

# KING DIMENSIONS *EURO TROPHY* MOUNTING KIT INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on your trophy and thank you for choosing a King Dimensions *Trophy* Mounting Kit!

Please read the following instructions completely before beginning. Taxidermy work should be fun, so take your time, be patient, and enjoy the process. You will enjoy the results of your efforts for years to come.

In addition to these instructions, your *Euro Trophy* Mounting Kit should include:

- (1) Solid Wood Skull Plaque (pre-drilled for assembly)
- (1) Solid Wood Base and Wedge Spacer (pre-drilled for assembly)
- (1) Hardware Kit including Borax preservative, wire, one (1) 4" screw, one (1) 3" screw, one (1) ½" screw and one (1) hanger

## STEP 1: PREPARING THE SKULL

Using a sharp knife and wearing rubber gloves, remove the hide from the head of the animal. On an antlered animal, you can cut straight up the back of the neck, and then "Y" cut to each antler base. "Fillet" the hide away from the skull until it is totally removed. Try not to cut through any hair as it will dull your knife quickly. After the hide has been removed, remove the eyes, bottom jaw and as much additional flesh and fatty tissue as possible from the remaining skull. The bottom jaw is not typically used in "European" style deer mounts, however you can use it if you choose.

If the skull is still attached to the backbone of the animal, separate it at the last vertebrae where the skull meets the spine.

Using a large pot or kettle, totally submerge the remaining skull in water. Do **NOT** submerge the antlers in water as they might discolor. Bring the water to a rapid boil and add the Borax preservative into the water. (**SEE BORAX CAUTION BELOW**) The intent of this step is to boil all of the remaining flesh and tissue away so that the skull is totally clean upon completion.

Using a scraper or dull knife and wearing rubber gloves, periodically check the skull and remove flesh. (See Note Below) When boiled for a time, the flesh should come off easily. If it does not, you will need to continue the boiling process. It could take a few hours to complete. You will need to use a small spoon or other long, narrow utensil or tool to remove the brain tissue from inside the skull. Be careful not to damage small bones unnecessarily. When the entire process is complete, you should be left with a flesh-free skull that is relatively white in color. It is important that the skull be clean and free of flesh. Boiling the skull may produce unpleasant odors if done indoors.

**Note: Be careful around boiling water! Boiling water is 212 degrees Fahrenheit, produces steam and will scald human skin almost instantly! Use protective coverings and proper handling methods when handling the pot or kettle, the water and the skull as all these items will be extremely hot when boiling!**

The boiling process may also loosen teeth to the point of them falling out. If they fall out in the boiling process, simply strain the water when the process is complete and the water has cooled. You can glue them back in place using hot glue or some form of "super" glue. Fit them in place **BEFORE** gluing to assure proper fit.

## STEP 2: COMPLETING THE MOUNT

The King Dimensions *Euro Trophy* can be displayed as either a wall or pedestal-style European Mount. If you choose the wall mount, fasten the supplied hanger to the back of the skull plaque using the ½" screw in the pre-drilled hole.

Now, looking at a side view of the skull and looking into one of the eye sockets, you will find a small hole that goes completely through the skull sideways. Weave the supplied wire through this hole and directly down either side of the inside of the skull. (If you are unsuccessful, you may need to drill a small hole in this area) Run each end of the wire through the pre-drilled holes in the skull plaque and using a pliers, twist the two ends of the wire together tightly to hold the skull onto the skull plaque. Cut and bend over the excess wire and you can now hang the panel on your wall.

If you choose the pedestal-style mount, assemble the base to the skull plaque using the wedge spacer in between and the two long screws supplied. All holes are pre-drilled for ease of assembly.

When the pedestal is completed, fasten the skull to the skull plaque using the same steps as above, except one end of the wire needs to run sideways through the wedge (pre-drilled hole) prior to twisting the two ends together.

You are now ready to proudly display your trophy!

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**BORAX CAUTION: Borax is considered a non-irritant to eyes and skin, however Borax is not intended to be ingested. If Borax does get in your eyes, use fresh cool water to flush eyes for several minutes. If you accidentally ingest Borax, drink two glasses of water and seek medical attention. Wear rubber gloves when handling Borax to minimize skin irritation.**

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**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

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