



## Zuni Fetishes

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Tied to the back of many fetishes are medicine bundles tightly bound with sinew. Coral in the bundle represents ocean life, blue represents birds, black represents night creatures, brown is earth, and white is winter. Some fetishes have an inlaid stone arrow called a lifeline or heart line. The arrow that is placed on the fetish is given for protection and good luck. Zuni fetishes are not manufactured nor are they produced on demand. Each carving is a handmade work of art.

**ARMADILLO:** Slow, sure, in no hurry, gets things done right, keeper of the home

**BADGER:** Independent, may be sought out for healing based upon knowledge of herbs

**BAT:** Guardian of the night, cleaner

**BEAR:** Strength, introspection, spiritual journey through life

**BEAVER:** Power of working and attaining a sense of achievement, builder

**BUFFALO:** Endurance to overcome, great emotional courage, provider to all

**BUTTERFLY:** Art of transformation, ability to know or to change the mind

**COYOTE:** master of trickster who tricks himself, laughter, humor, foolishness

**CROW:** The keeper of sacred law

**DEER:** The power of gentleness

**DOG:** Loyalty, noble, a true and loyal friend

**DOLPHIN:** Trust, loyalty, spirit of friendship

**EAGLE:** Creator, teacher, loyalty, great integrity, spirit connection to the divine

**ELK:** Teaches that pacing yourself will increase your stamina

**FISH:** Purifier, character, ability to hide emotions

**FOX:** Camouflage, ability to meld into one's surroundings and be unnoticed

**FROG:** Bringer of rain and abundance and fertility

**HAWK:** Messenger of the gods, to observe the obvious in everything you do

**HORNED TOAD:** Self-reliance, longevity, protects ancestral bounty

**HORSE:** Swift, strength, enlightenment, possesses healing powers

**KOKOPELLI:** Fertility, music, joy

**LIZARD:** Conversation, agility

**LYNX:** The knower of secrets, clairvoyance ability

**MOLES:** Protector of the growing crops and underworld

**MOOSE:** Headstrong, unstoppable, longevity

**MOUSE:** Scrutiny, paying attention to detail

**MOUNTAIN LION:** Power of leadership, ability to lead without insisting others follow

**OWL:** Can see what others can not, essence of true wisdom, deception

**OPOSSUM:** Diversion, to use a great deal of strategy

**OTTER:** Laughter, curiosity, mischievous

**PHEASANT:** Confidence, attraction, flamboyance

**PORCUPINE:** The power of faith and trust

**QUAIL:** Sacred spiral, ceremonial, holy

**RACCOON:** Bandit, shy, resourceful

**RAM:** Sense of self-worth, assures an increase in flocks

**RAVEN:** Magic, the messenger of the great mystery, a chance in consciousness

**SEAL:** Family oriented, possesses power in numbers

**SHEEP:** Charity, elegance, passion, best at the art, talents bring riches

**SKUNK:** Wary, conspicuous, and intense

**SNAKE:** Power of creation, of transmutation, life, death, rebirth

**SPIDER:** Creative patterns of life

**SQUIRREL:** Natural intelligence, saver, protects reserves

**TURKEY:** Smart, elusive, festive

**TURTLE:** Oldest symbol of Mother Earth, longevity, the art of grounding

**WOLF:** Teacher, pathfinder, sharing of your knowledge, never-ending journey