

# Making Waves in the Dolls House

By Ann Sutcliffe

In this project I am using both Solid Water and Making Waves to complete a washday piece for the dolls house scullery or laundry room. I've also used Deluxe Materials glues and tools, including Speed Bond, a Pin Point Syringe and Tacky Wax to complete the scene.

**M**aking Waves is a product by Deluxe Materials which has been developed to create the look of moving water in miniature. It can be used in conjunction with Solid Water as a textured surface effect, or on its own in shallow containers to create the perfect drips, drops, spills and puddles.

Making Waves comes out of the tub white and opaque, which is very useful as you can see where you're putting it, but dries clear to recreate the look of real water. It also makes rather good textured glass as you will see as this project progresses!

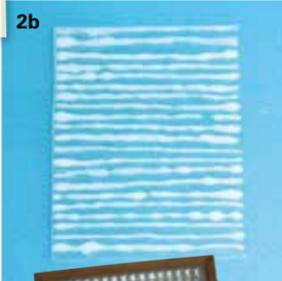
It's Monday morning and washday is getting underway...

## You will need:

- A tin tub
- A tin bucket
- Small piece of clear acrylic approximately 1mm thick
- Small square strip wood approximately 3mm square
- Wood clippers or small saw
- Making Waves by Deluxe Materials
- Pin Point Syringe by Deluxe Materials
- PVA Glue - Speed Bond by Deluxe Materials
- Solid Water by Deluxe Materials
- Scraps of fabric and dark green polymer clay
- Craft knife
- Baking tile
- Tacky Wax by Deluxe Materials

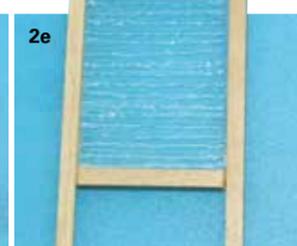
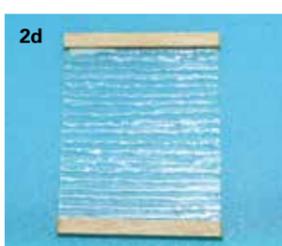
## Step 1 - Preparing the tub

- Paint or distress the tin tub and bucket, or leave them clean and shiny.
- Check that the tub is watertight and will not leak. **Photo 1**



## Step 2 - Making the washboard

- Cut a piece of clear acrylic plastic 1-1/2" x 1" (38mm x 25mm).
- Put some Making Waves into a Pin Point Syringe. **Photo 2a**
- Pipe in lines across the acrylic - don't worry too much about the neatness as once it has dried and gone clear, it won't really matter. **Photo 2b**
- You can make horizontal lines or add lines in the opposite direction to make a checkerboard effect as both types of glass were used in real washboards. **Photo 2c**
- Allow to dry until the Making Waves becomes clear.
- To frame the 'glass' washboard with square timber, firstly cut two short pieces to go top and bottom level with the edges and glue in place. **Photo 2d**
- Cut two longer pieces about 2-1/4" (57mm) and frame the sides. Glue in place. **Photo 2e**
- Leave for the glue to set.
- This wood should be left blonde, as washboards were not varnished or waxed in any way.



## Step 3 - Fill with Solid Water

- Stand the washboard in the tub, a tiny dab of Speed Bond will hold it in position. **Photo 3a**
- Prepare some small pieces of fabric to go into the wash tub. **Photo 3b**
- Using the syringes and mixing cup provided, put two parts Resin to one part Hardener and mix well. **Photo 3c**
- Pour the mixed Solid Water into the tub up to the bottom of the washboard.
- Push in some pieces of cloth and leave to set. **Photo 3d**



## Step 4 - Making some soap

- Whilst the Solid Water sets, make a nice big bar of laundry soap.
- Mix together a small piece of translucent clay with a pinch of dark green. It's okay to leave this mixture a bit streaky. **Photo 4a**
- Roll out a sausage about 1/4" (6mm) thick and cut into pieces about 1/2" (13mm) long.
- Shape the pieces into a rectangular soap bar and if you like, write the name SOAP or the manufacturer's name lightly into the top with a fine ball stylus (inkless biro). **Photo 4b**
- Bake the soap bar(s) according to the manufacturer's instructions.



## Step 5 - Using Making Waves to complete the scene

- Use Tacky Wax by Deluxe Materials to fix the tub, soap and bucket to the floor of the room.
- Arrange a pile of dirty washing ready for the tub. **Photo 5a**
- Where the bucket has been left on the floor, apply a puddle of Making Waves tipping out and pooling around the lip. **Photo 5b**
- Add some drips down the outside of the tub of washing. Add more Making Waves in puddles to the floor around the tub. Also put some over and around the bar of soap on the floor.
- Build up the layers of Making Waves as the first layer dries and goes clear, until there is as much water splashing around the scene as required. **Photo 5c**
- Finally when the Solid Water is completely set, apply Making Waves to the top of the Solid Water to create movement.



## SUPPLIERS' DETAILS



**Deluxe Materials**  
Distributed to all good  
miniaturist shops by:

**Hobby's**  
T: 0208 761 4244  
W: www.hobby.uk.com

**Streets Ahead**  
T: 01752 338222  
W: www.streetsaheaddollhouse.com  
In case of difficulty order on line:  
[www.deluxematerials.co.uk](http://www.deluxematerials.co.uk)  
Freephone 0800 298 5121

**US Distributor**  
Distributed to all good Doll House  
shops in North America by  
**Aztec Imports (trade only)**  
W: www.aztecimport.com