

A detailed model of a train crossing a large, intricate steel truss bridge. The train is brightly lit, appearing to glow with a yellow light, and is moving from left to right. The bridge is supported by a complex network of dark metal beams. In the background, there are dense green trees and a small yellow cylindrical structure on a platform. The overall scene is set against a dark, almost black background, which makes the illuminated train and bridge stand out prominently.

Mountain Empire Modular Railroaders Clinic

LITTLE PEOPLE

A detailed model train set featuring a yellow and black locomotive pulling several freight cars across a complex black metal trestle bridge. The bridge spans a deep, dark valley filled with dense green foliage. The scene is lit with dramatic, low-key lighting, highlighting the train and the bridge's structure against the dark background.

Adding a Touch of Realism

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Figures Add Life To The Layout



Whether as a large scene with lots of action

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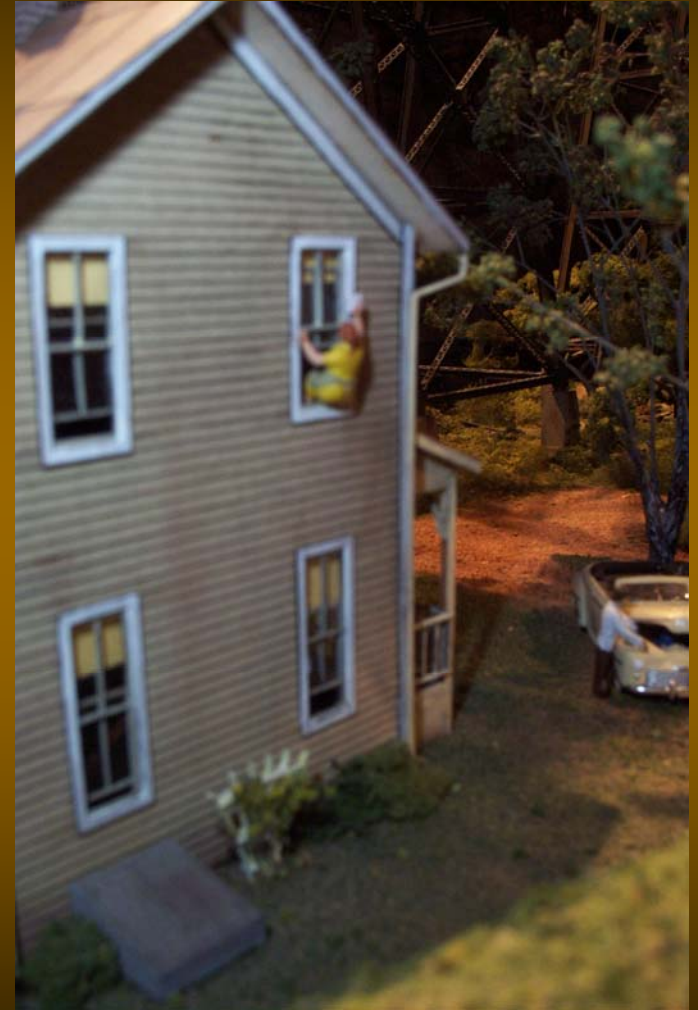
... A handful of workers ...

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... Ma and Pa at rest on the porch ...

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... Or a single figure at work ...

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People add a needed dimension to the layout

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... and help create a sense of time and place.

**So pull together your favorite paints,
brushes and figures ...**



And let's begin.

Tools Needed



Model Putty

Knife Set

Cements

Brushes

Tweezers

Other Helpful Tools include Files, Emory Boards, and Fine Grit Sandpaper

Paints



Acrylic Artist
Set

Tamiya
Acrylics

Testors
ModelMaster

Mixing
Palette

Acrylic Paints Are Versatile, Easy To Use,
Simple To Clean Up After.

