the north wear different styles of clothing.

The arrival of Europeans in the North made cultural changes to the Inuit clothing. Inuit got glass beads; fabric, metal and they added new decorations to the clothing.



**Inuit men wearing seal and polar bear fur clothing.**

## **What types of clothing are there?**

Clothing consists of coats, trousers, stockings or shoes or boots. In very cold weather two of each clothing is worn. The inner side has fur against the skin and the outer has the fur on the outside.

Only fur clothing was warm enough in a cold place like Nunavut. Inuit like to use caribou but sometimes used other animal fur like seals and polar bears.



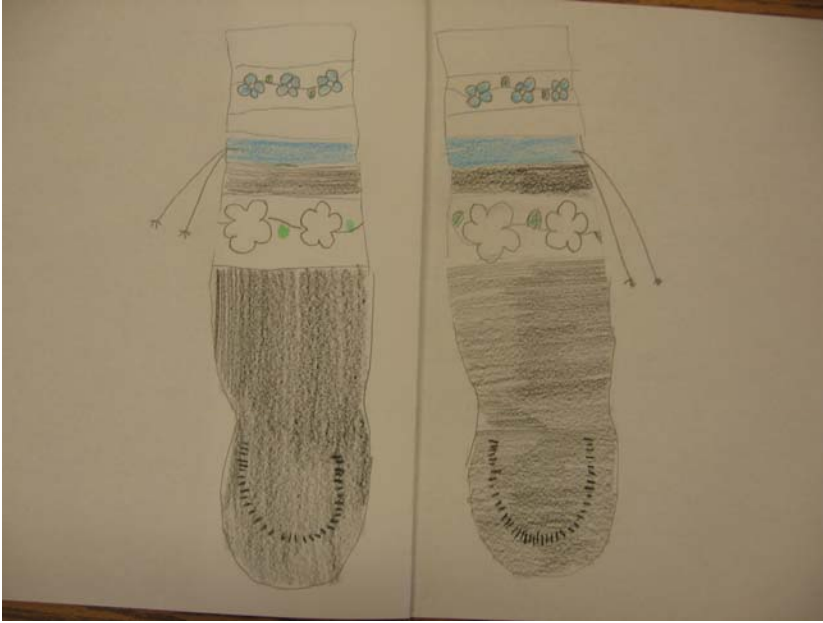
**Inuit sewing clothing.**

## **What kind of fur did they use for pants?**

They used caribou, sealskin, and polar bearskin for pants. They would make strings or suspenders or belts to hold the pants up.

## **How are kamiks made?**

Kamiks are usually made from seal or caribou skin. Kamiks are the traditional boots we wear to make our feet warm. Inuit people all make different types of kamiks.



**Inuit kamiks drawn from Gwen.**

### **What kind of socks did they have?**

Socks were made from caribou but now they use duffle to make socks to wear inside the kamiks.

### **What were goggles made from?**

Inuit goggles were made from caribou antlers but for coastal people they were made from ivory walrus tusks.

### **What kind of fur did they use for the Atigi or the Qulittaq?**

Log ago they used qulittaq. Qulittaq is the one that has the fur inside and you wear another one on top of that with the fur on the outside. Now Inuit only use atigi that has an outer lining of material. Atigi and Qulittaq are both made from caribou skin.



**Snow goggles.**



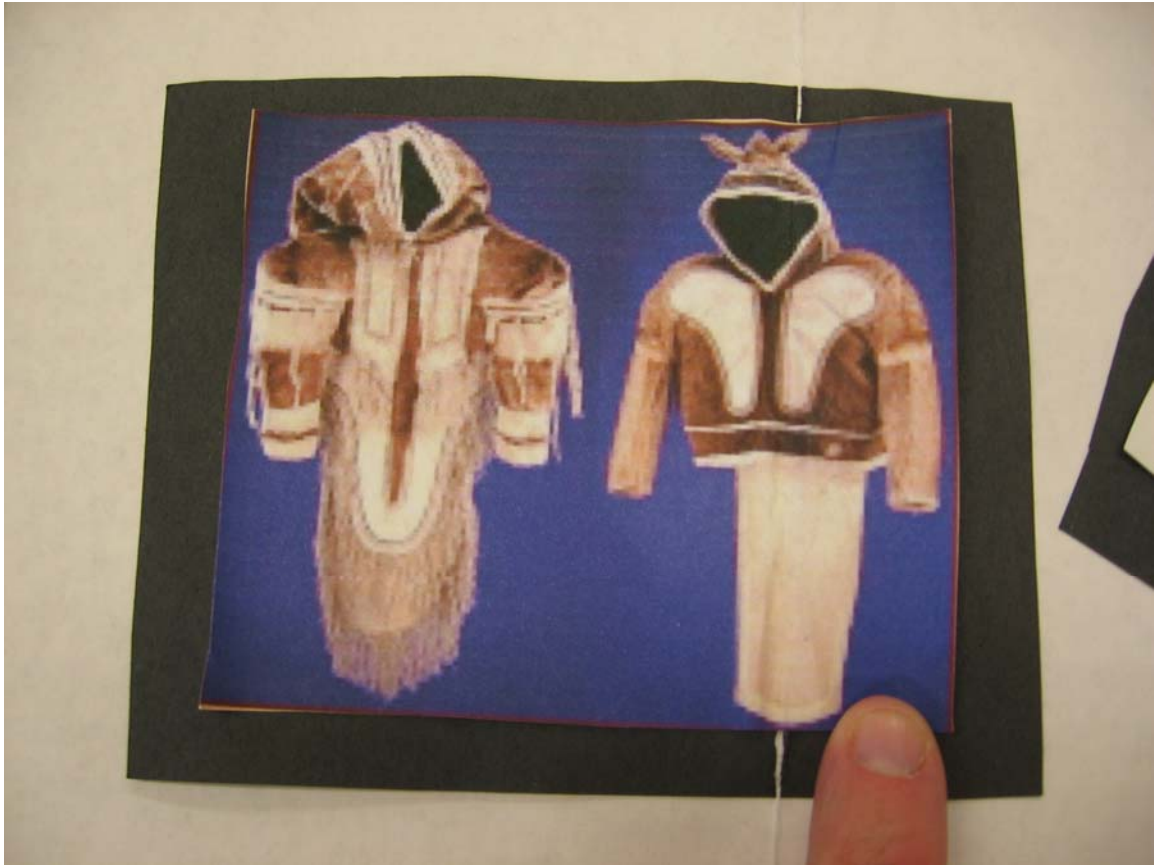
**Ladies Amauti decorated.**

**What kind of fur did they use from mitts?**

They use caribou, sealskin or any fur for mitts. They needed to keep their hands warm and dry.

**What is an amauti?**

An amauti is a women's parka that has a deep hood in the back which babies and children are placed. Amauti are made from caribou skin or seal skin and have fringes or designs on the front.



**Ladies Amauti and mens Atigi.**

