Plan:
• When and where will you share this adventure?
• What materials do you need? Where will you get them? How can you ethically source dead animals to mount?
• Where can you take lessons to learn the techniques and safety practices required for your taxidermy project?
• What laws should you be aware of around taxidermy in your part of Canada?

Do:
• Stuff and mount an animal safely and hygienically.

Review:
• What do you know now that you did not know before?
• How did you feel before, during and after this adventure?
• How did you get along as a team on this project? How were you able to support one another?
• What will you do with your mounted animal? Where will you display it?
• Does your project make any kind of statement? If so, what does it say?

Safety Note:
• What risks are involved in working with dead animals? How can you work with dead animals hygienically?
• What chemicals might you need to use for your taxidermy project? How can you stay safe when using them?

Online Resources:
• Taxidermy is making a comeback
• Taxidermy for beginners
• How I taxidermy a fox
• Taxidermy: Art of Stuffing Animals
• Dead Trendy
• The 12-year-old taxidermist
• The Mounted Animal Nature Trail
• Vegan Taxidermy

The Adventure:
Have you ever seen a taxidermied animal? These are dead animals that have been stuffed and mounted in a way that preserves the animal’s living appearance. This may be a fish mounted on a plaque or a rodent arranged in a lifelike pose. Sometimes, if an animal’s body cannot be preserved, just the head will be mounted.

Taxidermy is a unique hobby that demands patience, attention to detail and a skilled hand. Perhaps best of all, the result of a taxidermist’s labour gives people the opportunity to have a close look at an animal that in life might be too retiring to be examined and appreciated.