

How to build realistic model railroad scenery

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More layers is better, but don't overload the framework or it will sag. This does two things; it shows better how the scenery will look, and it keeps the plaster from getting all over the floor mostly.

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This is ok too, if that is your intent, but preplanning the way your model railroad will behave is the first basic step. For other types of scenery, use the sour cream mix or even a little thicker, and shape the landforms you want.

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The book introduces the Water-Soluble method of building scenery. He also warns you which procedures are messy or hazardous and how to avoid accidents with each product. Where you want to use rock castings, put on a thin layer of plaster, and then apply the casting.

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You get to the final say on how your backdrop looks, but the method will almost always be the same regardless of the scene you decide to develop. Paper Mache can be messy and heavy and you might prefer more modern techniques and materials which are stronger, lighter and much easier to work with. Another option is to use the plaster gauze cloth Orthopedists use for casts, or a similar commercial product available from Woodland Scenics and others for railroad modeling purposes.

Model Railroad Scenery

There is a later on the page. But making landscape scenery, such as bushes, trees, mountains, tunnels, and heck even track ballast, is not as straightforward. Hundreds of photographs bring the techniques to life and make it easy for modelers to get started quickly.

Build Model Railroad Scenery For Realistic Landscape

Formulas, proportions, and techniques include mixing plaster, harder plaster, Sculptamold, tinted Sculptamold, textured Sculptamold, tinted joint compound, thinned white glue, matte medium bonding solution, wet water, acrylic color selections, basic paint formula, light earth tone paint, earth wash for tinting rocks, rock shadow color, grass textures, fall grass blend, summer grass blend, tree truck color, toothpick pine trees, making streambeds, backdrop colors, and many more I have owned this book for several years and refer to it often.

Scenery basics for model railroaders

Just mix the plaster to a thick cream consistency and pour it in the molds. Covering can be done with paper towel squares use the cheapest ones you can find soaked in plaster or Hydrocal.

How To Build Realistic Model Railroad Scenery

Chapters 8 and 9 go into detail on how to make a scene look realistic using backdrop scenery and detailed foreground scenery.

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