HISTORY OF LOG CABINS

Here's what we used...

SCENE·A·RAMA® Items

- **Mountain Diorama Kit**
- **Ripplin' Water Kit**
- **Large Project Base & Backdrop**

Household Items

- Cardstock, 8" x 10"
- Craft Paints & Paintbrushes
- Cutting Surface
- Disposable Cups
- Hobby Knife
- Masking Tape
- Measuring Spoons
- Newspaper
- Pan for Water
- Ruler

Did you know?

Log Cabins have played a significant roll in the history of the United States. In the early part of the 19th century, the log cabin was a symbol of humble beginnings. The Whig party used the log cabin to show that 1840 presidential hopeful William Henry Harrison was a "man of the people." Harrison was elected the 9th President of the United States.

Fun Fact!

In 2009, the U.S. Mint distributed four newly designed one-cent pieces commemorating the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Each design depicts an era of Lincoln's life and career. The first release is the log cabin in Kentucky where Lincoln was born.

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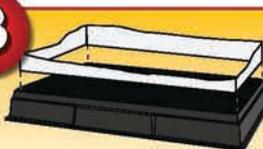
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Rock Castings

- Mix and use *Casting Plaster* per Basic Use instructions.
- Pour into *Rock Mold*, let set for 30-40 minutes.
- To dislodge rocks, turn *Mold* upside down and twist slightly.
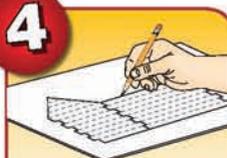
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Fig. 2a

- Using a hobby knife, cut off a strip along top edge of *Backdrop*.
- Cut off side flaps from strip at folds. (Fig. 2a)
- This is the front panel for *Project Base*.

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Terrain Profile

- Cut out a terrain profile from *Backdrop* material.
- Attach terrain profile and front panel in grooves on *Project Base* with *Project Glue*.
- Make sure label area faces forward.

NOTE: Keep remaining *Backdrop* material to make the log cabin.

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Log Cabin Template

- Trace Log Cabin template on excess *Backdrop* material.
- Trace Chimney template on cardstock.
- Follow instructions on template.

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Buildings & Structures, Drybrushing and Paint Shingles

- Add Shingles to roof.
- Add a Stone Pattern to chimney.
- Assemble structure with *Project Glue*.
- Paint in desired colors and let dry. Weather cabin with the Drybrush paint technique.

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Newspaper Wads

- Arrange newspaper wads on *Project Base* into desired terrain design.
- Temporarily place log cabin in desired area to help form terrain.
- Tape newspaper wads to hold shape.
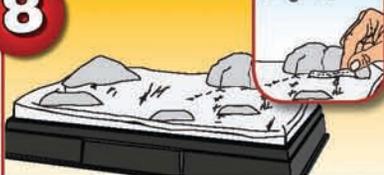- Set log cabin aside.

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Fig. 7a

Plaster Cloth & Edging

- Cover newspaper wads with wet *Plaster Cloth* (3" strips), bumpy side up.
- Smooth plaster with wet fingers to fill holes. Apply 2 layers of *Plaster Cloth*.
- *Plaster Cloth* should be smooth with edge of terrain. (Fig. 7a)

NOTE: Holes in *Plaster Cloth* will let *Realistic Water* leak through to base (Step 14).

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Fig. 8a

Attach and Blend Rocks

- Attach rocks to *Plaster Cloth* terrain.
- Poke 1" strips of wet *Plaster Cloth* around rock edges to fill in gaps. (Fig. 8a)
- Let dry.

NOTE: Be sure to leave room for the log cabin.

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Leopard Spot

- Dilute *Rock Colors*.
- Paint rocks with the Leopard Spot paint technique.

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Earth Undercoat

- Brush diluted *Earth Undercoat* over entire terrain (avoid rocks).
- Let dry.

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Fig. 11a

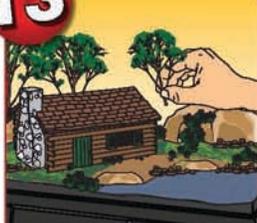- Paint water area with *Water Undercoat*.
- Apply a continuous bead of *Project Glue* along pond outline. (Fig. 11a) Let dry.

