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09-26-2019, 01:23 PM #526

Coal underneath the trestle.


dave

Modeling 1890s (because the voices in my head told me to)


09-28-2019, 11:06 AM #527

This afternoon, the batch of gloss medium arrived, so I poured it over the creek bed, thickness somewhere between 1/16" and 1/8". This stuff ("pourable gloss medium") is a bit thinner than the stuff I used previously, but it was still pretty thick and I had to work it along the edges to get it to level out. We'll see how it looks when it's dry!!

Before the pour, looking back towards the temporary dam at the edge of the layout:



And the pour:



dave

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09-28-2019, 11:30 AM #528

Well if that's any indication on how the flow looks and dries like that. It could be a home run Dave!!!

Jerry

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." A. Lincoln

09-28-2019, 12:09 PM #529

I agree, as long as the "run" isn't to the "home" through some invisible pinhole and thence down, down, down... 😊😄

This should create a very nice base for whatever wave action you decide to add later on.

Best wishes for a great cure!

Pete

in Michigan

09-28-2019, 02:09 PM #530

Looks good so far.

Michael_Hohn

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

09-28-2019, 04:02 PM #531

looks good so far. Who product is this?

Bob

It's only make-believe

09-29-2019, 08:53 AM #532

Well, there are some cracks in the pour, and it didn't self-level very well. It's A Good Thing this is not the final coat.

dave

Modeling 1890s (because the voices in my head told me to)

09-29-2019, 09:03 AM #533

Ouch. Best wishes for a quick, successful, permanent fix!

Pete

in Michigan

09-29-2019, 01:36 PM #534


I once used a thick pour of gloss medium to make a pond and it too cracked in the process of drying. I was hoping you would have better luck. Still, it sounds like you have a plan. It will be a very dramatic scene in the end.

Mike

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09-30-2019, 07:21 AM #535

You can see some of the extensive cracking and shrinkage here.



My plan is to do another pour of the gloss medium, just to fill in the cracks. (Another bottle arrives tomorrow.) Then I'll do translucent paint on top of that, and let things dry thoroughly before doing a Magic Water pour for the main coat. A little unevenness in this layer won't be a problem, it'll just look like "water turbulence effects" underneath the clear Magic Water (I hope!)

dave

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09-30-2019, 07:29 AM #536

I'd consider waiting a week or so for the white bits to cure out, and then reevaluating. Your overall Plan sounds good to me, but keep the coats thin!

Best wishes!

Pete

in Michigan

09-30-2019, 07:41 AM #537

As Pete said keep the coats thin. The cracks occur because the drying from top to bottom is different. Thinner coats dry more evenly and shouldn't crack.

Norton

The V & T lives in my garage (soon)

09-30-2019, 04:15 PM #538

The white parts are still moist and probably somewhat soft. Cleaning a Gloss Medium surface with water can re-moisten it enough to get cloudy, but not outright white. Filling in cracks is going to produce more thick/thin sections. I hope it works, but I'm a little afraid that your cracks may be filled with more cracks.

James

09-30-2019, 05:01 PM #539

Dave,

That looks like what happened to my pond. I'd give it lots of time to completely cure.

Mike

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

09-30-2019, 05:20 PM #540

Dave,

Hm... two part mix for the gloss medium?

Anyway let everything cure until the cloudiness goes away. You have a lot of bubbles in there also. Try exhaling across the pour to pop the bubbles next time. Pour a very thin layer to fill the cracks. Let cure and go from there.

Worst case scenario... tear the river bed out and start over... Yep... done it... and it hurts... or... very turbulent water flow if you can live with it.

Gordon Spalty

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