

Temporary or Movable Scenery

Or

Making Uninteresting Places on Your layout
Interesting or at

Least Better

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Temporary or Movable Scenery

A way to put scenery where needed today
Move the scenery later when change happens
Add things for visitors to look at



Layout When You Enter The Room



Around The First Corner

A scene to draw interest



Upper Level Destination

More to draw your interest



But Not Every Place Was Interesting

- I few places were empty
- Places that need something
- Places where there may be future plans for development



Empty Hill Top



Empty Space For A Building??



Empty And Uninteresting



Maybe A Passing Siding Here?



What Was Needed

- Something to add interest to a blank spot
 - Small diorama?
 - Some Scenery?
 - Scenery that was easy to build?
 - Scenery that can move when change happens?



Inspiration

- Mini-scenes available from Woodland Scenics
- Good
 - Details included in a kit form
 - Just assemble and paint



Built A Woodland Scenics Mini Scene



Inserted The Mini Scene In An Appropriate Place



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 - Details included in a kit form
 - Just assemble and paint
 - Solid base made it easy to move
- But
 - Assembly of metal pieces took time
 - Painting took time to prime and then paint details
 - Cost of kit
 - I wonder how often I will see the same scene on someone's layout

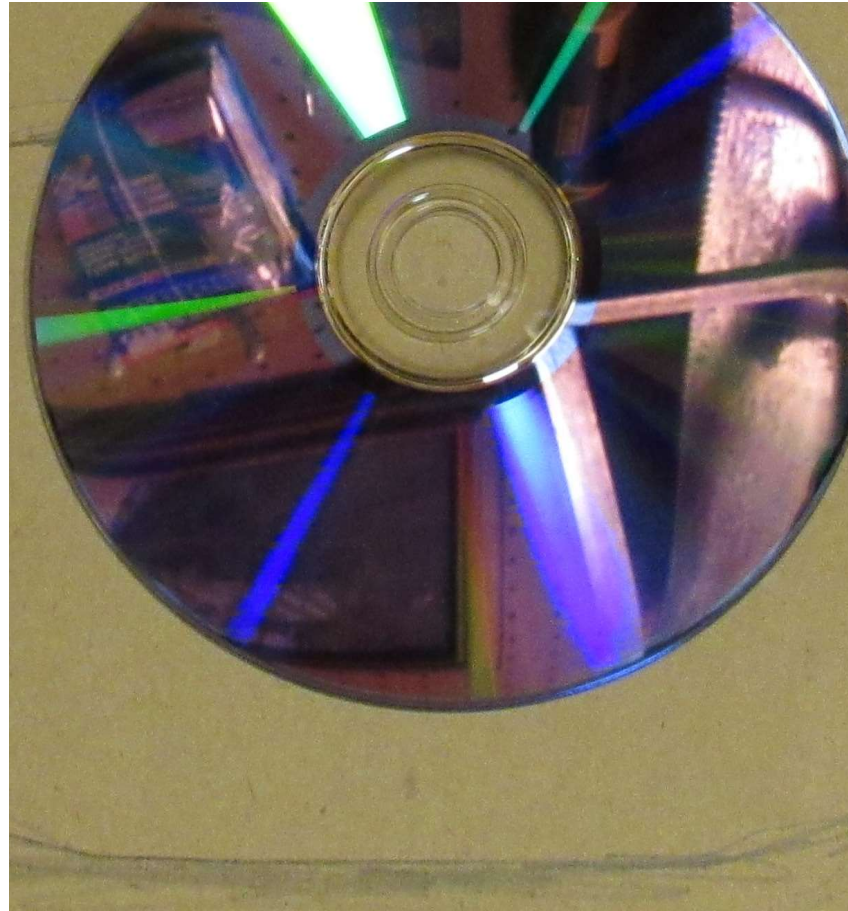


Inspiration

- Happened to view a YouTube video by a Military Modeler
- Showed how he build a display for a tank model
- Small, tabletop scene but some details
 - Hill made from pink foam insulation
 - A tree
 - Some turf and dirt



AND
The Modeler Used An Old CD As A
Base



From Inspiration I Developed Requirements

- A small scene that can be placed where needed *for now*
- Firm enough to handle
- Easy to put on top of current layout base
 - No modification to layout
- Easy to move
- CHEAP



