

LIFE ALONG THE NILE

Here's what we used...

SCENEARAMA® items

- Desert Oasis Diorama Kit
- Ripplin' Water Kit
- Scene Setters: Egyptian Culture
- Large Project Base & Backdrop

Household Items

- Corrugated Cardboard, 8" x 10"
- Craft Paints & Brushes
- Cutting Surface
- Disposable Cup
- Hobby Knife
- Invisible Tape
- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Muslin Fabric, 8" x 10"

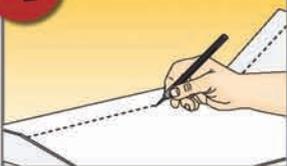
Did you know?

Egyptian society thrived for 3000 years! The Egyptian's ability to use the Nile River was key to their cultural success. The Nile flooded every year, an event called inundation. The floods left behind a rich, black soil that was ideal for growing crops.

Fun Fact!

Recorded events show, when the Nile started to flood the clear water turned a murky red.



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- Using a hobby knife, cut off a 7/8" strip along top edge of *Backdrop*. This is the front panel for *Project Base*.

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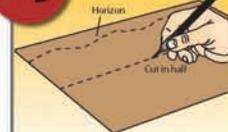
- Cut the side flaps of the front panel strip and *Backdrop* level with *Project Base*.
- Backdrop* and front panel side flaps should set flush together. Test fit on *Project Base*. (Fig. 2a)
- See our diorama for ideas.

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Paint

- Using craft paint, paint *Backdrop* and front panel. Let dry.
- Attach to *Project Base* with *Project Glue*.

NOTE: Make sure label area on *Project Base* faces forward.

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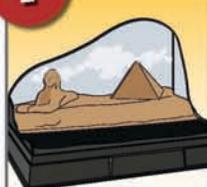
- Cut *Desert Sand ReadyGrass Sheet* in half lengthwise.
- On one half, draw and cut out a horizon along top edge.

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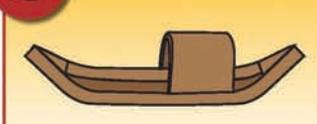
- Apply *Project Glue* along top 1" of *ReadyGrass* (along horizon).
- Attach *ReadyGrass* at bottom 1/3 of *Backdrop*.
- Let dry.

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- Draw an Egyptian scene on excess *Backdrop* material.
- We chose the Sphinx and a pyramid.
- Cut out with a hobby knife.
- Score details on pyramid and Sphinx with hobby knife and handle of a paintbrush. (Fig. 6a)
- Paint as desired and let dry.

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- Glue Egyptian scene to *Backdrop* partially covering *ReadyGrass*.

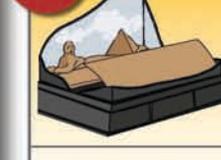
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Egyptian Boat and Paint

- Use the Egyptian Boat template and cardboard to create a boat for your diorama.
- Assemble as instructed on template page.
- Paint as desired.

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- Wad small pieces of newspaper and place under *ReadyGrass*, up against *Backdrop* creating a small mound.
- Glue *ReadyGrass* in place over newspaper and to *Project Base*. (Fig. 9a)

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- Glue second half of *ReadyGrass Sheet*, along front edge of front panel.
- Hold tightly in place until setting begins, then let dry.

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- Wad small pieces of newspaper and place under *ReadyGrass*, creating another mound.
- Glue *ReadyGrass* to sides of front panel and *Project Base*. (Fig. 11a)
- Hold tightly in place until setting begins, then let dry.

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- Test fit Egyptian boat on Nile area.
- Using a pencil, mark desired width of river on *ReadyGrass*.

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Remove Turf

- Using the *Foam Brush*, brush water on *ReadyGrass* along area marked for Nile.
 - Scrap off sand with handle of *Foam Brush*.
- TIP!** Save excess sand for a later use.

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- Create the Nile River by brushing *Water Undercoat* on exposed area of *Project Base* and center edges of *ReadyGrass*.
- Let dry.

