



How to Resurface a Fishing Lure

This guide shows how to replace the surface on scratched and worn fishing lures.

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INTRODUCTION

Fishing lures can be scratched or damaged in many ways as a result of bouncing off rocks, becoming snagged, or worn from use. Scratches prevent metal lures from shining and attracting fish. In addition, wooden lures may absorb water which decreases their buoyancy. To initiate this repair you will need gloves, sandpaper, a can of liquid indoor/outdoor polyurethane, and possibly a pair of pliers. This project should be performed in a well ventilated area because of the polyurethane and the sanding required.

TOOLS:

- [Latex or nitrile gloves](#) (1)
- [Polyurethane Sealer](#) (1)
- [Slip Joint Pliers](#) (1)
- [Sand Paper](#) (1)

Step 1 — How to Resurface a Fishing Lure



- Evaluate the material your lures are made from. This will affect your process slightly.

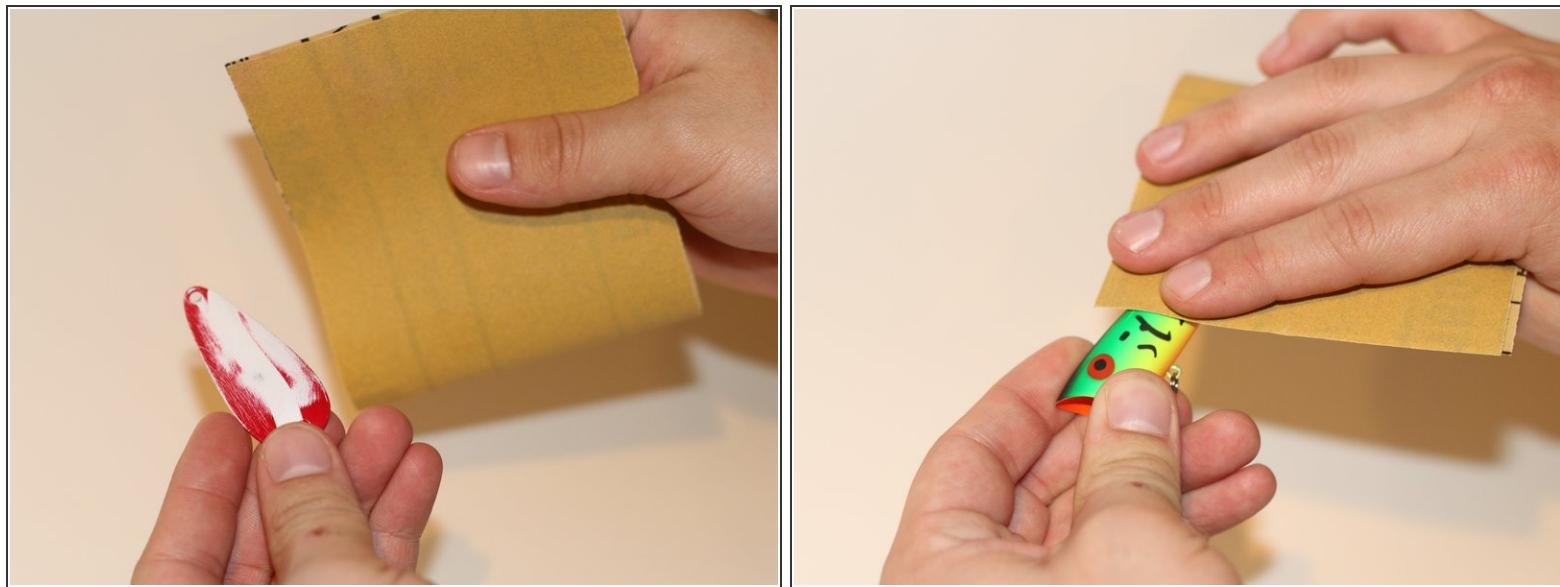
Step 2



- Remove the treble hooks and keyrings from the lure body.

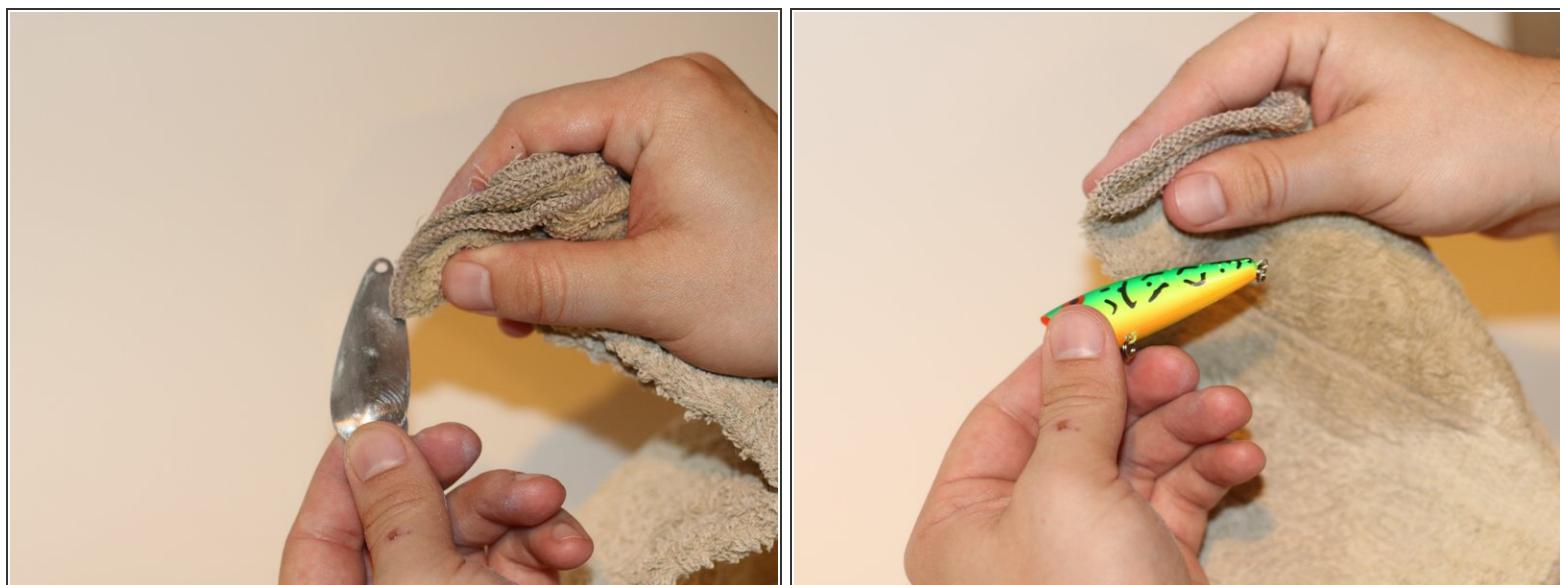
 The hooks are very sharp!

Step 3



- Sand your lures. They can either be fully sanded or just scuffed on the surface. This helps the polyurethane bond to the surface.
- Lures can be repainted with acrylic paints but that is out of the scope of this tutorial.

Step 4



- Wipe the freshly sanded lures with a wet cloth. Allow it to fully dry.

Step 5



- Tie a string to the lures and dip the lures fully into the polyurethane.

⚠ Do this step in a large and well ventilated space. Fumes from your polyurethane should not be inhaled.

Step 6



- Hang your lures up to dry for at least 24 hours.

All that is necessary after the lure's new surface has cured is to reattach the keyring and treble hooks.