Paints



Color
Selection

Primary
Colors

Weathering
Colors

Washes

**Don't Be Afraid To Work With Your Color Palette To
Avoid Repetition And Add Variety**

Modeling Resources



Check Hobby And Modeling Magazines for How-To Articles

Modeling Resources



Articles Provide Great Tips On Basic And Advanced Modeling Techniques

Modeling Resources



There A Numerous Sources For Figures –
Some Layout Ready – Others Require
Assembly And Painting

Modeling Resources



Woodland Scenics Has An Extensive Line of Layout Ready Figures in 5-10 Figure Sets

Modeling Resources



Model Power Has Both Painted And Unpainted Figures – Their 72 Figure Set Is An Inexpensive Way To Build A Collection of People

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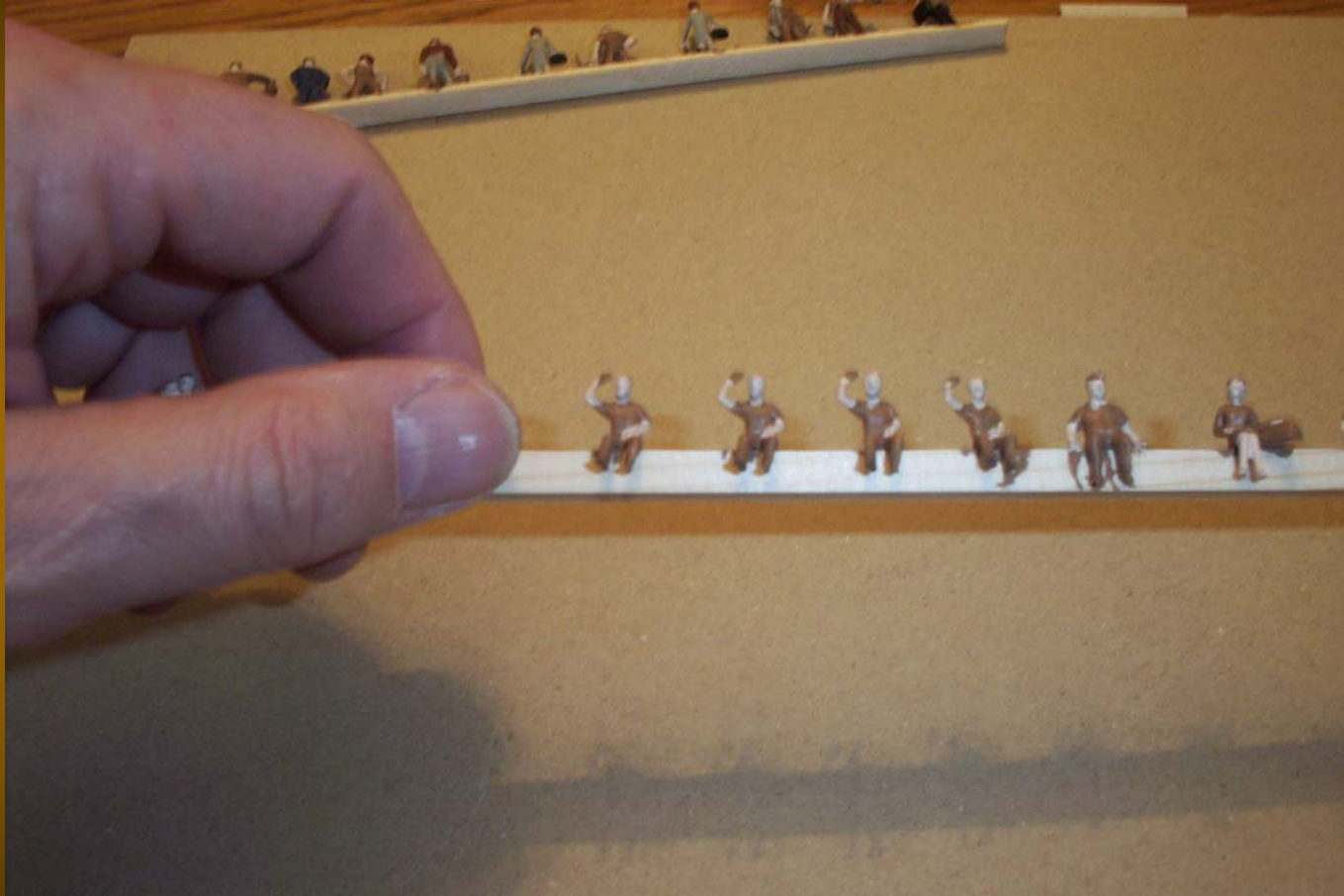
Preiser Produces Both Painted And Unpainted Figure Sets – Many Are European in Design – Their Unpainted Set Include As Many As 120 Figures In A Package

