1/2" SCALE

Appliances and Ceiling Light - Part 3 By Luci Hanson, Hanson's Cascade Miniatures



//ith our upper and lower cabinets made we are ready to make the appliances and the ceiling lighting. I have designed the stove, dishwasher and sideby-side refrigerator to be cut out and glued to layered foam core. This is where saving all those small leftover pieces of foam core are going to pay off.

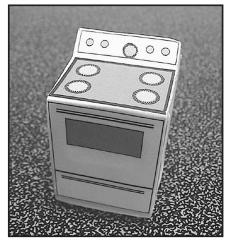
MATERIALS

- Foam core scraps
- Fast Tacky Glue
- Craft knife with new blade
- Metal ruler
- Scissors
- Sheet of photo paper
- Emery board

Appliances

To achieve the best results copy the appliance patterns on your copier and print them out on a sheet of photograph paper. You may want to make two copies. One for practice and one for the finished project.

Carefully cut out each appliance pattern. Fold the sides back and the tops down on the lines as shown.



Place a brand new blade in your craft knife. When cutting foam core this is essential.

Cut a piece of foam core the exact width and height of the refrigera-



The door was inserted in a wall of foam core . The microwave is a print found on Jimsprintables.com. The toaster was made from a piece of foam core covered with peel and stick silver tape and painted black on the edges.

tor front. Fit it to the inside of the folded pattern. Once you are satisfied with the fit repeat the cuts and 1-1/8" deep layer them until it is front to back. Glue all the layers of foam core together then sand the sides and top smooth. Be careful not to alter the size. With a new blade in your knife sanding will be minimal. Slightly round the top and front edges with a sanding block.

Glue the pattern on the block of foam core using fast tacky glue or Crafters Pick The Ultimate Glue. After the unit is dry trim off the excess pattern. Spray the finished project with Krylon Crystal Clear spray sealer.

Repeat the process for the stove and dishwasher.

To make the appliances more realistic use a metal ruler and a stylus and scribe the lines where doors meet. Embellish the knobs and handles with chrome paint.

Ceiling Light Fixture

Fashion a ceiling light fixture with



a 1/4" slice of the plastic center core of adding machine tape. Just insert the bulb down through the ceiling and glue the plastic fixture to the ceiling. Cap it with a disc of white plastic on the bottom. When the bulb burns out it can be replaced without disturbing the fixture.

You are now ready to place your cabinets and appliances in a setting. To make a framed scene I make a room box out of foam core and after decorating it inside and out I attach a picture frame to the front.

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