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Project Glue in Spray Bottle

- Spray diluted *Project Glue* along river banks.
- Sprinkle *Desert Sand* scrapings and *Talus*.
- Spray again with *Project Glue* to seal.

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Ground Cover

- Spray *Project Glue* on desired greenery areas.
- Sprinkle *Green Grass*, and spray again with *Project Glue* to seal.



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i Tree Foliage

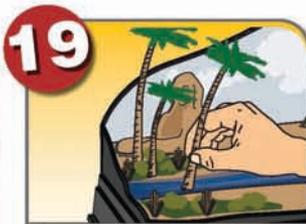
- Using *Foliage Fiber*, prepare *Tree Foliage*.
- Attach in desired locations with *Project Glue*.



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i Wild Grass

- Attach *Wild Grass* in desired locations per *Basic Use* instructions.

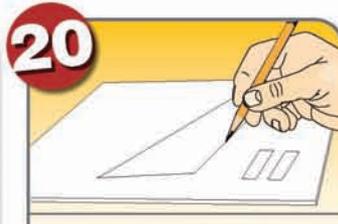


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i Plant Trees

- Bend *Palm Tree* trunks for a natural look.
- Plant in desired locations.

TIP! Change coloring of *Palms* with acrylic paint.



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- Create a walkway using excess *Backdrop* material.
- Lightly score lines on walkway with a hobby knife.
- Paint as desired and let dry.



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- Test fit walkway and boat in desired locations.
- Glue walkway at desired location.
- Let dry.



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i Realistic Water

- Pour *Realistic Water* along area for Nile River.
- Pull out to edges with *Stir Stick* or tip of *Foam Brush*.
- Place boat on *Realistic Water*. (Fig. 22a)
- Let dry until clear (approx. 24 hours).
- Pour any remaining *Realistic Water* and let dry until clear.



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- To create rolled rugs, cut small rectangles of white fabric.
- Pull threads from end of cloth to create a frayed look.
- Brush with *Project Glue* and roll up. Hold until setting begins.
- Let dry.



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- Paint rugs with colorful colors.
- Let dry, then glue in place on boat.



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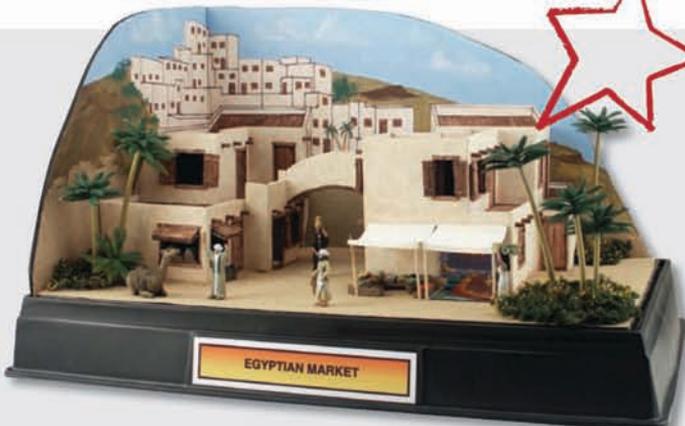
i Labels

