

Make It Fake - for the Animals' Sake

How to tell real animal fur from faux

The roots and tips of fur may show whether it's faux or taken from an animal. Part the material and compare to the diagrams below. If you have a magnifying glass, examine the ends of individual strands.



Real: At the base of real fur, there will be an animal's skin. Strands may taper to points (if the fur is sheared, however, they will not).



Fake: Faux fur will emerge from a fabric backing — identified by its weave. Strands will usually have blunt ends.

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