

BLEACHING SKULLS

Scrape as much flesh as you can off of skull before boiling.

To create your boiling solution, use 1/4 cup of soda ash to one (1) gallon of water. If you add approximately 1/8 cup of non-iodized salt to the solution, it will boil hotter. You will want to add the soda ash to the water before it comes to a boil.

Place your skull in the boiling solution and boil approximately 30 minutes. Once boiling is complete, never let your skull dry out completely (Hint: After boiling, submerge the skull in straight acetone for up to one (1) week, this will totally degrease the skull).

After boiling, mix hydrogen peroxide (30%) with magnesium carbonate to form a paste (the consistency will depend on personal preference). Using rubber gloves, paint the paste onto the skull. This will bleach the skull to a uniform whiteness.

Leave the paste on until completely dry . . . usually one or two days . . . it can be left on for up to one (1) week.

Use a soft brush to buff the powder off the skull. Be sure to wear a mask so you don't breath in the dust.

To complete, use an epoxy to re-attach any loose teeth and seal the skull with some type of sealer.

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