Started With The Empty Hill Top



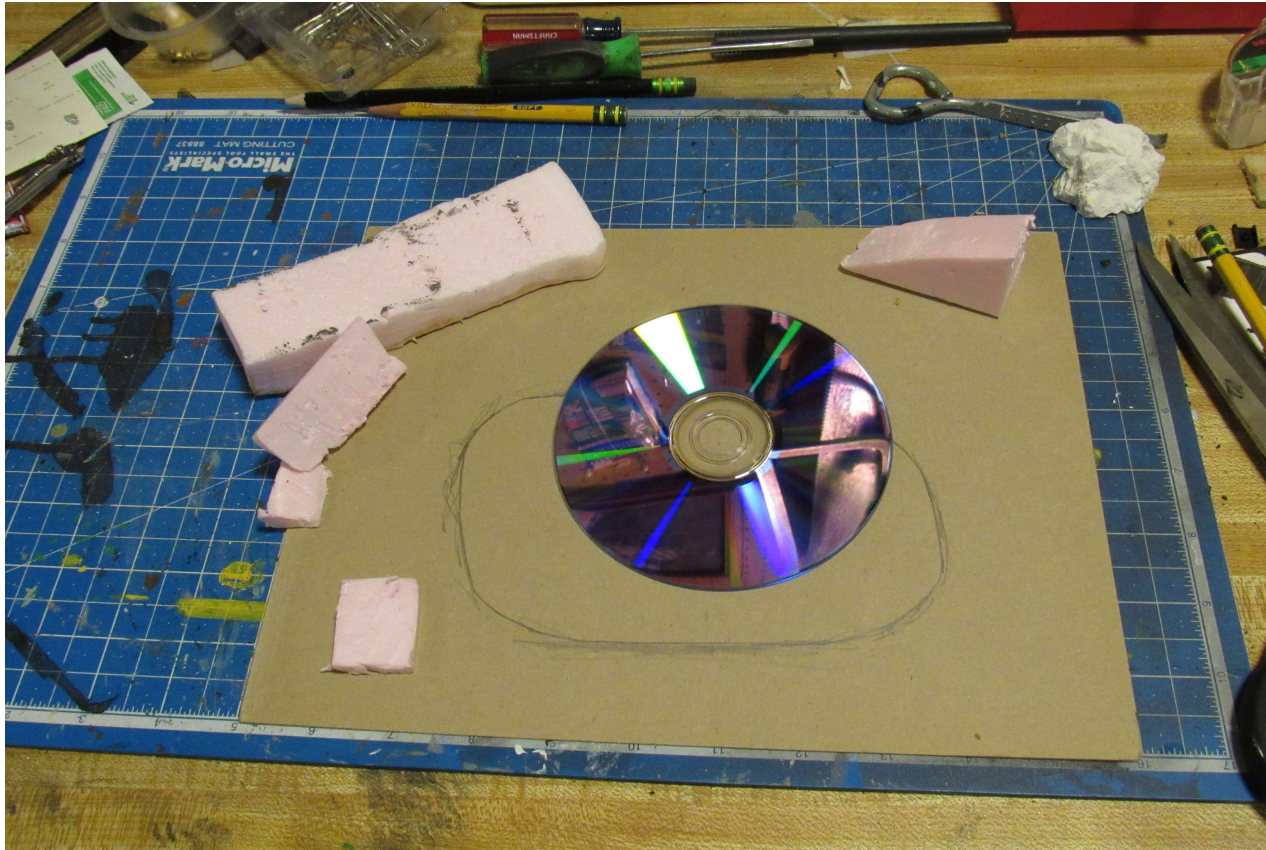
Selected Stuff To Use

- Looked at what I already had
- I found stuff that I did not expect to use for anything else.
- Shopping budget - ZERO



