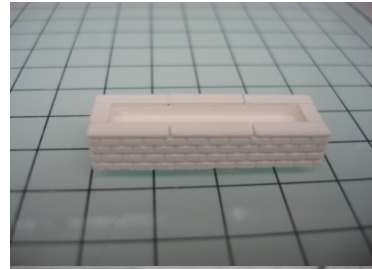


# Making Flower Beds

This tutorial will help you turn your flower beds from this -----

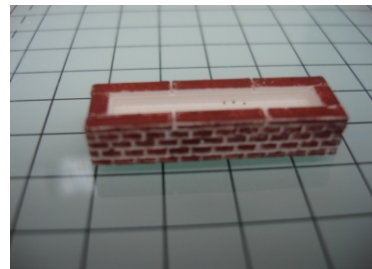


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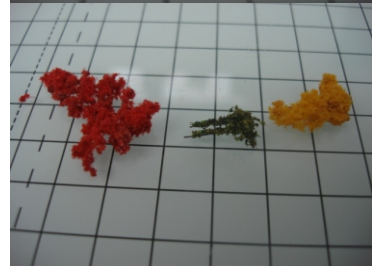


It is not at all difficult and most of you accessing this site are interested in or engaged in different aspects of modelling so I`m sure you are going to have lots of "handy bits and bobs" around you, as we hobbyists keep all sorts of stuff that might come in useful.

After painting my flower bed.-----



I decide what tiny pieces of old trees, model grasses or foliage I am going to use. I find coloured "Clump Foliage" useful as you can achieve a colourful result with minimum effort.



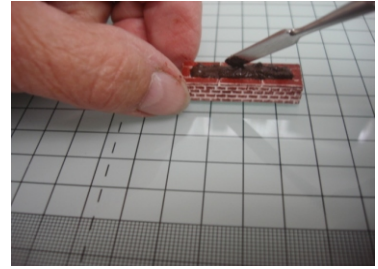
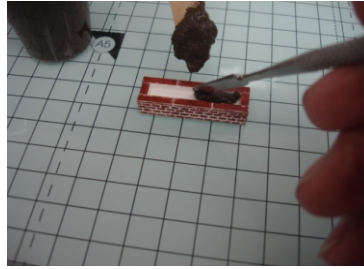
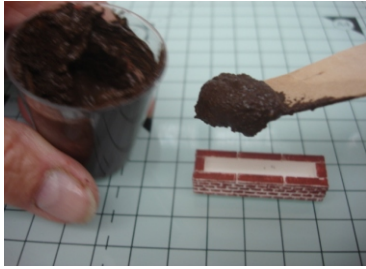
So having decided what you are going to "Plant" in your flower bed you need some "Soil". I make mine by mixing approx:-  
2 Teaspoons of sand (I use Kiln Dried but any will do.)

1 Teaspoon water  
A large spot of PVA glue  
A large Blob of brown acrylic paint.

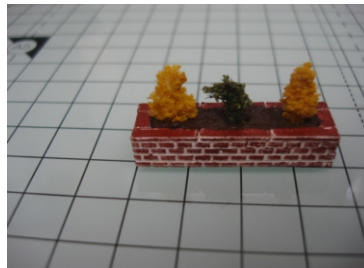
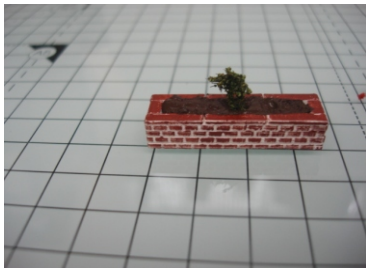


Stir all together until a stiff consistency, this should make enough for approx 6 flower beds.

Using a cocktail stick or something similar fill your flower beds, don't make them too flat, they look better a bit rough



Then place your flowers and foliage onto the soil until you are happy with the result. Any pieces cut from old model trees can be stuck into the soil to give the impression of bushes.



This mixture is also useful as a base to add small stone, grit or railway ballast to for filling lineside bunkers. By adding different colour paint you can vary the look from coal to concrete or cinders etc.