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Ground Cover

- Add ground cover to terrain. Let dry.
- Attach log cabin with *Project Glue*.
- Blend log cabin into terrain with *Shrubs* and *Talus*.
- Paint *Backdrop* material black.

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Natural Armatures

- Make trees.
- Glue in place where desired.
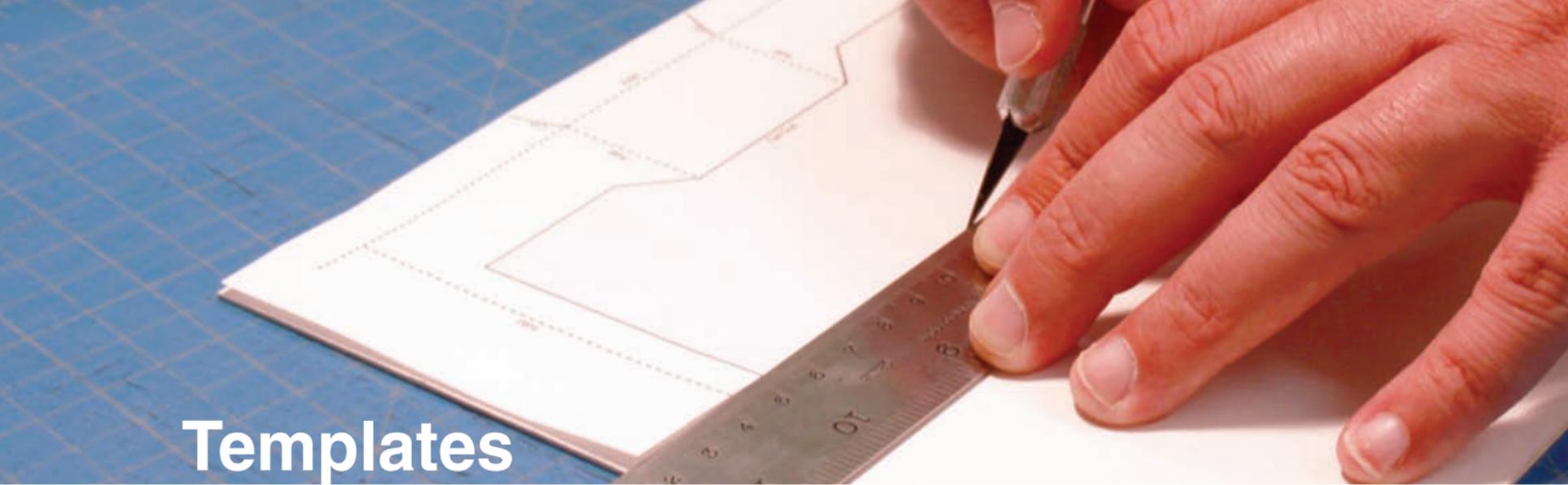
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Realistic Water

- Pour *Realistic Water* slowly on pond area.
- Pull out to edges with *Stir Stick*.
- Let dry until clear (approx. 24 hours).

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Labels

- Label and add signage to your project.

TIP! Make a dock from the cardboard *Side Panel*. Paint as desired.

See the *A+ PROJECTS & DIORAMAS: The Student's Handbook* (SP4171) for more information.

Templates

- Photocopy, trace or scan template onto white paper. Cut out, then trace onto specified material.
- If needed, reduce or enlarge templates to fit your diorama.
- Each template includes basic assembly instructions and needed materials.
- Read through the corresponding project instructions for clarification on using template.
- Short dotted lines -------------- indicate fold lines
- Long dotted lines — — — indicate score lines
- Bold, solid lines ———— indicate cut lines

Log Cabin

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- Copy template on white paper, then cut out.
- Trace cutouts on listed materials.
- Cut out with a hobby knife.
- Score log pattern (dotted lines) on walls.
- Cut along fold line on underside of roof.
- Assemble with Project Glue.
- Paint, as desired.

TIP!
See Buildings
and Structures for
assembly and painting
ideas.

Basic Assembly

C

B

A

D

fold

fold

fold

fold

Chimney (D)
Cardstock

fold

fold

fold

fold

fold

Roof (C)
Backdrop Material

score and fold

Front (A)
Backdrop Material

score

Side
Backdrop Material

score

Side
Backdrop Material

score

Back (B)
Backdrop Material

score