Collectible House Display Kit (CH1057) Instructions
IMPORTANT: Read through all of instructions before assembly.

Kit Contents	Quantity
1/2" Foam Sheet 12" x 12"	2
Foam Tack Glue	2 oz.
Plaster Cloth	8"x7.5'
Rocks	3
Earth Colors Liquid Pigment paint strip	1
Yellow Ocher (yellow), Burnt Umber (rust), Black	
Earth Colors Liquid Pigment	1
Earth Undercoat (olive)	
Scenic Cement	8 oz.
Sprayhead	1
Clump-Foliage (Dark Green)	9 oz.
Blended Turf (Green Blend)	2 oz.
Flex Paste	1 oz.
Soft Flake Snow	4 oz.
Ready Made Realistic Tree	1
Mixing sticks	2
Foam applicator	1
Pattern Sheet	1

Additional products recommended for faster and easier assembly:
Low Temp Foam Glue Gun ST1445
Low Temp Foam Glue Sticks ST1446
Foam Nails ST1432
Foam Pencils ST1431
Foam Knife ST1433
Hot Wire Foam Cutter ST1435

Additional household items needed:
Measuring spoons
Measuring cups
Masking tape
Scissors
Disposable cups

Test Fit and Cut Pattern
Test-fit your building on the UPPER BASE (#2) pattern sheet and increase size of pattern if necessary to accommodate your building. LOWER BASE (#1) will decrease in size if #2 increases. Cut out all patterns.

Cut foam
Edge glue the two 12"x12" foam sheets together with Foam Tack Glue or Low Temp Glue to form a 12"x24" sheet. Pin or tape until dry. Trace the LOWER BASE (#1) and UPPER BASE (#2) patterns along with the five SUPPORT patterns on the foam sheet (F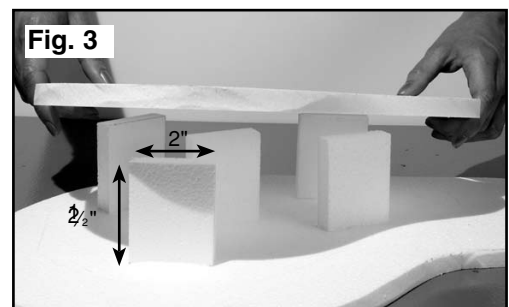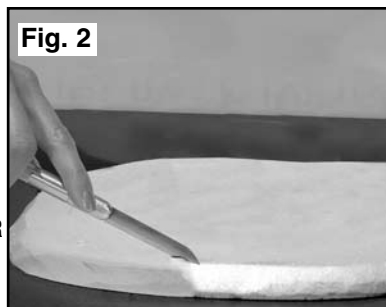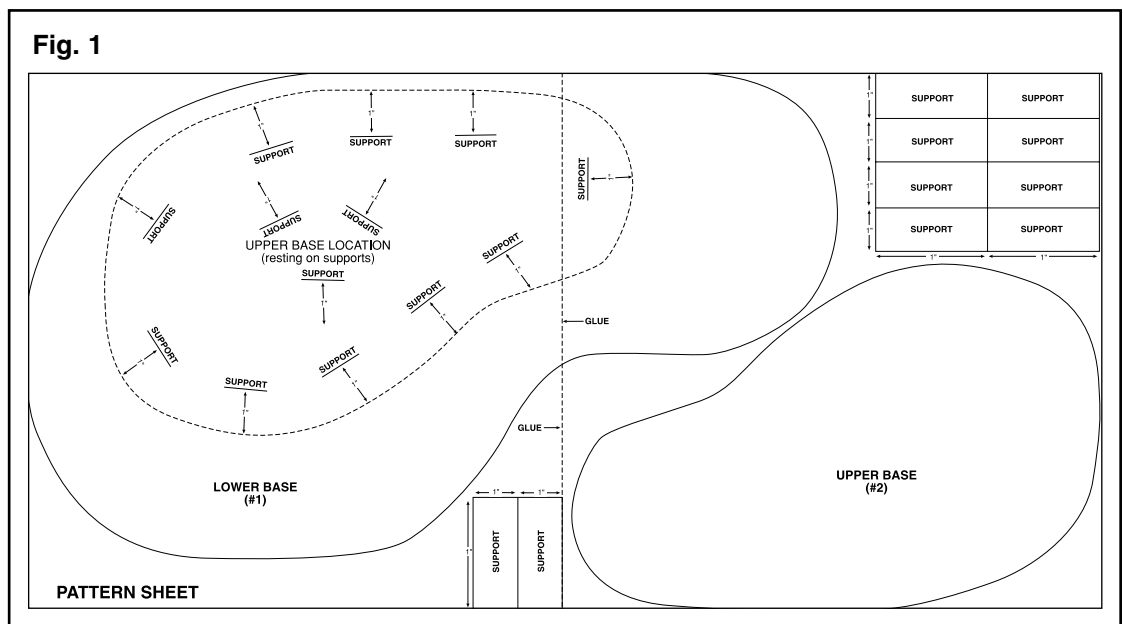ig. 1). Cut out all foam pieces. Before assembling, bevel the edges of the two foam bases to create a contoured effect (Fig. 2). Set the building on the UPPER BASE. Tip the building and mark an "X" where the buildings wiring access hole will be located. Remove building. Cut a 1" square in the UPPER BASE with a Foam Knife.

