

## Valais Blacknose sheep inspire new gift collection from Border Fine Arts

The beautiful and, until recently, little known sheep breed, the Valais Blacknose has inspired a new gift collection from Border Fine Arts Studio. The adorable sheep decorate both useful and fun gifts including a mug and two sizes of soft toy and will make ideal presents or self-purchase treats.

Hailing from the Valais region of Switzerland, the Valais Blacknose raised for wool and meat, is popularly described as the 'world's cutest sheep' because of its long soft hair, spiral horns and black markings to nose, face and knees.

Well adapted to the extreme climatic conditions of the high Alps the sheep are excellent at grazing on the steep rocky mountain slopes. It was the BBC TV programme Countryfile that brought the breed to the attention of the UK's public and the Valais Blacknose Breed Society held its first UK show and sale in August 2016.



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