



Fisher Labs

Gold Panning

GUIDE



Howdy Folks!

I gotta tell ya, them folks at Fisher sure know how to equip us gold prospectors! I see you bought one of Fisher's Gold Prospecting Kits! That's a dog gone smart move! The Fisher Kits come with all sorts of pannin' and prospectin' tools that will make you purt near ready for anything!

You see, when you're a huntin' for that wonderful yellow stuff, sometimes you have to dig it out of some rock...sometimes you're a pannin' it out of cricks and streams. Them Fisher people make tools for all of that!

Where did all that gold in them creeks and streams come from? Well, it worked its way out of rock! Then the water in them creeks worked it kinda like a big ol' sluice, separatin' it out. That's the stuff we use the Fisher Gold Pans for! If you're like ol' Yukon Dick though, you're gonna want to go to the source sometimes! That means using the pick, tweezers and crevice tool (available in the Fisher Hardrock Pro Gold Prospecting Kit) to dig it out for yerself! Sure...it's a lotta work, but Woooweee it can be worth it when you hit a vein of that beautiful yellor stuff!!

Where can you find hard rock gold? The best place to look is where folks have already been mining. Nobody, not even Yukon Dick can get it all! There's still "Mother Lodes" just a waitin' to be found out there at old mining sites! Ol' Yukon has found rich gold veins just inches away from where other Miners have been a diggin'! They had already done most of the work for me by movin' tons of dirt and rock!

So, there you go! With a Fisher Prospecting Kit, you are ready for just about any kind of gold huntin' you may wanna do! Have fun...but stay outta my sites! :)

STEP A. First Things First! Get rid of the big stuff...

First, fill your pan about 1/2 full of gravel. Next you sink that pan deep enough in the stream so it's just below the surface. Alright! Here's where the fun starts! Start shakin' that pan several times, back and forth and side to side...not too hard now! Don't want that gold to fall out do ya!

If your kit includes a classifier, place it over your Fisher pan to sift the dirt as you fill that pan.

Time to switch off now...start movin' that pan in a circular motion...you'll have the water and pan material goin' round and round in your pan. This makes the dirt, sticks, leaves and other stuff start to separate from your gravel. You can start pickin' out the leaves and sticks...just make sure you've washed 'em good first. This is also when you want to start gettin' the big rocks out of there...make sure you don't toss no gold nuggets! Now, keep repeatin' the shaking side-to-side, back-and-forth step and the circular motion steps...What you're doin' here is separatin' your pan materials by weight...your heavy materials (hopefully with that GOLD!) are settlin' to the bottom of yer pan...



STEP B. WASHING OFF LIGHTER SAND & GRAVEL

Alright! Now you're a getting' it! Hold that pan just under the water and tilt it a wee little bit away from ya. Start swishin' that water from side to side...easy now! Add a little bit of a forward motion...you wanna do that forward motion just hard enough to make that little gravel start workin' its way over the front edge of yer pan...don't get in no hurry though! You don't wanna lose them there little nuggets do ya?

Every so often, level out your Fisher Pan and shake her back and forth. This is gonna make the light stuff come to the top, while the heavy stuff (GOLD!) will ease its way to the bottom. Now, you wanna keep repeatin' the tilt and swish step and this levelin' out step until there's about a cup or two of the heavy stuff left in yer pan...This here stuff you have left is what us panners call "concentrate".

Tip from Yukon Dick

Here's a little secret to help ya out....keep a little ol' bottle of dish washin' detergent with ya while yer pannin'. When you get down to the last steps where yer a workin' with the "concentrate", drop ya just a little bit in yer water...it'll break up the surface tension and make it easier to work the gold out!



STEP C. WASHING OFF BLACK SAND & CONCENTRATES

You're doin' good! By this time, Ol' Yukon Dick is usually getting' the shakes from anticipatin' that GOLD! Since you're just startin' out, best way to do this step is to lift that pan out of the stream with about an inch or so of water in it. Tilt that pan back towards you and swirl that water around in a little circular motion. If you're lucky, you may see some GOLD glistenin' in there! It's okay to pick out any bigger nuggets you may see, but be careful!

If you're lucky enough to have a bought a Fisher Gold Prospecting Kit that includes a Top Hat Black Sand Magnet you can use it to separate the iron concentrates from your gold. Just depress the plunger all the way down and gently run the bottom of the Top Hat in your black sand pile a couple of times. Then carefully move the magnet away from your Fisher Pan and release the plunger, causing all the iron concentrates to drop out and away from your gold.

Lucky for you, Ol' Yukon Dick made sure them Fellers at Fisher included the Fisher "Snuffer Bottle". With it, you can carefully suck the small gold flakes you see right on up! Now, you wanna make sure you have a little water in the bottom of the bottle so the gold has somethin' to settle into. When you see a nice shiny gold flake in your concentrate, take the Fisher Snuffer Bottle, hold it straight up and give it a little squeeze....not too much. You wanna be able to "suck" that gold up with the tube...with a little practice, that gold will be settin' right in the bottom of that bottle! Woooweee! I'm a tremblin' just thinkin' about it!

Now, you can empty yer Snuffer Bottle into the included shatterproof vials...See that gold shinin' in there? Yep! It don't get no better'n this! Welcome to wonderful world of gold pannin'! Keep at it and you'll be a pro in no time at all...now, don't be comin' round here huntin' in my spots! :) An' if ya can't read Ol' Yukon Dick's 'riting so well, use your 'puter and type in "Gold Panning" at www.YOUTUBE.com they have lots of great tricks an' tips!



DRY PANNING

Here's another pointer from Ol' Yukon Dick...

So, you got the hankerin' for some gold huntin' but you ain't got no crick or stream nearby? Here's how to do a little "Dry Pannin'!"

Now, when wet pannin', the wetter the better... when you're dry pannin' it's just the opposite. You want that dirt as dry as you can get it! The best places are dry stream beds with sand and gravel.

Take your Fisher Gold Pan from any Fisher Gold Prospecting Kit. Make sure the sand or gravel yer a workin' is dry as a bone! If'n you have to, spread it out on a big ol' blanket or somethin' to dry in the sun.

After it's dry, put you a little of your material in yer Fisher Gold Pan and begin a swirlin' it around...almost like you do when yer a wet pannin'. Now, this here method ain't as good as wet pannin', but you can still find gold!

Keep a swirlin' your material, lettin' the light stuff work it's way to the top...yer heavy stuff is workin' its way to the bottom.

Start pickin' out the big ol' rocks, sticks and junk you know ain't gold.

Tilt yer Fisher Gold Pan forward as you swirl, lettin' the lightweight stuff work its way over the front of the pan...Not too much at a time now! Ya don't wanna lose the yellor stuff!

Now, some folks will take what you have left in the pan and take it home with 'em in buckets, then they'll "Wet pan" the rest (see instructions above). If'n you can't take it home, keep workin' it down until there's just that heavy stuff in the bottom...and look at it in the sunlight. See any shiny yellor stuff in there? It might be GOLD!

