

Scaly skin

Reptiles shed their skin as they grow bigger.



1. A snake's body and eyes start to look dull when it's ready to lose its skin.



2. The snake rubs its head against a rock. The skin splits and starts to come off.



3. Over a few days, the snake's skin peels off slowly in one whole piece.



4. The skin underneath is bright and glossy. The snake will shed again in a few weeks.

Most lizards shed their skin in patches, but this forest gecko is shedding its skin in one piece.

Lots of geckos rip off the outer layer of their skin and then eat it!

