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Fossil Forensics

1. What are your initial observations of the fossil as it is uncovered from the clay?

2. Measure the dimensions of your fossil. Make sure to record all possible measurements (the overall length, width, and height, and then those of any other parts that are sticking off the main body). Indicate the units of measurement.

3. On a separate piece of graph paper, create a scale drawing of your fossil. Indicate the scale, or units of measurement that correlate with the squares of the graph paper. For example, one inch equals four squares on the graph paper. You will likely have room for a large-scale drawing of your fossil.
4. On the graph paper, record any additional information about your fossil, including detailed drawings of any particular areas of interest that could help you identify the organism.