Selected Stuff To Use

Got a CD for a base and some pink foam



Selected Stuff To Use

A set of camper figures I received for Father's Day



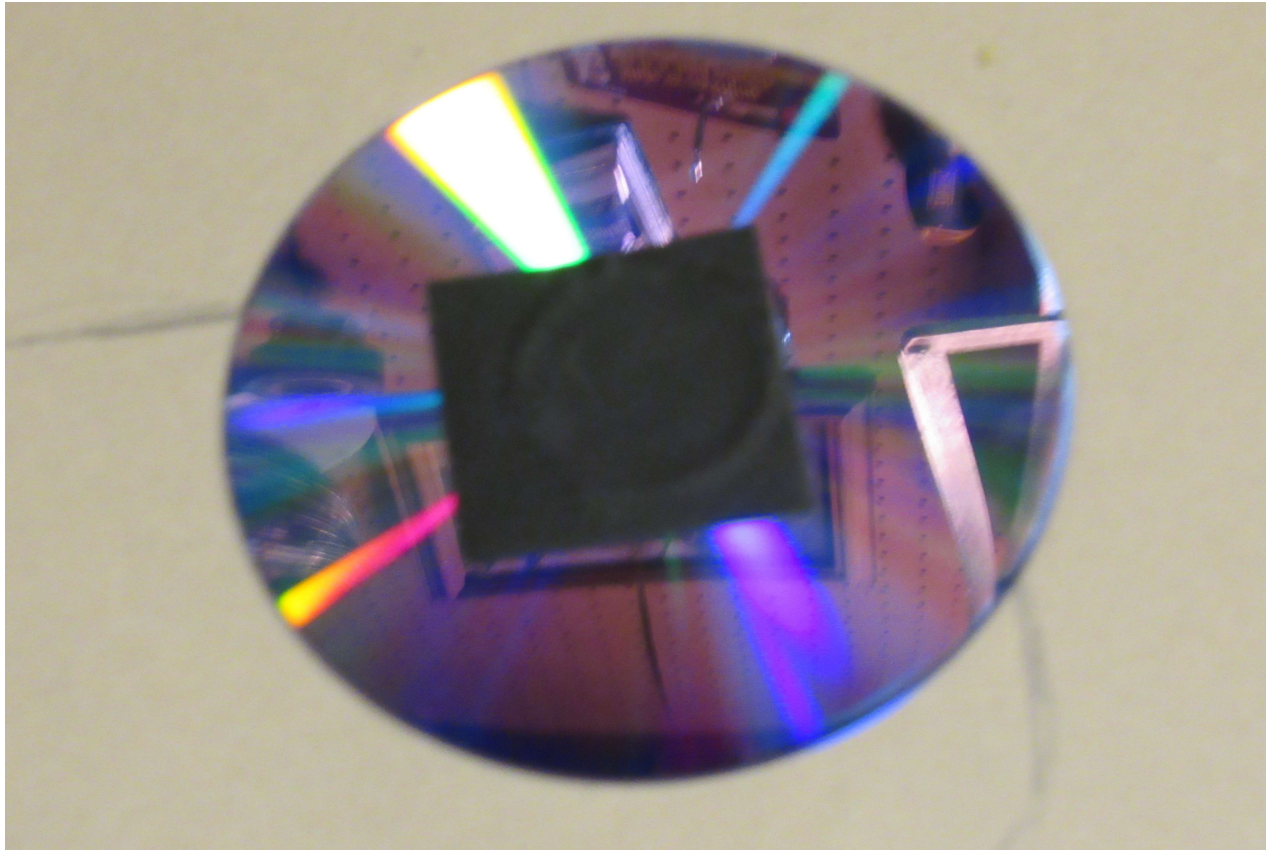
Trees Are Good, Especially If They Are Already Made



