



Last month* we made a castle from a toilet paper tube and graph paper. Now it's time to add a simple landscape around the castle—including a moat.

What You'll Need:

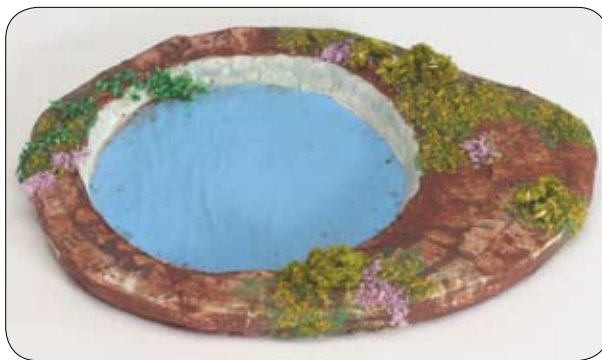
- Foam core board
- Lightweight cardboard
- Glue
- Craft knife
- Acrylic paint—Brown, Blue, Green
- Landscaping materials—grass, sand, rocks
- Dried materials—deer moss, etc.
- Scissors
- Scraps of block paper made last month for castle
- Newspaper
- Gloss varnish

1. Trace around base of castle on paper. Sketch shape for moat around castle's shape, and trace this shape onto foam core board, leaving space for surrounding area. Draw outline for base; trace location for moat.

2. Using cardboard sketch, trace and cut around outer edge of foam core board, including the outline for the moat. (If you want to vary the surrounding area you

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8. Apply glue to green areas. Sprinkle with grass and "plant" weeds and some flowers.

9. When gluing castle into moat, find a place on "land" where drawbridge can rest. Glue.

can cut places for hills, etc.) Cut out moat.

3. Glue foam core board to cardboard base, matching edges. (Moat edge should be straight up and down.) Weight down until dry.

4. Paint inside "floor" of moat a medium blue. Let dry. Apply gloss varnish.

5. Tear strips of newspaper 1 inch long or less. Glue strips around walls of moat and over edge onto surrounding area. Glue strips all over "ground" area, including edges. Glue excess to underside, covering edges.

6. Cut 1–2 strips of block paper one block wide. Glue to sides of moat. Let dry, weighted flat.

7. Paint surrounding area brown with areas of green here and there.

10. Glue drawbridge threads to holes in castle walls making them taut. (You may have to make the holes in wall larger.) Glue threads.

*To order the July issue that contains the castle instructions, call 800-458-8237 or go to www.miniaturecollectormag.com.

