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07-21-2019, 11:57 AM #466

Michael_Hohn
Senior Member
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Dave,
That must be one of the more challenging areas of your layout to scenic. And you jumped right in straightaway. You're doing a fine job.

Mike

I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now *Bob Dylan*

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07-21-2019, 03:01 PM #467

deemery
Senior Member
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quote:
Originally posted by Michael Hohn
Dave,
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Mike

There is a theory of spiral management that says "tackle the hardest stuff first" :-)

dave


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07-25-2019, 10:37 AM #468

deemery
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Backdrop arrived today, I tacked it in place.



Any suggestions on a backer that will let me do a cove in the far corner, and cover (but not attach to) the door?



dave

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07-25-2019, 12:09 PM #469

nortonw
Member
Join Date: May 2002
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Dave,
1/8" Masonite, smooth side out, would work well in that corner for a backdrop backer. Bends easily and if you mount it to the wall/door jamb, it would be self-supporting. Does have a minimum radius but it's pretty small.

Norton

The V & T lives in my garage (soon)

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07-25-2019, 12:11 PM #470

Michael_Hohn
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Can you attach little shelf-like supports on the walls or door frame to hold a removable section of backdrop? You'd probably also need similar supports on back of layout? The backdrop module would set on them.

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07-25-2019, 12:14 PM #471

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quote:
Originally posted by Michael Hohn
Can you attach little shelf-like supports on the walls or door frame to hold a removable section of backdrop? You'd probably also need similar supports on back of layout? The backdrop module would set on them.

There's a base to set the backdrop on, but some brackets behind would also help.

I'll look for curveable masonite. I'm also considering matboard. This stuff looks promising: <http://neatconcepts.com/neatform.htm> It's available from mail-order, so that's an added feature.

But I'm still very interested in alternatives!

dave

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07-25-2019, 12:47 PM #472

Michael_Hohn
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We've used aluminum flashing at our club. I've also heard of vinyl flooring being used.

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07-25-2019, 01:05 PM #473

tloc
Senior Member
Join Date: Oct 2016
Posts: 5939

Wow Dave! That looks great.

Tom

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07-25-2019, 01:51 PM #474

railman28
Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2010
Posts: 6713

The scene with the backdrop added looks very good. Soaked "Masonite" is very curve-able. As Mike pointed out there other materials that work well too.

Bob

It's only make-believe

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07-25-2019, 02:27 PM #475

Orionvp17
Senior Member
Join Date: Feb 2007
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Aluminum (which dents easily), vinyl flooring (use the back side) and eighth-inch Masonite will all work, as will 0.060 styrene, which can be purchased in 4x8 sheets (useful for all sorts of things) cut to your specs. I generally cut Masonite, plywood and styrene to 2x4, and 2x6 at the source, load them into the car, and motorize on home with visions of wonderful dancing in my head.

Best wishes!

Pete
in Michigan

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07-27-2019, 04:50 PM #476

boomer44
Senior Member
Join Date: Nov 2006
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"motorize on home with visions of wonderful dancing in my head."

Pete
in Michigan

Pretty funny Pete.
Gordon Spalty

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07-27-2019, 04:53 PM #477

Orionvp17
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Gordon,
Sometimes it works. Reality, though, has a way of intruding...

Pete
in Michigan

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07-30-2019, 10:25 AM #478

jbbv
Senior Member
Join Date: Dec 2007
Posts: 8212

Most of my backdrops are 1/8" hardboard, bent dry. You might recall seeing the support for the (mostly) free-standing coves at either end of Bexley Yard - txi with a plywood gusset in the corner of the L has held them perfectly.


James

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07-30-2019, 02:40 PM #479

deemery
Senior Member
Join Date: Sep 2007
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Plaster nicks in Mill Valley - put plaster wrap over the Woodland Scenics scenery former stuff. Rock castings are curing, I'll color and install them under the far corners of the mill foundations tomorrow.



dave

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07-30-2019, 02:45 PM #480

Orionvp17
Senior Member
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This is now getting serious! 😊

Pete
in Michigan

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