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1) tolerance of hot and humid climates;
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Barbados Blackbelly sheep will breed all year round unlike most domestic sheep. Because they are smaller and slower growing than most wooled sheep, they are not a good choice for commercial production. However, there is a strong market for their lean and mild-flavored meat, and they are popular with herding dog trainers.

They are very disease resistant and parasite tolerant, and these genetic traits have created a demand for Blackbelly sheep in crossbreeding operations. These exotic-looking sheep are a perfect choice as a homesteader's sheep because they do relatively well on poorer forage, can be raised with very little grain, and do not require intensive management. The colour ranges from light tan to reddish brown with its under belly and inside legs covered in black. In some instances, the tips of the tail can be white. When this occurrence is present with no more than 2.5 to 5 cm of white on the tail, these sheep are accepted by farmers and agriculturalists on the island for a pure bred Barbados Blackbelly Sheep.

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LET’S DRAW SHEEP

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First step. Here you will draw out all the guidelines and circles to help you draw the lamb with ease. Position, the circles will be overlapping each other. Starting at the top draw a medium sized circle for the head and sketch the face positioning lines in the middle. Next draw a smaller circle right below that one for the neck, then two more smaller ones for the leg. After that draw a big oval shaped circle for the butt end of the lamb. Connect the dots with guidelines as shown above.

STEP 2.
Here is where you will actually draw out the face, ears, and legs of the lamb. Starting at the top like always lightly sketch in the eyes, nose and mouth as shown above. Look how innocent he is staring to look. Then sketch out the big floppy ears. After you do that you can go ahead and draw out the outer body frame of the lamb, take your time and follow the sketch above to help guide your way.

STEP 3.
In this short step you will be drawing out the two hind legs and detailing parts of the face like the left ear, and light sketching on the face and head. Drawing the back legs is really simple because the lining is thick and bold. After you do this move down to step 4.

STEP 4.
This is a wicked short step because all you will be doing is detailing and defining parts of the lambs body. Look at the face and sketch in the subtle lines shown, then detail the knee caps, and hooves. After your done detailing the lamb you can go.

STEP 5.
Here is the finished line art when you are completely done drawing your lamb. Aw isn’t he so cute. All you have to do now is either add some shading and keep the drawing as a sketch or color him in with a soft whitish grey color. Your choice. You did an awesome job, and I will see you soon.

A black mark runs from the base of the nose on each side to the crown of the head with black stripes on the face and black legs, belly, chin, and chest. The horn bases in mature rams are also black.

Generally, the Barbados Blackbelly Sheep has the appearance of a small deer or antelope. Despite being goat-like in appearance, they are true sheep. Barbados Blackbelly lambs are purported to have less body fat than other breeds. As is the case with goats, they tend to deposit less subcutaneous fat than wooled breeds, while generally accumulating more fat around the heart and kidneys. Their meat is considered to have a milder, less muttony flavor than the lamb from wooled breeds.

Because of their many positive attributes, Barbados Blackbelly sheep have tremendous export potential.
Our Bajan Beauty Secret! Cleopatra knew the benefits of milk in keeping her skin beautiful and young looking. Our Barbados Blackbelly Sheep milk is higher in proteins and other nutrients than cow or goat milk and higher than other sheep breeds. Each 4oz bar of our Barbados Blackbelly Sheep Milk & Molasses Soap contains more than 1oz of this creamy milk.

Cleopatra combined milk with honey. We have combined our sheep milk with another indigenous product of Barbados, pure raw molasses which is rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. This combination offers essential nutrients to maintain a youthful radiance to skin. It stimulates your skin to produce more natural collagen & elastin. We have added cocoa

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Use these words to fill the blanks below:

hair, stock, soap, local, lamb, jewelry

Blackbelly sheep are breed __ __ __ __ __ __ __.

Blackbelly sheep are different from other sheep because they have a coat of __ __ __.

The meat from blackbelly sheep is called __ __ __ __ __.__ __ __ __ __ _.

The skin of blackbelly sheep can be used for making __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ while the milk is used for making __ __ __ : __ __ __ __ can be made from the bones of the blackbelly sheep after the chef has used them for __ __ __ __.
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