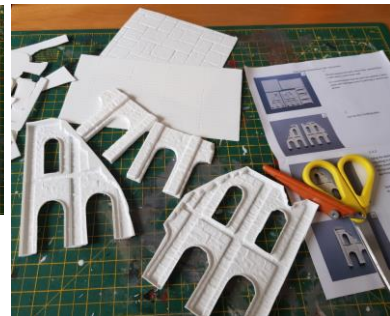


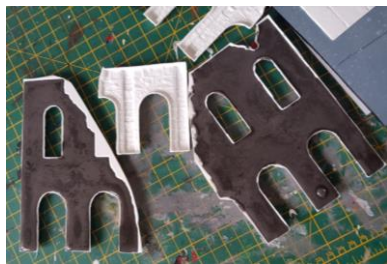


Step 1 : Prep & Plan (14 mins)

The kit is really simple to prepare using a hobby knife and pair of kitchen scissors. I find it valuable to look for reference material to help form a plan on how I want the kit to look. In this case, given it's a ruin, I'm going to modify the bottom and first floor, build additional wooden details, create Rubble and do something with foliage in order to help sell the ruined look.



Step 2 : Making the base and extra details (31 mins)



The base is plastic sign backing reinforced underneath with parcel tape to try and reduce warping. I cast the building itself using dental casting plaster to make rubble and created the wooden details (broken wooden boards, support beams & lighting brackets) with matchsticks, coffee stirrers and toffee apple sticks. (I also created a banner and ordered some lanterns which I decided against using in the end)

Step 3 : Assembly, Reassembly (23 mins exc. Drying time)

The kit is really easy to work with as is but I liked the idea of filling out the "empty" side. I filled it in with paper pulp and plaster recreating the stone wall pattern. Using the same mixture, made mounds to help blend the ruins to the base. Despite my best efforts the base did warp which was easy to fix with a plastic base as you can crack the base off and fill the appropriate gaps.



Step 4 : Painting (40 mins)



The piece was first primed using grey car primer Before then being airbrushed using thinned craft paints. Usually I would apply shade using washes however I was not able to get the desired effect on this kit so resorted to layering. The more intricate parts and edge highlights were applied using a normal brush.

Step 4 : Flocking & Vine (28 mins)

Flocking was done with 3 shades (green blend, burnt grass & weeds) from Woodland Scenics then Static grass (2mm & 4mm) dead grass from WWS. Finally clump foliage (from Lukes APS) was applied to simulate larger weeds or bushes. The vine was made using about a dozen strands of florist wire twisted and wrapped in ptfе tape, Seafoam was glued to all of the tips which got sprinkled with dark green flock.

