

FISH MIX

This fix mix is designed to set up as about the same consistency as styrofoam when compressed inside a fish skin or similar object. This allows the fish skin to contract and expand without the skin cracking. Skin and preserve your fish in your usual manner.

DIRECTIONS:

Add water slowly, approximately 8 oz. to 1 pound of Fish Mix. Start sewing the incision at the tail. Sew one or two inches to form a pocket. Fill firmly with Fish Mix and repeat until fish is completely sewed. When about two-thirds sewn, insert a small piece of plywood under the incision for added strength for the hanger screws. When inserting the plywood make it small enough allowing enough room on either end to bend the fish in a fighting position. If you are making a straight mount the plywood can be as long as the fish if desired. Pack the mix firmly, not tight on a fish such as a Bass, Northern, Walleye, Trout, etc. On all pan shaped fish such as Crappie, put the Fish Mix in the fish skin loosely and shape with hands until the fish is back into a flat pan shape. You can shape the fish in any desired position with this method. Shape the fish with hands until your original measurements are reached.

On long fish such as Muskie or Northern insert a No. 9 or No. 11 wire in the brain cavity and run it the length of the fish for added strength. This is probably not necessary. Just do this as a precaution on large fish.

Be certain to wash all the excess Fish Mix and any white liquid from the scales of the fish. You can sponge the fish or hold it under a faucet. If this is left to dry on the skin or under the scales it will cause difficulty when painting the fish if you use transparent paint.

The Fish Mix starts to set up in 2 to 4 hours. Let set 24 hours before trying to move the fish. Stuff a wad of newspaper in the throat of the fish to keep the mix in. If mix gets on the gills it will brush off easily when dried.

Finish the mouth in your usual fashion. Leave the gills in. This gives a natural finished mouth with less work.

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