

# BATTLE OF WILSON'S CREEK

Here's what we used...

## SCENEARAMA® Items

- Mountain Diorama Kit
- Ripplin' Water Kit
- Deciduous Trees
- Scene Setters:  
American Civil War  
Soldiers
- Large Project Base &  
Backdrop

## Household Items

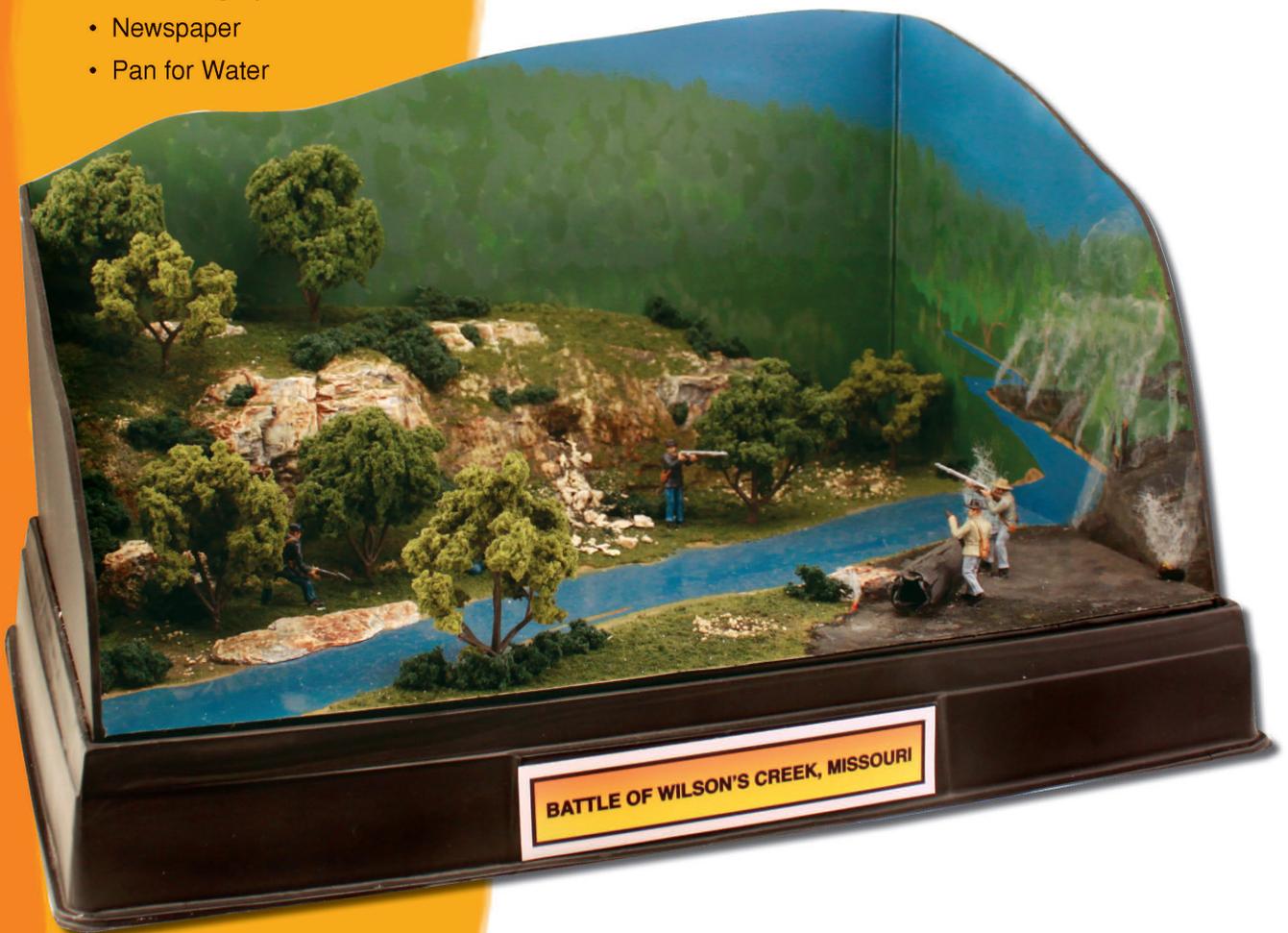
- Craft Paints and Brushes
- Cutting Surface
- Disposable Cups
- Hobby Knife
- Masking Tape
- Measuring Spoons
- Newspaper
- Pan for Water

## Did you know?

The Battle of Wilson's Creek happened on August 10, 1861. It was the most significant Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River to date. A Confederate victory led to rebel control of southwestern Missouri.

