



# CRAFT CORRAL:



## Bison Coffee Art



While we tend to use the terms buffalo and bison interchangeably, they are actually very different animals! Buffalo, as pictured in the top photo, are native to Africa and South Asia, with large, curved horns, and have no beard or hump in between their shoulders. The bison, however, has much smaller horns, but a large beard and an even larger hump on their back, as seen in the bottom photo.

Bison were nearly extinct from extreme hunting in the 19th century. Cowgirl Honoree May Lillie and her husband became devoted to the protection of the bison. They had between 200 to 300 bison on their ranch, and lobbied Congress to pass protective legislation. Cowgirl Honoree Molly Goodnight rescued baby bison calves left behind by hunters, establishing the Goodnight Buffalo Ranch, creating a herd that is still around today.



### MATERIALS:

- Instant coffee or ground coffee
- Glue
- Scissors
- Bison Template
- Water and containers
- One thicker sheet of paper (cardstock, art paper, etc)
- Any materials for background:
  - construction paper
  - tissue paper
  - watercolors
  - colored pencils
  - etc



# INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print out the bison template.



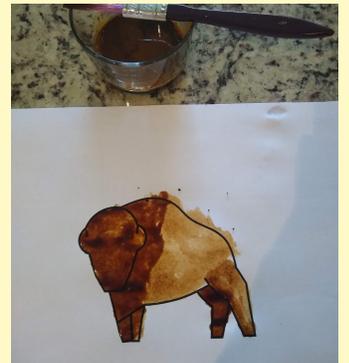
2. Mix instant coffee and water in two bowls, adding more coffee to one bowl to make a darker mixture.



3. Use the darker coffee to paint the darker part of the bison: the head, legs, and beard.



4. Use the lighter coffee to paint the body of the bison.



5. Use a sponge, paper towel, cotton round, or fabric to add texture to the bison. Leave to dry.



6. Once dry, cut out the bison template.



7. On a separate sheet of thicker paper, create a scene for your bison. You can use any available materials, such as construction paper, magazine pages, tissue paper, and more. Be creative!





# INSTRUCTIONS:

8. Glue down the bison when done.



9. Add extra details using watercolor, colored pencils, acrylic paint, and more!



10. Your bison is complete! Be sure to share your final piece with us on social media with @cowgirlmuseum.