Some Ground Foam Turf

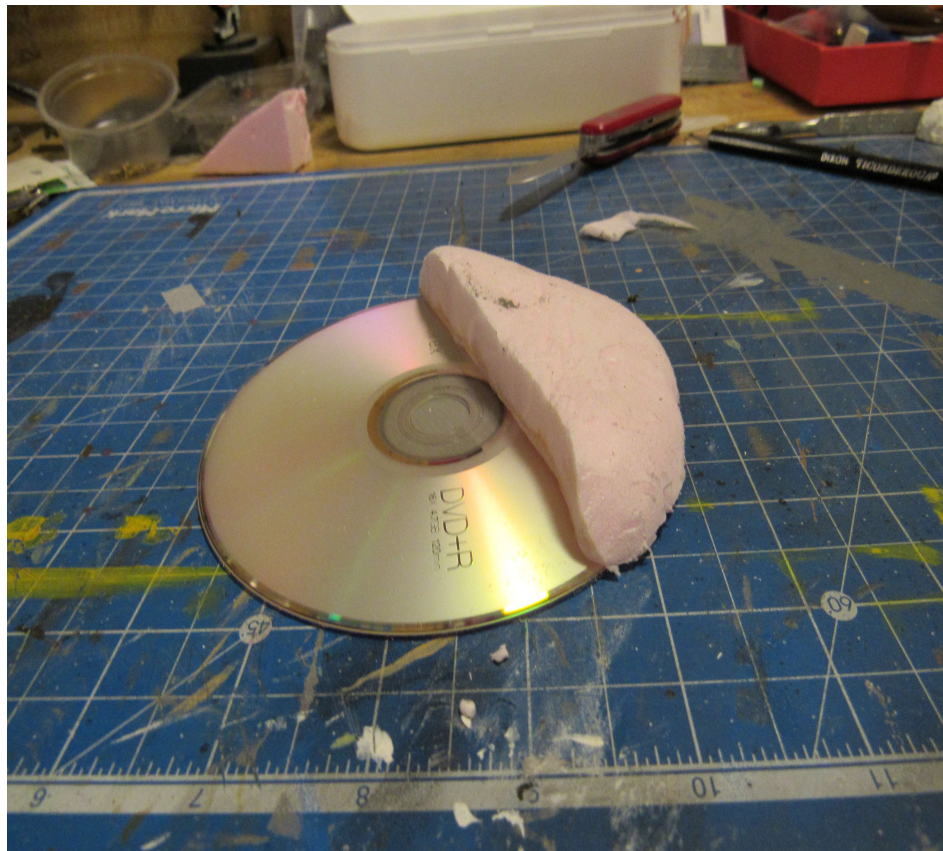


Start By Putting Tape Over The CD Hole

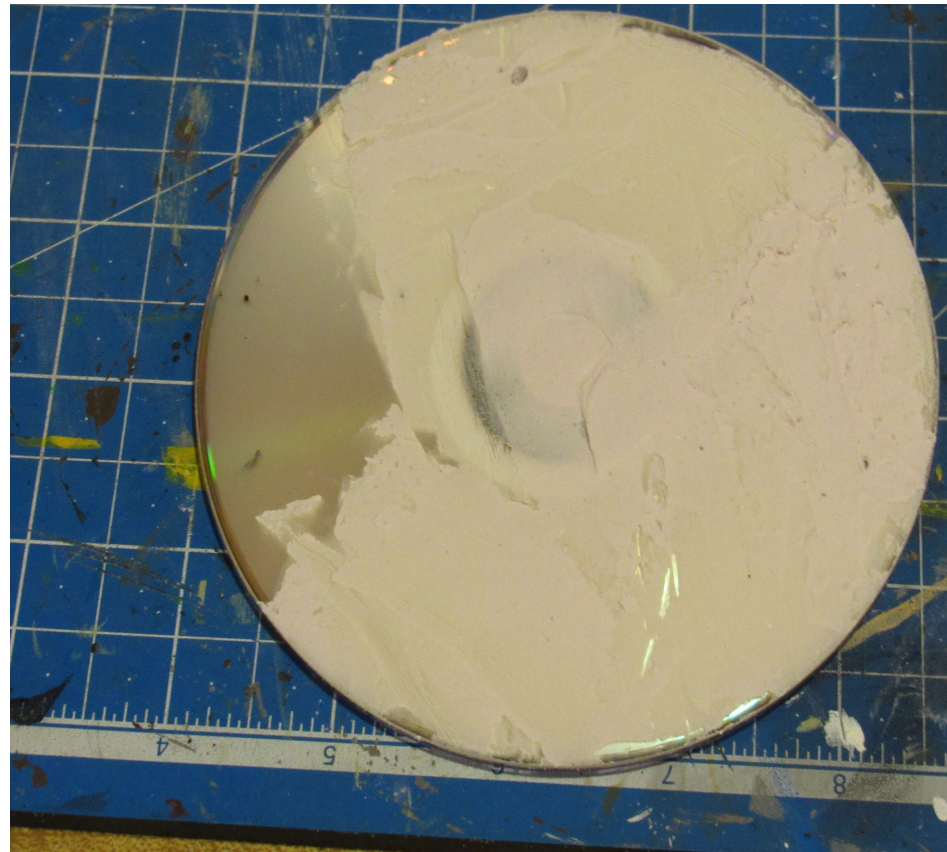


