

Fossil Safari Fossil Preparation Guide

Sealing Fossils

- First prep fossils
- Clean dust off and vinac just the fossil (vinac: polyvinyl beads mixed with acetone)*
 - You can skip the vinac, but it does make the fossil look nice
- Mix 10 parts water with 1 part Elmer's white glue
 - Make it look like skim milk
 - Dip the whole fossil rock in the mix for about 1 minute
 - Dry
- Spray with Minwax polyurethane clear satin

* To make the vinac: mix beads with acetone in a glass jar. Stir until beads are completely dissolved and it looks like clear water. Use a little paint brush to coat the fossil only.

Prep Guide

To prep your fossil you start by getting your tools ready. You will need:

- Sharp pick or an electric engraver to remove the matrix above the fossil.
- A small paint brush to gently brush away the matrix from the fossil.
- Art gum eraser
- A lamp that highlights the fossil area.

First gently remove the matrix above the fossil little by little with the pick and take the art gum eraser and lightly "erase" over the fossil to remove the dust. The best work is done in increments of ½ hour.

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