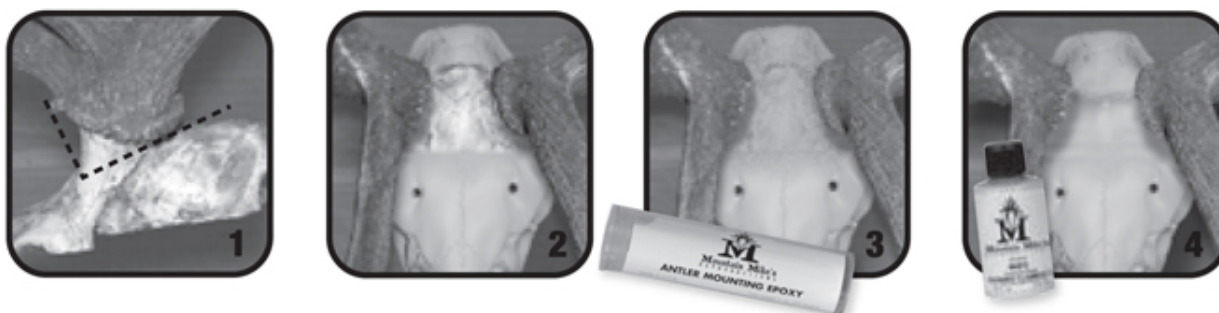


RECORD KEEPER INSTRUCTIONS

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- 1 reproduction elk skull (top and bottom section)
- 4, 1 1/4" #12 screws
- 3, 3/4" #8 screws
- 2 bottles white touch-up paint
- 3 tubes epoxy
- 3 tubes Gap Filler



1. Remove antlers and skull plate portion as shown. Use the burr as a guide for the hacksaw blade. Be careful not to cut any of the burr. (Fig 1)
2. Next, remove the top section of the reproduction skull. Place the antlers onto the notched area. From the underside, with a 3/16" drill bit, drill through the existing four mounting holes through the skull plate. (Fig 2)
3. Install 4 (#12 x 1 1/4") screws to secure in place. Connect the top section (with antlers) onto the bottom skull section and install 3 (#8 x 3/4") screws. Careful not to over-tighten.
4. Mix one of the epoxy sticks thoroughly by kneading. Apply this to the original skull plate and kit top section to blend and smooth transition areas. Repeat as necessary with more epoxy. (Fig 3)
5. Moisten fingers with water while applying for best results. With a pencil or nail, gently scribe a new skull suture across the fresh epoxy. Join this with the existing suture on reproduction skull top section. Allow to cure approximately 15 minutes.
6. A small amount of touch-up sanding with 150-grit sandpaper may be needed to smooth properly. Shake touch-up paint 2-3 minutes. Apply with long, overlapping strokes to blend and cover epoxy. When color is uniform, allow to dry. Apply additional coats as needed. (Fig 4)
7. Finish by installing a large headed nail or screw to the wall or a plaque. Hang using the keyhole on the back off the skull and enjoy for years. For another easy, more versatile way of hanging, check out Mountain Mike's Positioner™ for elk.

TIPS

Extra Hands

Elk antlers can be heavy and cumbersome to work with by yourself. Using a vise or getting someone to lend a hand will make things go smoothly and quickly.

Hang Before Epoxy Work

If you have a very large, heavy set of antlers, you may find it best to first hang your skull mount on a wall prior to doing your finish epoxy work. This allows for better skull seating as the weight of the antlers pull forward some once the skull is hung.

Detail Epoxy Work When Almost Dry

Re-creating the sutures in the skull is easier if you wait until the epoxy starts to setup. Details hold much better this way.

Apply Epoxy with Moist Fingers

Creating a smooth transition from the reproduction skull to the skull plate will be much easier if you keep your fingers wet while you work with the epoxy.