

Hollande's modification of Bouin:

Dissolve in order in 100ml water (or pro rata for large volumes):

cupric acetate - 4G

damp blotted picric acid crystals - 4G (N.B explosive when dry)

formalin (stock=40% w/v aqueous) - 10ml

Glacial acetic acid 1.5 ml.

Fix specimens 24hrs in ca 50x their volume, then transfer direct to 70% ethanol. The copper in this seems to give much better color contrasts than the routine formula.