

A Simple and Quick Ruin

I wanted to do something that was quick to do, but still looked quite impressive. I decided to go for a corner ruin with a wooden upper floor.



My initial plan was to have some form of camp site in the shelter of the upper floor.

For this piece I decided to use some 1 inch pink foam I had lying around. This stuff is a lot easier to work than the Kingspan I usually use.

I took my hot wire cutter and cut the two corners and then cut individual rocks onto the ruined edge of both walls. I used the hot wire cutter to make windows on the two walls

I then drew horizontal lines for the courses of stone, these were made deeper with a ballpoint pen. Lines for the individual stones were drawn into the foam. Each window had a line drawn around it to make sure it looked like there was a capstone and stones making

the frames. These again were deepened using the pen.

I then made the wooden upper floor out of a thin sheet of balsa wood which was scored and then distressed somewhat.

The floor was then glued to 3 thin strips to act as beams.

I then took a poker left it in the fire for a few seconds to burrow out holes for the beams to go into. (Remember this will lead to noxious fumes so be careful.)

It was at this point I realised that although I wanted the windows to appear high up on the wall, nothing would be able to see through them without some form of support.

The simplest option was to make a floor to go in there. This was made out of 1 inch Kingspan with cereal box floor tiles.

Once I was happy with



everything I painted the walls and base with black masonry paint (with sand added).

When this was dry I dry-brushed in a couple of shades of grey the second being lighter than the



first. The floor was dry-brushed a reddish/brown colour



I then painted the wood a greyish colour. This was twofold. One old wood turns grey with age and secondly the colour of the plain balsa looked totally wrong.

Once everything was dry, I set about adding the vegetation. This was a mixture for the ground layer of various clump foliage for the bushes along with different



shades of static grass.

I also added some climbing plants up the inside of the walls as well as some ivy for the top of the walls.

Altogether I am really pleased with this piece, and as I said at the start it would be a simple and quick ruin. If I ignore the drying time for glue and paint it was quicker to make the piece than it has been to write it up and shrink the size of the photos.

In terms of cost, this was more expensive than a similar piece made from Kingspan, but still in all honesty around about £5 -£10 especially when I added a pile of the more expensive vegetation. But there again you cant get many pieces of terrain that are around 9 inches tall and the same long for a tenner.

Beardy Steve
signing out.



I am sorry to say the camera was acting up in this build. Most of my early photos were lost and the later ones are a bit blurry. Luckily for me I managed to buy myself a new camera for work so that should improve things no end.