Lava Formation Repair

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Features in lava tube caves can be repaired with the same techniques and materials described in the various chapters on speleothem repair.

If lava cannot be pulverized to the appropriate powdery consistency for adding color to the epoxy mix, then charcoal or natural chalks may work as coloring agents.

Figure 1: An unknown caver observes a tubular lava stalactite.

Figure 2: A large ice formation in Raufarholshellir, an Icelandic lava tube cave.
Figure 3: Elizabeth Rousseau beneath lavacicles.

Figure 4: A series of three “Hornito Holes” in this central Oregon tube provides a perfect skylight, as well as convenient hole to throw things into.

Figure 5: Ric Elhard with “shark’s teeth” type lavacicles.