



Chisholm Trail Division

“Making Highly Detailed Realistic Trees”›
These trees work for almost any scale or gauge.

Trees – Part 1

Suggested items and tools to create fantastic trees:

- 1 - Box Scenic Express SuperTrees
- Variety of Super Leaf scale leaves
- 2 - Cans spray paint (recommend TAMIYA for plastics-Red Brown and German Grey)
- 2 - Bottles acrylic paint-any brand (recommend Antique Nickel and Bark Brown)
- 1 - Scenic Sprayer (spray bottle)
- 1 - Bottle Scenic Cement (spray adhesive)
- Thin straight pins (or thin brads)
- Newspapers – or plastic bag lined trash can
- Disposable vinyl gloves
- Real wood ‘Sagebrush’ tree armatures from Scenic Express or Timberline Scenery
- Wood Glue
- 1/32 drill bit
- Hobby Tweezers
- Regular Scissors, Wire Cutters or Tin Snips
- Hot Glue Gun
- Thin paint brush
- Strip of foam board
- Plastic container (to catch excess leaf flakes)

Step 1: Preparing the tree base:

Using a small drill bit, make a hole in the base of the tree armature, about $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Dip the pointed end of a straight pin (or thin brad) into the wood glue and insert it into the base, pushing the pin in a little further than drilled. Take the wire cutters or tin snips and clip off the head of the straight pin (or brad) and insert in the foam board.

Step 2: Prepare the branches for several trees:

Plug in the hot glue gun. Using the tweezers, remove the oversized leaves that grow in the SuperSage. Snip away some of the branches from the SuperSage and set aside. Taking one branch at a time - apply to tree armature by hot gluing in place while the tree is in the foam board. Repeat this procedure until you have desired amount of branches on your tree. Snip the branches to trim and shape the tree.

Step 3: Applying Tree detail:

Put on disposable gloves. In a well ventilated area or garage, take the can of spray paint and spray to cover the branches and blend in with the trunk of the tree. You can touch up the hot glue areas with the acrylic paint. Let dry about 20 minutes. Next, prepare the spray adhesive by pouring it into the spray bottle and set the dial to mist. (make sure it isn't set to stream). Set the trash can on the floor - under your lap (make sure it has a plastic bag or liner in it). Have the Super Leaf flake bag open and ready to apply, and set the plastic container beside it. Take the tree out of the foam board, lower into the trash can a bit and mist the foliage body with the spray adhesive. Bring the tree up over the plastic container and sprinkle desired amount of leaf flakes. If you get flakes on the branches, take your tweezers and gently scrape off. Repeat with the adhesive mist – lightly – to set. Return the tree to the foam board and let dry overnight. You can re-spray and add additional leaf flakes to your desired look and thickness.

For more information feel free to call Pam Todd at 316-204-0961

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Supplies available from:

www.timberlinescenery.com

The Montana Ridge Collection-
Real Wood 'Sagebrush' Tree Armatures

www.scenicexpress.com

SuperTrees
Scale Leaves Super Leaf flakes

<http://www.gardenrailwaygizmos.com>

Any of the above – call Claudia
Local 1-316-262-4300
Long Distance 1-877-262-4301

Michaels - paints

Hobby Lobby - paints

Hobbytown – Paint Spray and SuperTrees supplies