Playing in the snow

Deluxe Materials Scenic Snow kit bring a scene to life

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I thought I would have some fun with a couple of vintage dolls I acquired that were missing an arm and a leg. Why not turn them into a lovely winter scene? Brother is taking little sis on a fun ride in the snow. You can make your own scene in a vintage style or with a modern twist.

1 First, purchase some wood letters from the craft store. Then secure the letters in a work bench vice and sand the edges down with a Dremel. You can do this by hand, but the Dremel will make a rustic worn look much faster.

2 Paint the letters and then paint around the edges with small amounts of dark brown using a small brush.

3 Paint your wood base. You can find these at the craft store as well.

4 I searched the woods and found a big stick and cut it to look like a downed tree that was slowly being used for firewood.

Materials:

Scale = 1:12

- ■ Dolls or animals
- ■ Deluxe Materiels Scenic Snow Kit #DBD29
- ■ Wood letters
- ■ Wood base
- ■ Mini sled
- ■ Rope for sled
- ■ Wreath
- ■ Winter foliage
- ■ Plastic tray
- ■ Stick
- ■ Deluxe tacky glue
- ■ White glue
- ■ Paint brushes
- ■ Tweezers
- ■ White pom-poms
- ■ Polyester snow batting
- ■ Dremel or sand paper
- ■ Craft paint
- ■ Hot glue gun

You may want to bake your branch if you are worried about bugs or you can paint or spray with residual borate-based insecticide.

5 Hot glue your branch onto the base and then hot glue your letters onto the branch.

6 Add a few 'bushes' and a winter wreath. Then cut a sheet of batting snow

and glue that down using a hot glue gun.

7 You can use Deluxe tacky glue to make the edges flat on the base. I peeled opened the 'snow' batting, put glue on the edge and then under it on the base as well. I used the back of my finger nail (to keep it from sticking to my skin) to flatten it onto the wood. Do the same for the piece up against the log. You may have to wait so it gets a little tacky and press

down again with the back of your finger nail. This will create a nice mound of snow for our next step.

8 Brush some white glue on the batting and then sprinkle the Scenic Snowflakes over it. Let it set and then shake off any excess snow and apply glue in any bare spots and add more snow.

9 While your base and batting is drying you can paint your sled. Mine

was purchased from the craft store.

10 If you want this to be a project with little to no loose snow particles then you can mix your Scenic Snowflakes with the Scenic Bond ahead of time and apply it as a paste onto the wood base. You can also use white glue instead of the Scenic Bond to make the paste. Then you could spatula it on where you want it. Note that the Scenic Bond mix looks more like

melted snow. It also is light blue while wet, but will dry clear. Wash hands and your paint brush with warm water before it dries because it dries sticky. You may want to wear latex gloves if have some on-hand.

11 I applied a mix of Scenic Snowflakes with the Scenic Bond on top of my letters. I waited 40 minutes for the snow on top of the letters to set. Once the bond dried on the letters it looked as if the snow had melted and then froze. Brush on white glue and sprinkle on fresh snow.

12 Run some white glue along the edges of your sled and sprinkle on some snow.

13 Dip white pom-poms into the Scenic Bond and roll them in the snow. Let dry over-night then glue them in place with glue, let dry, brush on a little white glue, and sprinkle snow over them.

14 Once you are happy with the snow, sprinkle some of the Icy Sparkles on it to add some extra magic!

Let your imagination take the helm and create a fun snow scene with this kit to display in your home over the winter. Go through your stash, maybe you have a piece of fence for the background instead of letters. You could also make it personalized for a gift with someone's name. Or use these tips to add snow to an existing scene!

Deluxe Materials Scenic Snow Kit is available in USA miniature stores and distributed by Aztec Imports. Or it can be purchased direct from: www.deluxematerialsus.com.