## Fun Fact!

At the beginning of the Civil War, Missouri declared themselves "armed neutral." They did not support the war efforts of the North or the South.

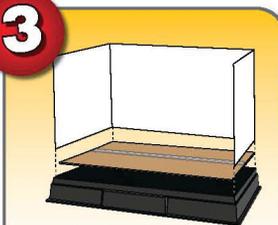


**1****Rock Castings**

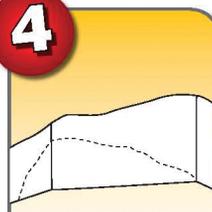
- Mix and use *Casting Plaster* per Basic Use instructions.
- Pour into *Rock Mold*, let set for 30-40 min.
- To dislodge rocks, turn *Rock Mold* upside down and twist slightly.

**2**

- Use cardboard *Side Panels* to make a cardboard pad for the *Project Base*. The pad should measure 16" x 10 1/2".
- Use masking tape to attach cardboard pieces together.

**3**

- Test fit *Backdrop* (in grooves) and cardboard pad on *Project Base*.
- If cardboard pad interferes with *Backdrop*, make adjustments.

**4**

- Design a *Backdrop* and cut out with a hobby knife.
- Using a pencil, draw outline for mountain range on *Backdrop*.

**5****Newspaper Wads**

- Arrange newspaper wads on cardboard pad inside mountain area.
- Tape in place. Do not tape to *Backdrop*.
- Remove cardboard pad and newspaper wads.

**6****Plaster Cloth**

- Cover newspaper wads and cardboard pad with wet *Plaster Cloth* (3" strips), bumpy side up.
- Add 2 layers of *Plaster Cloth*.
- Overlap edges of cardboard pad by 1/2". (Fig. 6a)
- Test fit on *Project Base* with *Backdrops* in grooves.

**7****Attach and Blend Rocks**

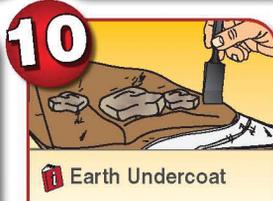
- Attach rock castings to *Plaster Cloth* terrain.
  - Poke 1" strips of wet *Plaster Cloth* around rock edges to fill in gaps.
  - Let dry.
- NOTE:** Be careful not to drip glue or plaster on rock face.

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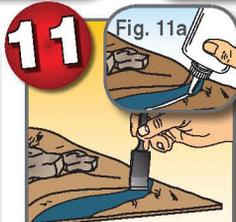
- Using a pencil, draw your battle layout on *Plaster Cloth* base.
- Mark creek, burned out clearing, soldier locations, etc.

**9****Leopard Spot**

- Dilute *Rock Colors*.
- Paint rocks with the Leopard Spot paint technique.

**10****Earth Undercoat**

- Brush diluted *Earth Undercoat* over entire terrain (avoid rocks). Let dry.
- NOTE:** Save some diluted *Earth Undercoat* for Step 13.

**11****Water Undercoat**

- Paint creek with *Water Undercoat*.
- Apply a bead of *Project Glue* along creek outline. (Fig. 11a)
- Paint burned clearing.

**12****Ground Cover**

- Spray diluted *Project Glue* on greenery areas (avoid rocks and creek).
- Apply landscape materials.

**13****Talus**

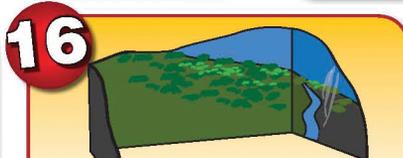
- Color *Talus* in diluted *Earth Undercoat*.
- Apply *Project Glue* where you would like *Talus*.
- Press *Talus* into glue.

**14****Permanent Placement**

- Permanently plant trees in desired locations.
- Let dry.

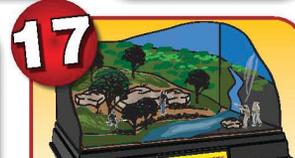
**15****Realistic Water**

- Pour *Realistic Water* slowly on creek area.
- Pull out to edges with *Stir Stick*.
- Let dry until clear.

**16****Project Base & Backdrop**

- Use craft paints to paint your *Backdrop*.
- Using *Project Glue*, attach *Backdrop* and diorama to *Project Base*.
- Make sure the label area faces forward.

**TIP!** On our diorama, the creek and mountain terrain extend to the painted *Backdrop*.

**17****Labels**

- Label and add signage to your project.
- Attach *Scene Setters* using *Project Glue*.