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SUGGESTED METHODS FOR REHYDRATION

SOAKING INSTRUCTIONS

For Shoulder Mounts (Deer, Moose, Elk, Caribou, Sheep, etc.)

Soaking Formula A

(Standard soaking formula)

Add 8 oz. of common salt for each 1 gallon of water

Salt prevents swelling

Soaking Formula B

(Quick penetration for elk, caribou, moose, buffalo & heavy bear)

8 oz. of common salt
1 oz. Lactic Acid for each
1 gallon of water

Lactic Acid makes the skin more elastic

Soaking Formula C

(Longer soak for overnight penetration for heavier skins)

8 oz. of common salt
1 oz. Borax
1/2 oz. Lysol/Phenol for each
1 gallon of water

*Borax levels the PH aids in preventing insects,
Phenol/Lysol prevents growth bacteria & mold*

Soaking Formula D

(Alternate to Formula B)

8 oz. of common salt
4 oz. vinegar for each
1 gallon of water

*Vinegar, similar to lactic acid,
will relax the skin*

Prepare desired soaking formula making sure all ingredients are thoroughly mixed and dissolved. Soak skin in formula for 30 minutes to 2 hours depending on the size and thickness of the cape. Check frequently for softness. When skin is soft, rinse with clean water and drain. If ears are still firm, wrap them with a wet cloth. Roll cape, then place in a plastic bag and refrigerate overnight. **After rehydration is the best time to take accurate measurements for ordering forms!** Refrigerate or store cape in freezer until ready to mount.

SWABBING INSTRUCTIONS

For Fur Rugs (Bear, Mtn Lion, Fur Skins, etc.)

Swabbing Formula

1/4 cup liquid detergent
1/4 cup Lysol or 1 oz. Phenol
for each 1 gallon of water

*Detergent is used to help the skin absorb water.
Lysol/Phenol prevents bacteria and mold growth*

For heavier skins (bear, zebra, etc) presoak head and feet only in soaking formula (A), before applying swabbing formula. Try to keep the body hair dry and clean. Small skins (fox, coyote, raccoon, etc) may not require presoaking.

Apply the Swabbing Solution to the flesh side of the skin with a sponge. Allow the skin to absorb the solution until skin becomes soft. A wet towel may be placed on heavier skins to aid in the rehydration. If ears and feet require further rehydration, wrap individually with a wet cloth. Roll skin, then place in a plastic bag and refrigerate overnight. Refrigerate or store skin in freezer until ready to mount.

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