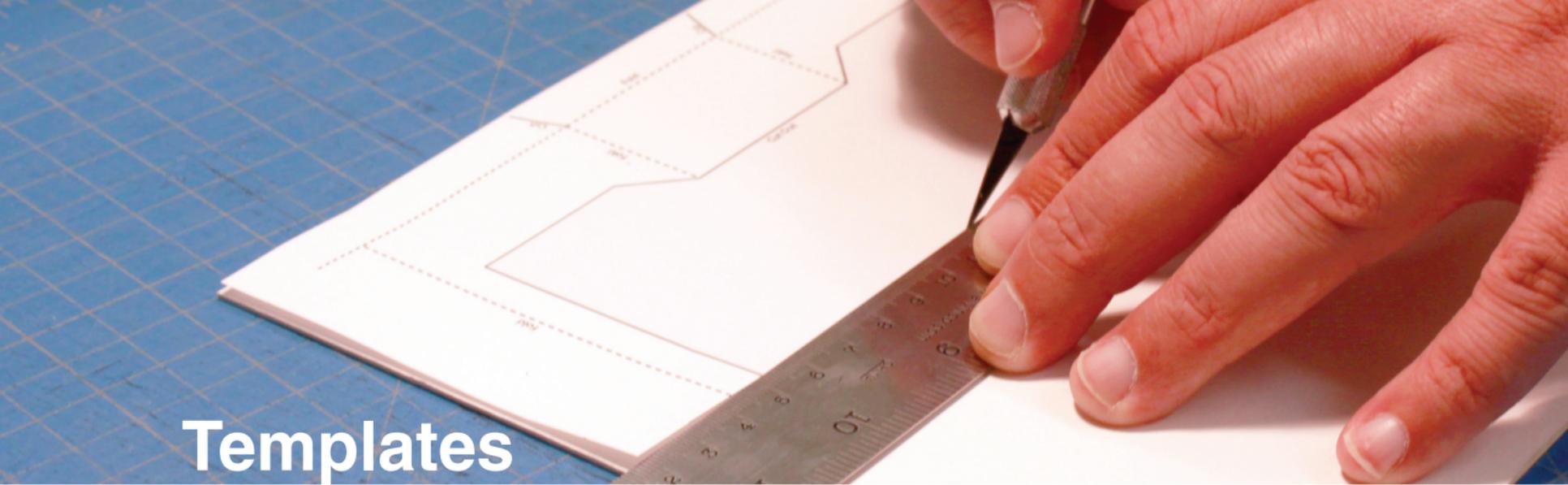
- Label and add signage to your project.
- Use *Project Glue* to attach *Scene Setters* in desired areas.

i See the **A+ PROJECTS & DIORAMAS: The Student's Handbook (SP4171)** for more information.

More Ideas!

The Egyptian Market diorama was made using techniques found in the Buildings & Structures in the Tips, Techniques & Templates sections. The project was enhanced with Scene-A-Rama Scene Setters and ready-made Palm Trees.





Templates

- Photocopy, trace or scan template onto white paper. Cut out, then trace onto specified material.
- If needed, reduce or enlarge templates to fit your diorama.
- Each template includes basic assembly instructions and needed materials.
- Read through the corresponding project instructions for clarification on using template.
- Short dotted lines ----- indicate fold lines
- Long dotted lines — — — indicate score lines
- Bold, solid lines ——— indicate cut lines

