PREHISTORIC LIFE

Here’s what we used...

**SCENEARAMA® Items**
- Mountain Diorama Kit
- Scene Setters: Prehistoric Life
- Large Project Base & Backdrop

**Household Items**
- Clippings of Flowers and Bushes
- Craft Paints and Brushes
- Cutting Surface
- Disposable Cups
- Hobby Knife
- Masking Tape
- Measuring Spoons
- Newspaper
- Pan for Water
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Tree-like Twigs

**Did you know?**
Dinosaurs dominated Earth for more than 150 million years, making them some of the most enduring creatures to ever live. To date, more than 500 species of dinosaurs have been discovered. The word “dinosaur,” which comes from Greek words meaning “terrible lizard,” was created by Richard Owen in 1844.

**Fun Fact!**
The largest dinosaur eggs ever discovered are 1′ long by 10″ wide or about the size of a football.
1. **Rock Castings**
   - Mix and use *Casting Plaster* per Basic Use instructions.
   - Pour into Rock Mold, let set 30-40 minutes.
   - Cut a 3/4” strip from top edge of Backdrop.
   - Form Side Panels inside of backdrop on Project Base.
   - Tape in place to Base with masking tape.
   - Remove Backdrop and set aside.

2. **Newspaper Wads**
   - Cover entire Base with newspaper wads. Arrange into desired terrain shape.
   - Tape to hold in place.

3. **Plaster Cloth and Edging**
   - Cover diorama with wet Plaster Cloth (3" strips), bumpy side up.
   - Add 2 layers of Plaster Cloth.
   - NOTE: You will need to cut some 3" Plaster Cloth strips into 1" pieces (Step 8).

4. **Project Base & Backdrop**
   - Design a Backdrop that best fits your diorama.
   - Cut out using a hobby knife.
   - Test fit Backdrop and 3/4" strip in grooves on Project Base.
   - Make sure label area is facing forward.

5. **Terrain Profile**
   - Create a terrain profile from cardboard Side Panels.

6. **Leopard Spot**
   - Dilute Rock Colors.
   - Paint rocks with the Leopard Spot paint technique.
   - NOTE: Let rock castings dry 2-3 hours before coloring.

7. **Earth Undercoat**
   - Brush diluted Earth Undercoat over entire terrain (avoid rocks).
   - Let dry.
   - NOTE: Save some diluted Earth Undercoat for Step 11.

8. **Color Talus**
   - Pour Talus into remaining Earth Undercoat.
   - Mix with Stir Stick.
   - Remove Talus, and let dry on newspaper.

9. **Project Glue in Spray Bottle**
   - Spray diluted Project Glue on desired greenery areas.
   - Using Plastic Cup and Sifter Lid, sprinkle Green Grass on glue.

10. **Foliage Fiber**
    - Separate Foliage Fiber into thin, lacy layers.
    - Spray with diluted Project Glue.
    - Sprinkle with Evergreen and Forest Green Accents, individually or as a mixture.

11. **Deciduous Trees Using Natural Armatures**
    - Prepare Puffy Tree Foliage.
    - Apply a drop of Project Glue to tip of “branch” and press foliage into glue.
    - Spray with diluted Project Glue to seal.
17. Spray evergreen or flower clippings with diluted Project Glue.
   - Sprinkle with desired color of Accent.
   - Spray again to seal.

18. **Plant Trees**
   - Plant trees in desired locations.
   - Let dry.

19. **Plant Trees**
   - Apply Project Glue where you would like bushes and fallen branches.
   - Press Shrubs, prepared plant clippings and twigs into Glue.
   - Spray with diluted Project Glue to seal.

20. **Paint**
   - Use craft paints to paint front and back of Backdrop.
   - Let dry.

21. **To attach Backdrop to Project Base, use Project Glue.**
   - Glue front strip in place.

22. **Use Project Glue to attach Scene Setters in desired areas.**
    TIP! Attach the pteranodon to a piece of craft wire to resemble flight.

23. **Labels**
    - Label and add signage to your project.

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**Fun Fact!**
Dinosaur fossils have been found on every continent in the world, including Antarctica!

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**Helpful Hint**
Model plant life that reflects the climate of the Mesozoic era. During the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, it was mostly tropical.

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**More Ideas!**
Bring your project to life with Scene-A-Rama Scene Setters and ready-made Trees! Scene Setters are themed sets of people, animals and specialized items that are sized just right for dioramas and displays. With ready-made Trees, you can add a realistic effect to your project quickly and easily.