Formed A Small Hill From The Pink Foam

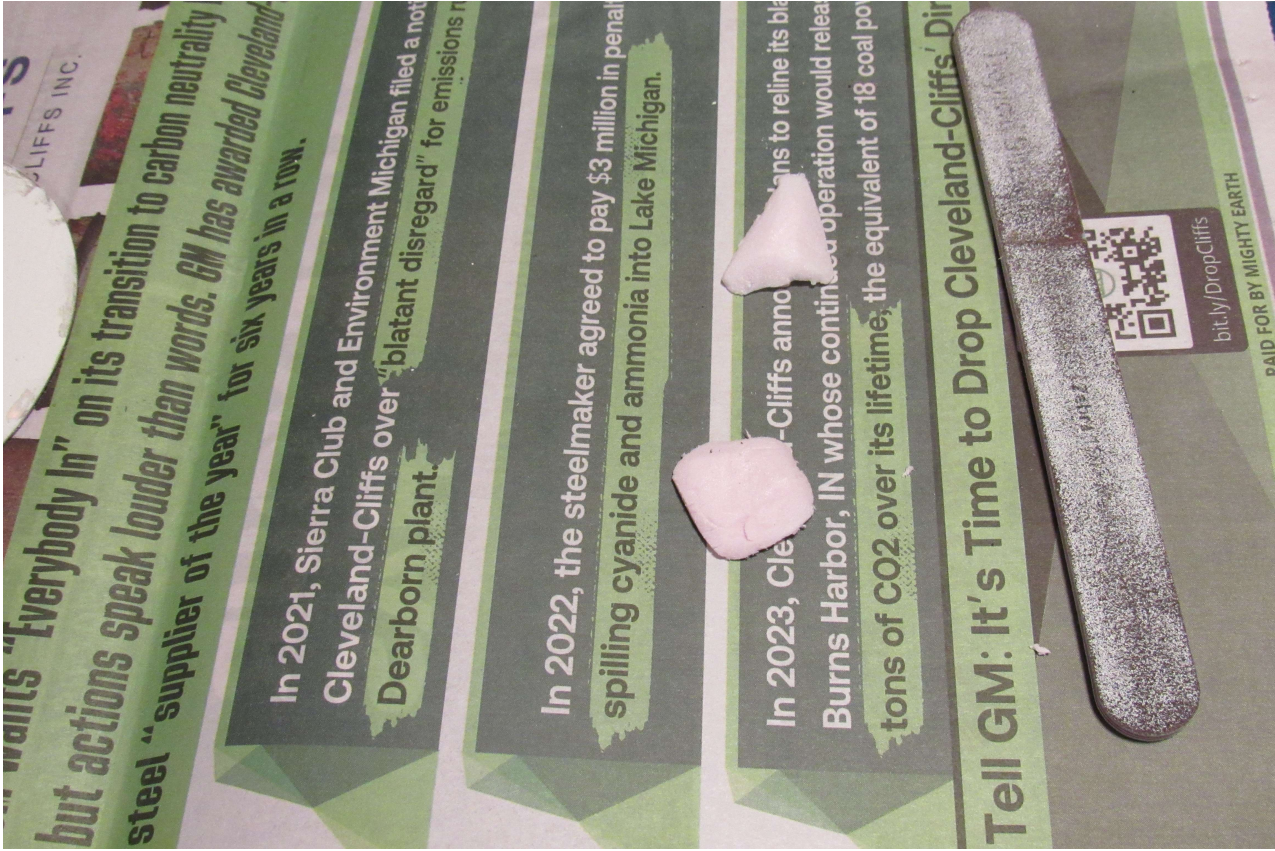
Shape the hill to fit the CD
I made one side into a sort of rock face