Egyptian Boat

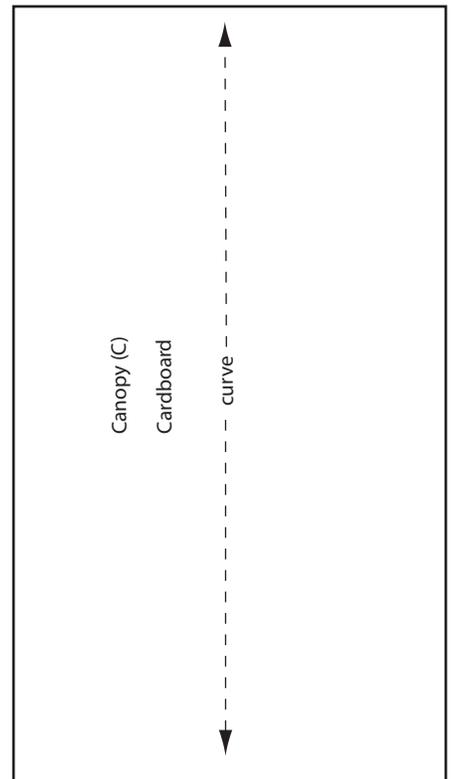
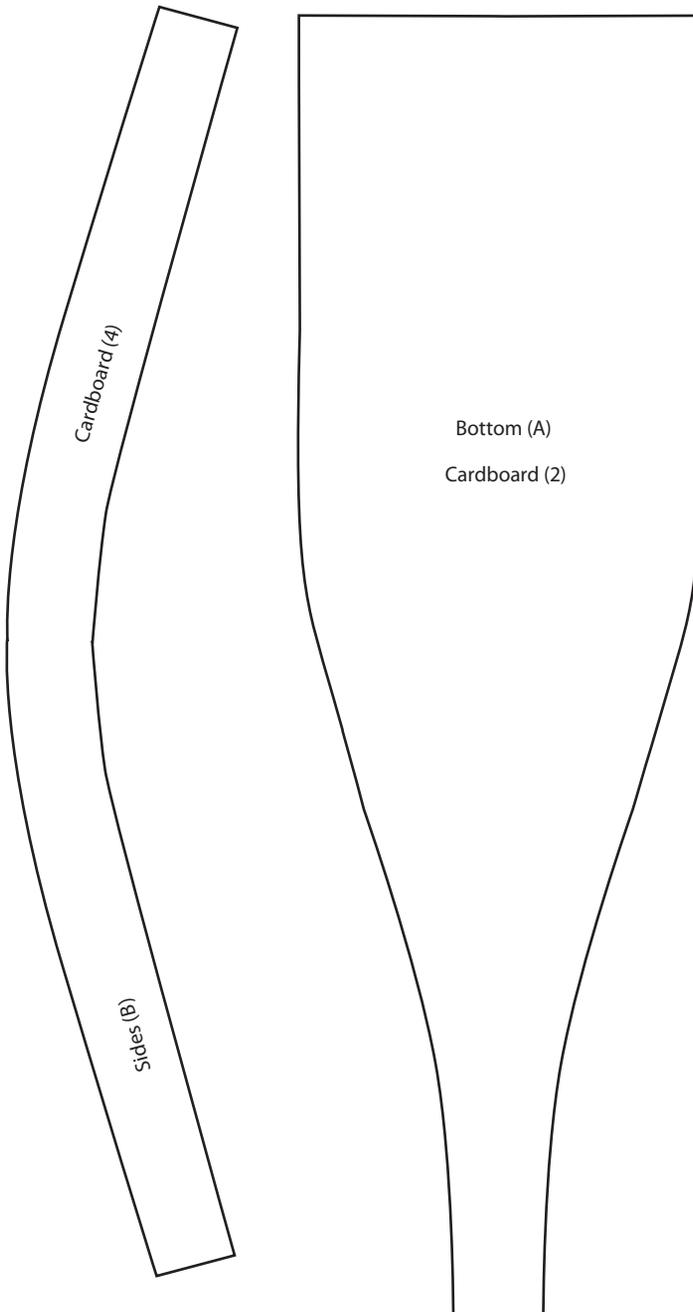
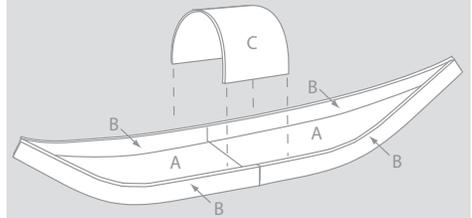
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- Copy template or trace on white paper, then cut out.
- Trace cutouts onto cardboard with corrugation running horizontally.
- Cut out with scissors (See **TIP!**)
- Assemble as shown using invisible tape or Project Glue. Wrap tape around boat ends for a clean look.

TIP!

Rough cut around all pieces, then flatten with a rolling pin to make cutting with scissors easier. Tape ends in triangle pattern.

Basic Assembly



Egyptian Sphinx, Pyramid and Walkway

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- Copy template on white paper, then cut out.
- Trace cutouts onto Project Board.
- Cut out with a hobby knife and assemble with Project Glue.

