

Mixing the alginate

This is the most important part of the process. Read both pages carefully before starting.

Mix the alginate with water (you have approx. 7 mins before it sets) plenty of time, cold water is best. Pour 1 x bag of alginate into one of the paper tubs provided. Pour on 45 ml of water (3 tbsp), stirring all the time until it makes a glossy toothpaste consistency (see the photos below). You can now relax for a minute and ask you model to get ready. Keep stirring gently, to not only get rid of any lumps, but more importantly to feel if the mix starts to thicken. Once the alginate is mixed it can be used right away but you want to be a kind as possible to your butt model, so wait until it just begins to thicken before applying it.

Note: We have given you 3 x bags of alginate as it will be a good idea to try out the mixing and setting process on the palm of your hand before you go to cast an anus. This will allow you to get a feel for the material and also the setting times. Setting time may vary slightly depending on temperature and humidity. Just cup your hand when ready and scoop the mixed alginate into it using the wooden spatula to control it. See photos below.

Once you've done a trial run you are ready to cast an anus. Use before it sets by pouring over the anus and using the wooden spatula to control it and build up a bit of depth. Once it begins to set it will go off pretty quickly. You'll know it's gone off when the residue left in the tub has set. Once hardened, peel gently away from anus. Note that alginate never sets hard/rigid. Once it has gone off it will still remain soft and rubbery but won't receive any further impressions. Peel the set alginate from the tub and you can re-use the tub.



Get ready, set, go.

Start mixing, don't worry if it looks lumpy like this at first.

Finished mixing. It should look like glossy toothpaste.

Keep reading the next page before you start...

Mixing the alginate (cont.)

After removing the cast, trim down the outer edges and cut a flat surface on the bottom.

Don't worry that two pictures below have green alginate. We recycled a couple of photos.



Test the alginate by casting the well of your hand. Now you're ready for an anus.

Remove the cast once it's set. You should be able to see lots of detail.

With the actual anus casts. Cut the bottom of the cast to make it nice and flat.



Trim any ragged edges and place the trimmed alginate cast in the paper tub.

It should sit nicely on the bottom of the tub, and will be ok to pour the plaster on.

You can place small coins on the edges to stop it rising when you pour the plaster.

Make 2 x casts so you can choose the best one. Remember, the optimal internal angle of the cheeks is 45 degrees, for a perfect anus cast.