Working With Figures



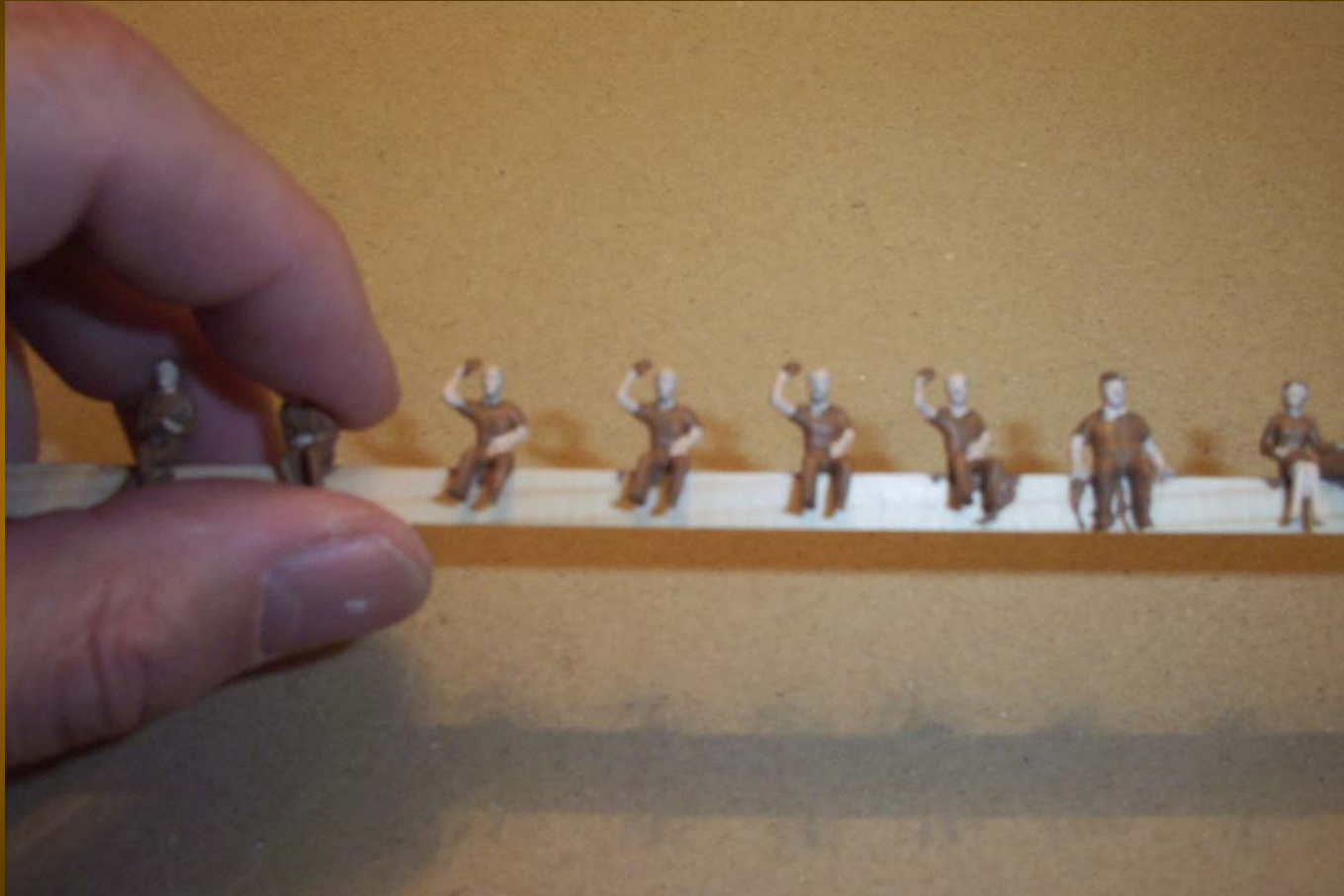
Affix Figures To A Piece of Strip Wood To Make Handling Easier

Working With Figures



**Apply A Base Coat Of Paint –
Tan or Beige Works Well**

Working With Figures



**Some Figures Cry Out For Modification –
Like These 4 Fellows**

Working With Figures



Here they are again – this time with arms repositioned – don't forget to putty the gaps

Working With Figures

Paint by building up color
in layers

Add Details

And Finish with A Dark Wash to
Blend Colors and Mask Flaws



Working With Figures



**A Dark Wash Is Always A Good Idea – Even For
Layout Ready Figures – It Mutes the Tones and
Brings Out Details**

These are only Starting Points



The Rest Is Up To You – Be Creative!