

SANTA FE TRAIL PIONEERS

Here's what we used...

SCENEARAMA® Items

- Desert Plants
- Desert Sand ReadyGrass Sheet
- Small Project Base & Backdrop

Household Items

- Craft Paints & Brushes
- Cutting Surface
- Disposable Cups
- Eyedropper
- Hobby Knife
- Pebbles
- Figures

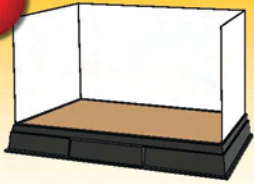
Did you know?

Opened in 1821, the Santa Fe Trail became the main commercial highway between Independence, Missouri and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Traders with freight wagons were a common sight along the Trail. Traders loaded two to three tons of goods into their wagons. At times the trail traversed several rivers, but most of the 900 miles were dry plains, deserts and mountains.

Fun Fact!

In 1880, the railroad reached Santa Fe, New Mexico replacing the Trail. Today, there remains approximately 200 miles of visible wagon ruts.



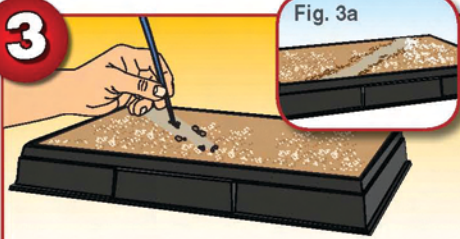
1

- Cut *ReadyGrass Sheet* in half widthwise.
- Test fit in *Project Base* with *Backdrop* in grooves.
- Trim *ReadyGrass Sheet*, if necessary.
- Set *Backdrop* aside.

2

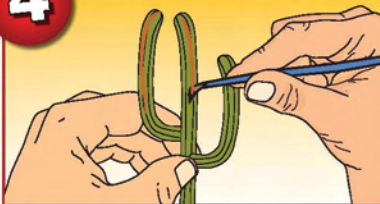
i ReadyGrass Sheets

- Attach *ReadyGrass Sheet* per Basic Use instructions.
- Carefully align *ReadyGrass Sheet* on *Project Base* and press to adhere.

3

i Project Glue

- To create wagon ruts, wet area with a paintbrush and water.
- Gently scrape *ReadyGrass Sheet* to rough up ruts. (Fig. 3a)
- Sprinkle pebbles along ruts and drizzle diluted *Project Glue* with eyedropper.

4

i Paint Plants

- Paint *Desert Plants* with acrylic paint and let dry.
 - When dry, attach to bases with *Project Glue*.
- TIP!** If using tempera paint, mix in a tiny amount of glue.

5

- Dab *Cacti* tips with *Project Glue*, then dip in *Yellow* or *Red Flowers*.
- Let dry.

6

i Foliage Fiber

- Separate *Foliage Fiber* into layers.
- Stretch until very thin and lacy.
- Break into desired size pieces.
- Attach to diorama with *Project Glue*.

7

- Using *Project Glue*, attach *Cacti*, freight wagon and figures in desired locations.

8

Fig. 8a



- Add tumbleweeds by rolling a small piece of *Foliage Fiber* into a small ball. Dab with brown paint.
- Attach to diorama with *Project Glue*.

TIP! Use small pieces of *Foliage Fiber* sprinkled with *Yellow* or *Red Flowers* to hide bases of *Desert Plants*. They will blend naturally with the terrain. (Fig. 8a)

9

Fig. 9a



Fig. 9b

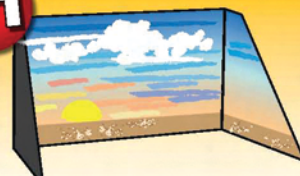


Fig. 9c

- Place a small amount of *Project Glue* on a piece of paper.
- Remove a pinch of *Wild Grass* and roll between fingers, creating an uneven look.
- Cut to desired length. (Fig. 9a)
- Dip cut end of *Wild Grass* in glue (Fig. 9b) and place on diorama in desired location. (Fig. 9c)

10

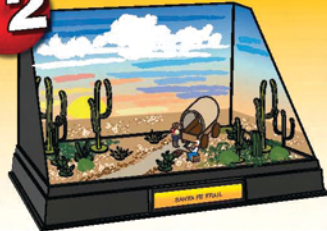
- Add natural elements from your yard. Attach with *Project Glue*.
- A pile of twigs could be a campfire.
- Clippings from bushes could resemble actual desert plants.

11

i Project Base & Backdrop

- Use craft paints to paint your *Backdrop*.
- Attach to *Project Base* with *Project Glue*.

TIP! Make sure the label area is facing forward.

12

i Labels

- Label and add signage to your project.