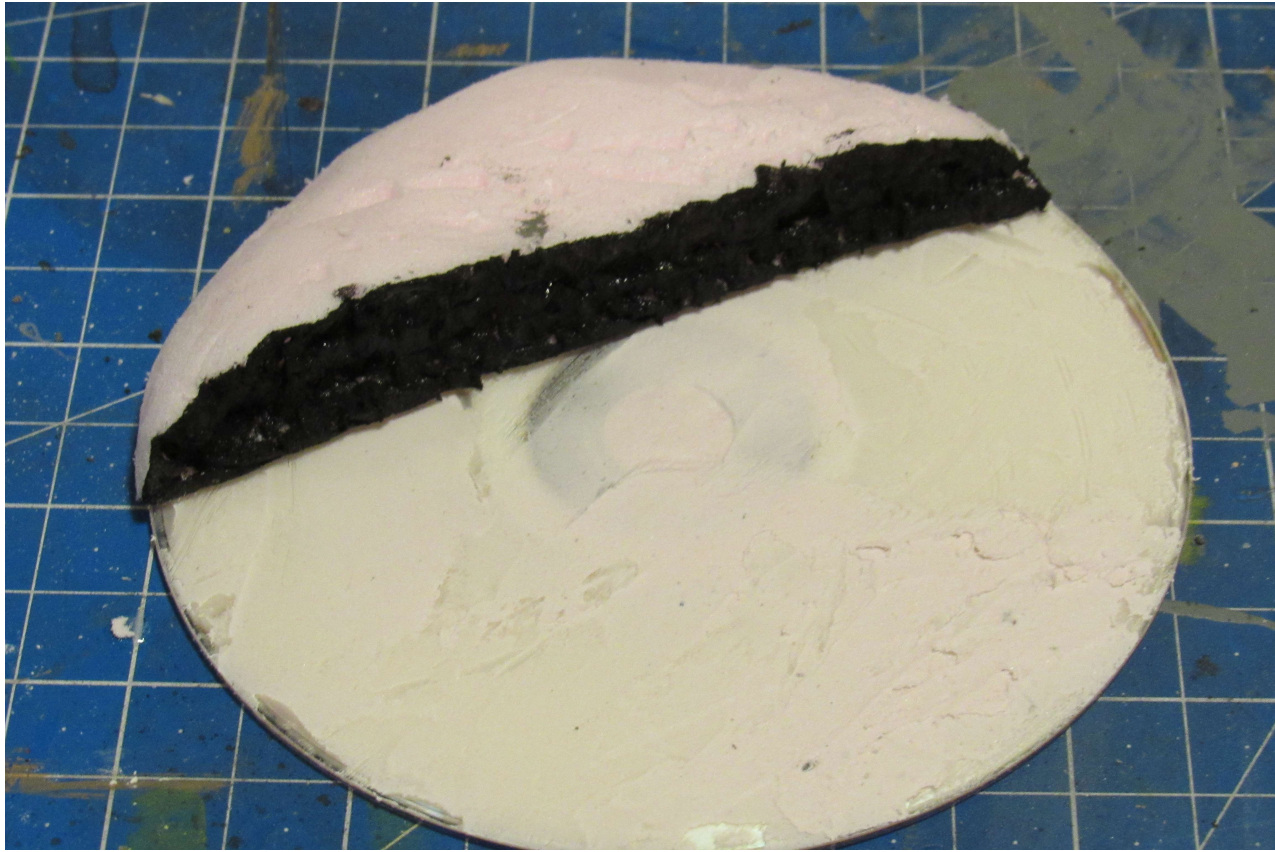
Spread Some Spackling Over The CD



Shape A Couple Small Bumps For Terrain



Paint Rock Face Black



Coat Everything With A Terrain Colored Paint Add A Couple Colors Of The Fine Turf



I Then Added The Campers

(A fathers day present that NEEDED a place)