Create base
Position the UPPER BASE on top of the LOWER BASE. Trace around the UPPER BASE and mark an "X" through the 1" square from UPPER BASE onto the LOWER BASE. Set UPPER BASE aside. Draw a 3" square around "X" and cut out section on LOWER BASE. Glue all SUPPORTS, 2" side down, to the LOWER BASE (Fig. 3), keeping the supports one inch in from the traced edge of the UPPER BASE (Fig. 1). Next, glue the UPPER BASE on top of the supports, lining up with the traced lines and let the glue dry (Fig. 3).

Fig. 1

UPPER BASE LOCATION
(resting on supports)

SUPPORT (×several)

GLUE

LOWER BASE (#1)

UPPER BASE (#2)

PATTERN SHEET

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

2"

2½"

Make and Attach Newspaper Wads
"Pillow" sheets of newspaper by rolling the edges underneath from each side until a small pillow is formed (Fig. 4). Place the newspaper wads around the perimeter of the display and secure with masking tape to form terrain

Fig. 4

contours (Fig. 5).

Cut and Apply Plaster Cloth
Cut (1) 24" long piece of Plaster Cloth, next cut (1) 16" long piece and set aside. With remainder of Plaster Cloth, cut (12) pieces 4" long.

Dip the 16" piece in water and lay it over the UPPER BASE bumpy side up. Smooth the Plaster Cloth until all the small holes in the Plaster Cloth are filled. Find the wiring access hole in the UPPER BASE. Take a knife and cut a slit through the hole and push the Plaster Cloth in for an easier light installation. To cover the sides, dip a 4" piece of Plaster Cloth in water and apply lengthwise to side. Apply remaining eleven pieces in same manner, overlapping previous strips by approximately 50%. Smooth with fingers to fill holes with plaster (Fig. 6).

Fig. 5

Fig. 6

Install Rocks
Test-fit the three rocks (see box picture for suggested placement). Plaster Cloth can be pushed in, or use a hobby knife to cut an opening for a better fit (Fig. 7). Once the rock placement is decided, soak the rock in water for 30 seconds. Cut the 24" piece of Plaster Cloth (you saved earlier) into assorted widths, at least 1/4"-1" wide by 8" long. Spray the area with water where the rock will be installed. Dip a strip of Plaster Cloth into water. Place the rock on the display and work the wet Plaster Cloth into the gap around the rock to hold it in place (Fig. 8). Keep the Plaster Cloth off the rock face as much as possible. Continue smoothing and blending the Plaster Cloth as you go. **Use the same method to install the remaining rocks.** Let the rocks and Plaster Cloth dry thoroughly.

Fig. 7

Fig. 8

Mix Paint
Pour each paint color into separate cups. Add and mix one teaspoon of water to the yellow and rust colors. Add and mix two teaspoons of water to the black. Add and mix two ounces of water to Earth Undercoat. Set the olive color aside to color the base later.

Color Rocks (Leopard Spot Method, Fig. 9):
Dab spots of yellow color on 1/3 of the rocks using foam applicator. Rinse the applicator and dab rust color on 1/3 of the rocks. You can leave some white showing. Dab black all over the rocks to bring out crack and crevice detail. Rinse the applicator.

Fig. 9

Fig. 10

Color Base
Using the foam applicator, apply Earth Undercoat (olive color) onto all exposed areas of Plaster Cloth, avoiding the rocks and allow it to dry. Rinse the foam applicator with warm soapy water when finished (Fig. 10).

Apply Turf
Tilt the display up and spray the closest side with Scenic Cement, avoiding rock faces. Cut the corner off the Green Blend Blended Turf and sprinkle the area generously with turf. Repeat, covering all sides of the display. Spray the top of the display with Scenic Cement, avoiding the rock faces. Sprinkle with Blended Turf, all turf should be used (Fig. 11).

Fig. 11

Attach Clump-Foliage
Attach Dark Green Clump-Foliage with a small amount of Foam Tack Glue. See the box picture for placement ideas. Clump-Foliage looks best in clusters, as it simulates the natural growth of bushes and underbrush. Remember where the building will set when attaching material.

Attach Tree
Place a few drops of Foam Tack Glue on the bottom of the tree pin. The tree pin is the nub on the bottom of the tree armature. Push the tree pin into the layout, keeping in mind where the building will sit. Let the glue dry approximately 30 minutes and saturate the entire display with Scenic Cement to seal loose turf and rock colors. Dry thoroughly.

Apply Flex Paste and Soft Flake Snow
Using the foam applicator, apply Flex Paste to the tree, Clump-Foliage and the rocks, dabbing in random fashion to avoid a painted-on look (Fig. 12). Also dab a little on the grassy areas. While Flex Paste is still wet, cut the corner off the Soft Flake Snow bag and lightly sprinkle Snow over the Flex Paste (Fig. 13). Allow the Flex Paste to dry, then spray the entire display with Scenic Cement, including the rocks and tree. Sprinkle Snow on the entire display to create an over-all snow effect. Let the Scenic Cement dry, then repeat the Scenic Cement and Snow applications until the desired effect is achieved. Snow looks best if applied in light layers, allowing Scenic Cement to dry between applications.

Fig. 12

Fig. 13

Cut Area for Cord
When display is completely dry insert light through bottom of display to top. Decide where cord will exit the back. Cut a small trench, from the hole to the back edge where light is installed (Fig. 14), so display will lay flat (Fig. 15). Insert light into building and plug it in.

Fig. 14

Fig. 15