

11. Ernie Little's Cow Pond and Lake



I have two scenes that have water on my layout. Both were created with Woodland Scenics Realistic Water.

The first is a farm scene with a pond. The pond was formed by removing a portion of the homosote bench work with a Dremel tool to the size and shape I wanted. A coating of hydrocal was applied to make the bottom of the pond which was

then painted multiple colors with acrylic paints. Then Woodland Scenics Realistic Water was applied. The fence in the scene was scratch built with styrene plastic and painted brown. The house, barn, and other parts of the scene are commercial items that I purchased to use in the scene.

The second scene is a lake under the girder bridge at Hot Springs which stretches over a pellet stove. The base is a 1/4" thick piece of plywood that has insulation foam glued to it and shaped to make the shore of the lake. The plywood was painted with multiple acrylic colors to simulate the bottom of the lake then the Realistic water was poured over the painted plywood. It took two pours of water to make it look right. The girder bridge is a piece of 1" x 6" pine wood with girders that I cut off of two Atlas girder bridges glued to side facing the front. The HO scale concrete abutments were made from resin that I cut to the necessary size.

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