

## EASY-TO-MAKE TREES

This guide is intended for beginner and novice hobbyists. Woodland Scenic tree supplies are used throughout the discussion below.

### Step 1

Select a tree size appropriate for your model railroad.

With the tree shown in the photo (6 inches in actual height), you will have a HO-scale tree of some 40 feet, comparable to a mature Sycamore tree.



### Step 2

Using a set of pliers, grab portions of the tree trunk and twist so the tree armatures radiate out around the entire circumference of the tree. Then turn individual branches, as needed.

Spray the tree with a product like Testor's "Dullcote" to reduce the plastic shine of the tree.



### **Step 3**

Using contact cement, like “Hob-e-Tac,” spread the adhesive on the armatures and allow to dry to a clear finish. The branches will remain tacky.

Place small pieces of colored foam, such as Woodland Scenic “Underbrush Clump-Foliage,” to the ends of the tree branches. Push slightly to be sure the clumps attach to the tacky armature surface.



### **Step 4**

Using Woodland Scenic “Fine-Leaf Foliage,” strip off small pieces of the foliage. A light green color is shown.

Using tweezers, place foliage pieces directly on the tacky armatures of your tree. Push slightly to ensure the foliage pieces attach to the sticky surface. Foliage should be placed on tops and bottoms of armatures. The foliage can then be sealed in place with “Scenic Cement.”



## **Step 5**

To provide for some variety of the tree foliage color, sprinkle fine turf over the tops of various branches and seal with "Scenic Cement." A combination of "Burnt Grass" and "Yellow Grass" colors is used.



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE: MAKING TREES**

### **Books**

"Building Scenery with Paul Scoles", Carstens Publications, 2012, Chapters 8, 9 & 15

"Basic Scenery for Model Railroaders," Kalmbach Books, 2002, Pages 18-27

"Scenery Tips & Techniques," Kalmbach Books, 2002, Pages 35-61

"How to Build Realistic Model Railroad Scenery," Kalmbach Books, 2005, Chapter 6

"The Scenery Manual," Woodland Scenics, 1996, Pages 92-99

"Model Railroad Scenery & Detailing," Tab Books, 1990, Pages 213-234

### **DVD's**

"Model Scenery Made Easy," Woodland Scenics, 2001

"Volume 5: Scenery and Bridges, Part 2 featuring Joe Fugate's Siskiyou Line," 2008

"Paul Scoles presents Advanced Techniques for Realistic Scenery," 2006, Volume 1