Added Some Trees

Glued them into the foam, both on the big hill and the bumps



Put The Scene Onto The Hill

It is not glued into place



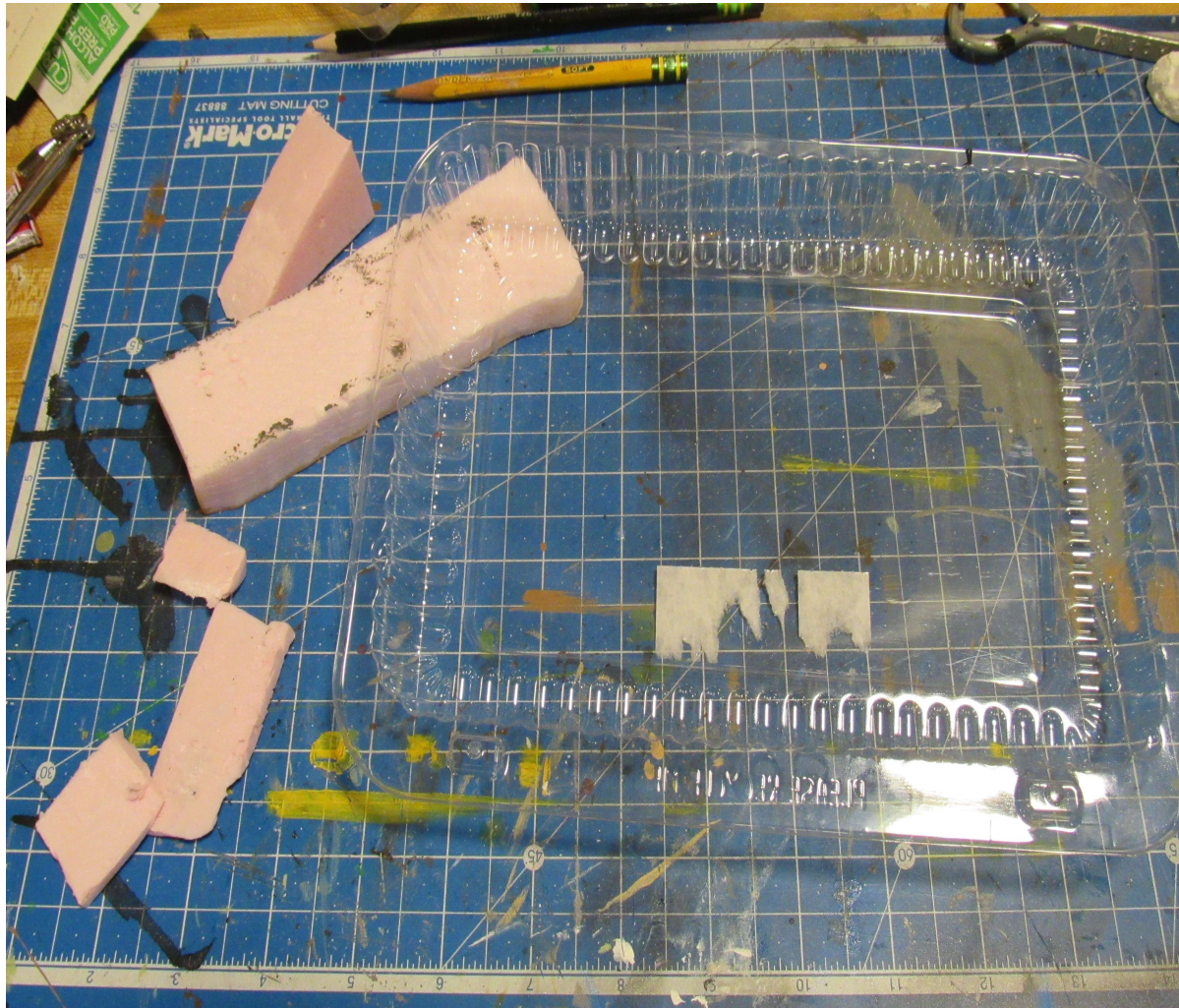
Some Interest Has Been Added To A Flat Nothing Of A Hill



