

Professional
**HIDE TANNING
FORMULA™**

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE
FOLLOW STEPS CAREFULLY FOR BEST RESULTS**

1. For best results, start with fresh, green skin. Carefully scrape or cut off all meat and fat until skin is very clean. Skin out ears and paws, split tail. If skin has been dried, you should first soak in plain cold water, **just long enough to soften.**
2. TO TAN HAIR-ON: Salt flesh side well with TABLE SALT. Work PLENTY OF SALT into entire hide including ears, paws, etc. Roll up with flesh side in, leave overnight. Next day scrape off old salt, repeat with clean salt. Next day scrape off again & continue with step 4.
3. TO TAN HAIR-OFF: (e.g. buckskin) immerse hide in cold water. NO SALT. Change water daily until hair loosens. Pull or scrape hair off and continue soaking until all hair is removed. Continue with step 4.
4. Soak skin in solution of 1 lb. salt per gal. water until very flexible. Remove and drain.
5. Using a sharp knife, thin skin as much as possible, removing any remaining membrane. A wire wheel can be used if skin is allowed to almost dry first.
6. After skin is thinned, wash in warm water with dishwasher detergent to remove salt and grease. Very greasy skins such as raccoon, beaver and bear should be washed twice with detergent to remove all grease. Then hang to drain.
7. When the skin is semi-dry but still moist and flexible, shake HIDE TANNING FORMULA well and at a warm room temperature apply an even layer to flesh side. Apply with paint brush or by hand wearing rubber gloves. Massage until the HIDE TANNING FORMULA is worked into all areas of the skin.
8. Lay skin flesh side up to dry, on cardboard or plywood. As it dries, periodically pull and stretch the skin until it is completely dry and soft. If the skin is stiff in a few spots, dampen these areas with warm water, reapply warm HIDE TANNING FORMULA and repeat.
9. OPTIONAL: When the skin is fully tanned and dry it can be thinned further with a wire wheel or coarse sandpaper if a higher degree of suppleness is desired.