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Plasmid Prep

- ___ 1. Transfer 1.5ml bacterial culture to a **labeled** microfuge tube. (pour directly from test tube into microfuge tube)
- ___ 2. Centrifuge for 30 seconds to pellet bacteria
 - **Always place hinges out in centrifuge**
- ___ 3. Pour off (into bleach) most of the growth medium into bleach. Leave approximately 100µl in the tube.
- ___ 4. Resuspend the pellet by shaking, **vortexing**, or tapping the tube vigorously. (make sure the pellet is completely resuspended)
- ___ 5. Make TENS (makes 15)
 - ___ a. To 4.5 ml TE add:
 - 250µl 10% SDS
 - 250µl 2N NaOH
- ___ 6. Add 300µl TENS (make fresh every time) to the tube.
- ___ 7. Mix well by inversion for 2 minutes. Do not shake the tube.
 - The solution should get viscous (snotty)
- ___ 8. Add 150µl Sodium Acetate and mix well.
- ___ 9. Centrifuge for 3 minutes.
- ___ 10. Transfer the supernatant (liquid) to a clean, **labeled** microfuge tube.
 - Label while in the centrifuge
- ___ 11. Add 1ml (1000µl) 95% Ethanol to the tube and mix well by inversion. You may see DNA as faint white strands in the liquid. The test tube should be nearly full. Make sure label does not come off because **Ethanol takes off sharpies**.
- ___ 12. Centrifuge 5 minutes to pellet DNA.
- ___ 13. Pour off the 95% Ethanol into bleach.
- ___ 14. Add 0.5 ml (500µl) 70% Ethanol and mix well by tapping or vortexing.
- ___ 15. Centrifuge 5 minutes to pellet DNA.
- ___ 16. Pour off the 70% Ethanol into bleach.
- ___ 17. Place the tubes upside down to allow to dry **completely**. (best if left overnight)
 - Leftover ethanol can inhibit restriction digestion of PCR.
- ___ 18. Resuspend the pellet in 25µl TE.
 - Rinse off the side of the tube with TE to resuspend any DNA not on the bottom.
- ___ 19. Use 10µl of the DNA in a restriction digest or 1µl for PCR.

NOTE: **Always** label! Label on top of microfuge tube and on tape for test tubes. Use black sharpie.

