

Bath time for Rover

Use Deluxe Materials Solid Water for a doggy bath

Solid Water by Deluxe Materials is a two part mix consisting of resin and hardener, which can be used to simulate clear deep water. However, add some clear glass no-hole ('accent') beads together with a little coloring, and you can create a soapy bath full of bubbles for your dollhouse dog.

This project does take a little time to complete as you need to mix several batches of Solid Water over a period of time, but the technique itself is simple and the result is effective.

1 To ensure success, the two parts must be carefully measured and mixed fully in the proportion of two parts resin to one hardener using the syringes or measuring beakers supplied with the product.

2 Mix the two parts together thoroughly. The hardener is slightly colored and the Solid Water mixture will go clear and streak-free



when both parts have been properly combined.

3 Pour the freshly mixed Solid Water into the bath complete with the dog leaving room for the soapy bubbles to be added later. The dog will be fixed in

Materials:

- DBD35 Solid Water by Deluxe Materials
- Solvent based translucent glass paint
- Small, clear, no-hole glass beads
- Toothpick
- Tweezers
- IM65388 bath or similar
- A3791 English Coon Hound or similar. (The bath must be leak-proof and made of an impervious material, ie metal or plastic).

position by the Solid Water without the need for glue.



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4 Allow the Solid Water to set hard at room temperature, approximately 24-48 hours depending on the warmth of the room.

5 Prepare a fresh mixture of Solid Water.

6 Leave the mixture to set to the point where it can be lifted with a spatula and hold its shape temporarily while still remaining pliable. This takes about 6-10 hours.

7 To make the soapy bubble mixture, stir in varying sizes of the no-hole ('accent') glass beads. These will stiffen the Solid Water, but will still allow movement.

8 Apply the soapy bubble mixture to the surface of the pre-set Solid Water in the bath using a toothpick. Then while still pliable, pile and shape the soapy bubble mixture as you wish, but leave an area of Solid Water clear

TOPTIP:
 To speed up the hardening process, place the mixed Solid Water near a radiator.
 To slow the hardening process, place the mixed Solid Water in the fridge.
 Clean up any spillages of Solid Water with alcohol (IPA, methylated spirits) or acetone.

for the addition of simple flat soap suds later. Add any additional bubbles individually by gently pressing them into the mixture with tweezers.

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9 Once the mixture has set, highlight the bubbles with the glass paint, which will 'run' into the gaps between the glass beads. Allow the paint to dry.

10 For added depth and effect, prepare a second Solid Water/soapy bubble mixture as before and layer this over the existing bubbles. Allow to set hard.



11 For the soap scum, pour a very shallow layer of freshly prepared Solid Water over the clear area of the bath water.

12 Immediately stir in a few drops of the white glass paint to the freshly mixed Solid Water, making the desired soap scum pattern with the end of a toothpick. Allow to set.



Your beloved dollhouse dog is now having a soapy bath. Make a few more batches of bubbles to lay on the ground around the base of the tub.

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