Trading posts had to be large enough to hold supplies and provide shelter for several people.

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Trading posts had to protect the people living there from the cold Canadian winter.

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A fireplace had to be built inside the trading post to keep people warm.

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Windows in trading posts were covered with thin pieces of parchment.

Trading posts had to built on flat ground.

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Trading posts needed to be built in areas with lots of wood nearby to provide materials for construction.

Trading posts needed to be built near meadows, so there would be areas for horses to graze.

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Trading posts needed to be built near fresh water sources, so people could have clean water to drink.

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Trading posts needed to be built in areas that had access to wild animals, so they could be hunted for food.

Trading posts had to be easy to construct, with mostly unskilled labor.

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Trading posts needed to be built near waterways to transport the furs.

Trading posts needed to be built near the indigenous people who were helping the Europeans trap furs.

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Trading posts were built out of logs.