

Landscape Base

Creating a Rock from a Mold

To Base... or not to Base

Creating a base to display a model
is a very personal choice

There are many different ways to create a base,
and even more ways to finish & detail it.

This presentation is about how I made
my first-ever base for a sci-fi model,
using a rock mold

The Model

I wanted to put my Zeon Mobile Scout on a base, as it looked boring (and bored) sitting by itself



My Vision



Components

Wooden block



Rock mold
(Woodland Scenics)



DAS modelling clay
(air-dry)



Components

Wood strip

(1/4" sq. basswood)



Gravel

(grey gravel, fine)



Clump foliage

(light green)



Glues & Paints

Epoxy glue



White glue



Watercolour paints



Washes



Oil paints



Molding the Rock



1. Knead DAS clay.
2. Press thin layer of clay into mold. (DO NOT fill entire mold.)
3. Let clay dry in mold for 24 hours.



4. Remove clay rock from mold.



Gluing Rock to Wood Block



1. Mark flat baseline.



2. Cut along baseline.

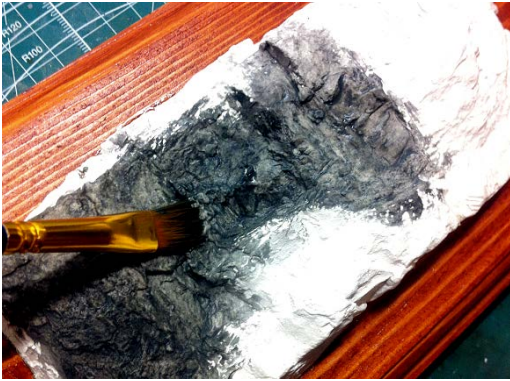


3. Sand flat.

4. Glue rock to wood with epoxy glue.



Painting the Rock



1. Paint rock with grey watercolours.
Allow to .



2. Mix filter colours for rock veins.
3. Apply bands of filter, then blend.



4. Seal with flat clearcoat.
5. Apply dark washes.
6. Highlight details.

Wood Perimeter Frame



1. Measure & cut wood strips to make a perimeter frame around the rock.
2. Glue frame pieces to base using epoxy.
3. Clamp frame in place. Allow to dry.

4. Stain wooden frame with oil paint.



Gravel



1. Brush white glue where gravel will be.
2. Pour gravel in place in gaps between rock & frame.
3. Place gravel in random spots on rock.
4. Apply Scenic Cement (thinned white glue) to gravel to fix it in place.
5. Allow to dry.

Moss Patches



1. Chop up Clump Foliage into small pieces.
2. Brush white glue where the moss patches will be placed.
3. Add moss pieces.
4. Apply Scenic Cement (thin white glue) onto moss patches to fix in place. Allow to dry.

5. Mix yellow & green oil paints.
6. Lightly highlight moss with yellow/green oil paint.



FINAL RESULT



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References

Online tutorials

- There are many online videos (example, YouTube) that cover a wide range of painting & weathering techniques

Websites

- There are also many different websites that provide plentiful information about painting & weathering techniques.

Example:

<http://www.scalemodelguide.com/category/painting-weathering/>