Backdrop Building FLATS

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FLATS

Start with a painted backdrop (earlier clinic)
Commercial backdrop addition
       Town, City, country, desert, etc…
Commerical Cut Outs
       The card-stock printed ones – Walthers & others
       - Cut them out, crop / cut down etc…
       - TRACE the cutout on Foam core board, cut it out
       - Mount on Foam core board
              White / Black / color side
       - Glue to wall (<u>thin</u> elmers film or spray adhesive)
       - Poster puddy
       - Add 'stand' to back and place on layout
       LAYER the flats to create more depth
              Like Plainfield city, as you move building view changes

FIND Pictures
       - Use google, search sites, some available that provide scaled
       - PASTE the pic into something like PowerPoint or Photoshop etc.
       Print a gray scale color (cheaper), measure a door (~90") with your scale
              ruler, stretch, shrink pic till you get the scale right
              on the gray print….

SHOW MURAL

SHOW PAPER CUTOUTs

SHOW CUTOUTS

- COLOR Print - your own printer or take to a print shop (staples)
- Cut out & mount to foam board

TAKE Your OWN Picture
- Same process, Print gray copy to get scale right (.ppt photo-shop...)
- Color print, cut out & mount
    Shingles ... take a picture!   SHOW BARN

Look for web sites → Tim Wilmot

Question....
  Do you have a favorite station like the
            Eric & Lackawanna Scranton PA ?
    Use you picture, find one off the web ....
    Resize & print & mount .....
    Now you have it on your layout !

SO ……   FLATS ARE REALLY FLAT !

To make them pop just a little, add details
        Add awnings & signs
        Add lights, different door, air handlers
        Add dust collectors…

Another way to make a flat is a computer program
        Evans Design (modeltrainsoftware.com)
                Sidings, doors, windows
                trim, roof, details …
        Select your SCALE (a plus here, no re-size step)
        Design it, Print it, build it

SHOW RANCH & SHED

A TIP: If it's SHINNY …. Then DULCOAT IT !
           Give it a spray !

What else is available to buy ?

There are '3D' kits you can buy that really flats.
      The have the front and building details
      They about   1 ½   inches deep……
      Walthers & others   SHOW WALTHERS KITS

So then there's another. More like KITBASH

Build or buy and old building at our March Show …..
      << PUT IT ON A BAND SAW >>
          Yeiks !!

      This is hard for most of us,   Lew White is good at it   SHOW LEW FLAT
      I had Perry Martel do it to a church in Arlington

OTHER things you can do in the SMALL SPACE

Add other interesting things   SHOW BILLBOARD

Use you background in thin layers
        Painted backdrop (an earlire clinic)
        Add some cutout details, buildings & trees   SHOW SCRAPBOOK
        Add 3D tree next …   ARTs LAYOUT PICS

        Add wood fence in front

        Put a small hill in front, create depth to the next ridge/buildings
                See Plainfield example

GO SEE ………………….
        Plainfield: Flats, make a city, hillside
        Champl;ain Mill   Tim's pictures & Chris's flats
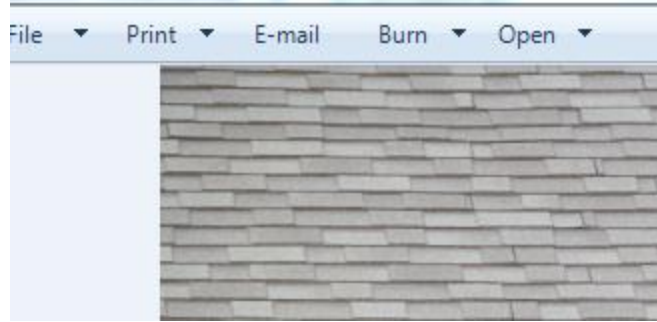   Mill   Lews band saw flats
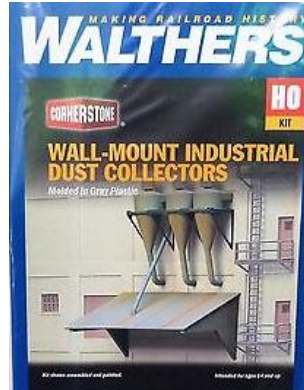   Arlington   Church sawn in half, flats & Station

THANK YOU

ROOF picture

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Large building , multiple page print

Adding details ....

WALTHERS
MAKING RAILROAD HISTORY
CORNERSTONE
HO
KIT
WALL-MOUNT INDUSTRIAL
DUST COLLECTORS
Molded in Gray Plastic

Erie Lackawanna PA
Bennington VT

Blending & Layering

Paint, Paper, Trees

Paint,
Paper,
Trees & N
scale on HO