Now For The Uninteresting Stretch Of Track



Select Some Stuff To Use



Again, Trees Are Good



Some Ground Foam Turf



Started with the foam



Made one side into a rock face by scoring and breaking off bits



Shaped The Piece Into A Curve On The Non-Rockface Side



Cut Plastic Into A Bit Longer Shape

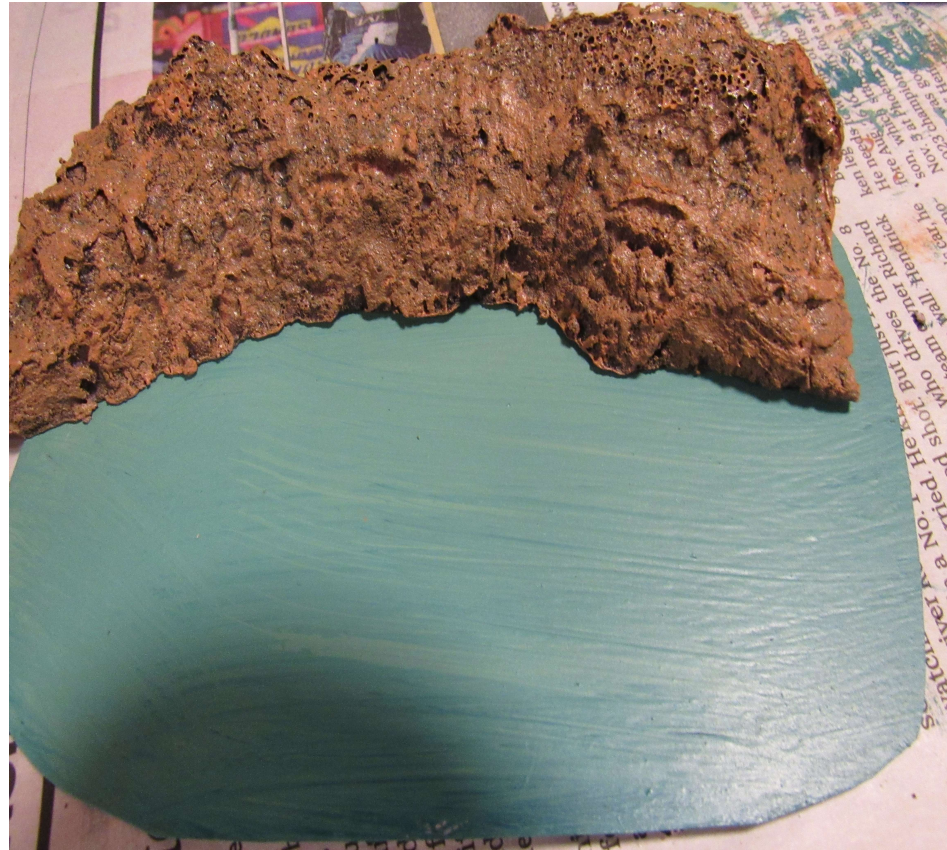


Painted A Pond Onto The Plastic

Use three dabs of color just smeared together



Painted The Hill An Appropriate Base Color



Added A Coat Of Gloss Mod Podge



Fitted The Foam Hill And Glued Fake Fur On For Weeds



Checked the fit



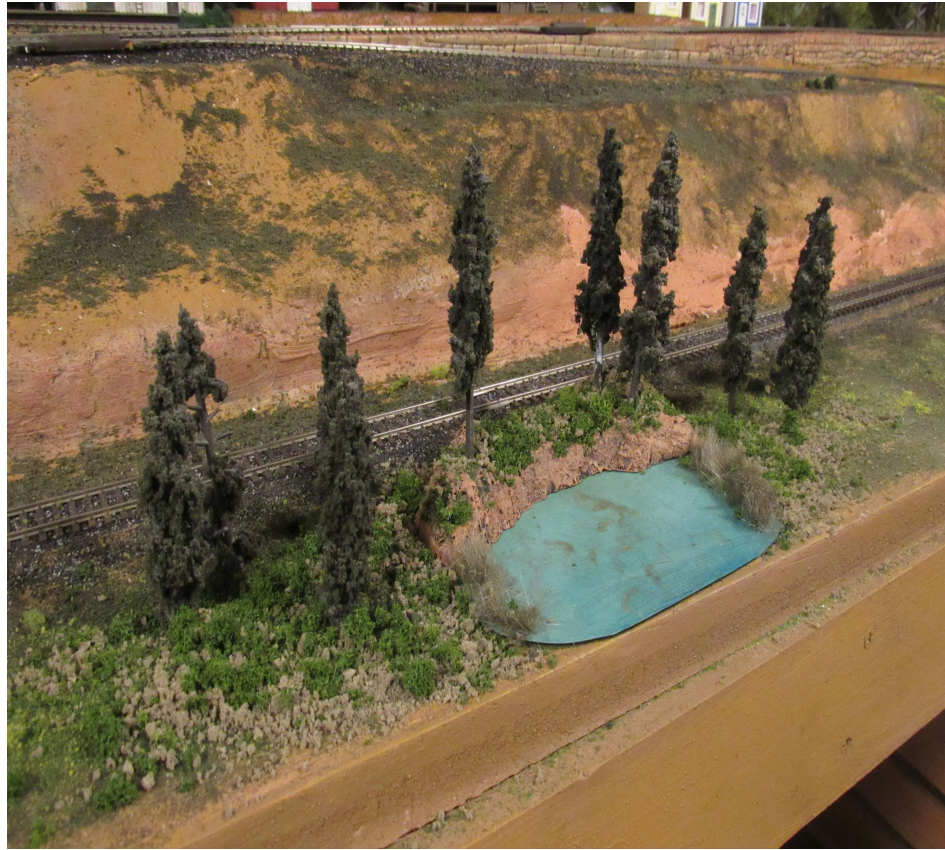
Added Ground Foam To The Hill And Trimmed The Fake Fur



Add A Few Trees



A small addition that made a point of interest



That Has Lead Me To Look For
Other Simple and Easy Scenery
Projects



Are there Other Areas That Need Something



Simply added half inch pieces of a fallen tree branch



A Change To Help Tell The Story Of My Tourist Railroad Running Through A Logged Area



Meeting Expectations

- Added small scenes to forgotten areas on the layout
- About three hours spent for each of the projects
- Cheap
 - The cost for the Camping scene was the camper figures that were a present from a daughter
 - The cost of everything else I figured at ZERO since it was stuff that I had in my scrap piles and a bit of ground cover, already made trees, and dabs of paint.



Outcome

- The camping scene fits so well that it may become a long term fixture on the layout (But it could move to another spot).
- I have already identified where I might move the pond when I start adding a passing siding (But it could just be thrown out when no longer needed).
- Also started to identify other areas that could benefit from cheap and easy scenery updates.

