

Tree Material

White Glue

Hacksaw Blade

Scissors

Tweezers

Thick Super Glue

Green Ground Foam

Brown Paint

Candle

Desert Tan Paint

Paint Brush with a Narrow Stem

NOTE: The candle and hacksaw blade will be used by experienced adult modelers only.

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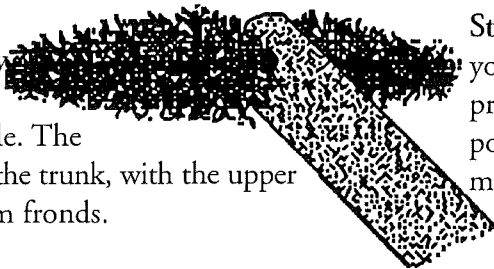
PREPARING A DESERT PALM TREE

READ THIS SECTION FIRST: The methods described in steps two through five are advanced modeling techniques and y be attempted by people with modeling experience. These steps should not be attempted by a minor, if you are a minor or inexperienced modeler we recommend that you pull the fibers off the stem in lieu of melting them.~

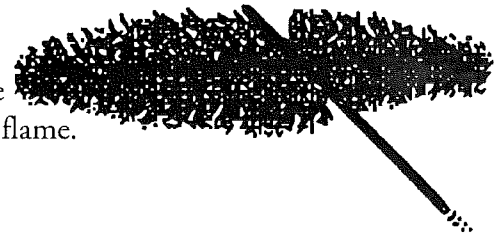
Step 1. Take one strip of tree material and snip it in the middle of a narrow section.

READ THIS BEFORE CONTINUING!: Steps 2 through 5 are for adult advanced modelers only. If you are minor or inexperienced modeler, simply pull the fibers off of the lower 3/4 of your tree. This will become the trunk. Proceed to step 6.

Step 2. Slip the tree material approximately 3/4 its length into the hole of a hacksaw blade. The lower 3/4 will become the trunk, with the upper 1/4 becoming the palm fronds.



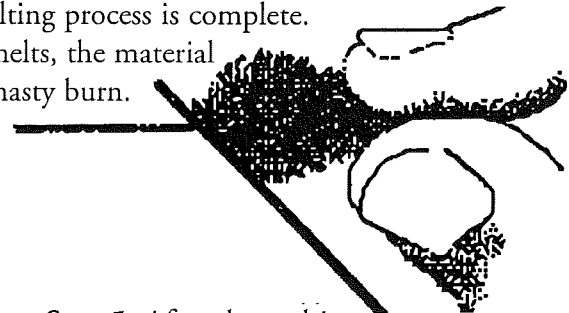
Step 3. Angle the blade of your hacksaw to protect the upper portion of the tree material from the flame.



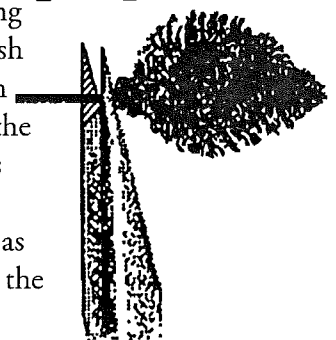
Step 4. Move the trunk slowly towards the flame until the fibers begin to melt and collapse on the metal stem. Roll the tree slowly between your thumb and forefinger, until the melting process is complete.

Caution! The tree material is flammable and when it burns or melts, the material becomes sticky. It will stick to skin and clothing and produce a nasty burn.

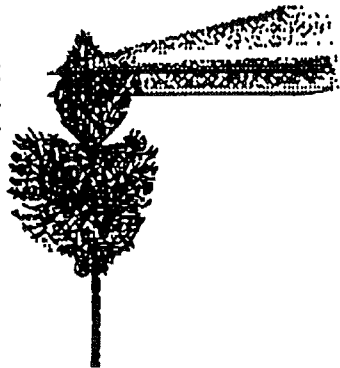
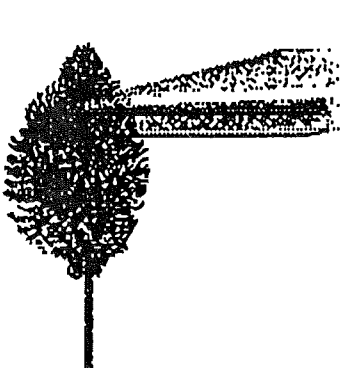
Please exercise extreme caution! Use tweezers to handle the material that has recently melted. If the fibers begin to burn extinguish them immediately, this is a sign that you have the trunk too close to the open flame. If this happens, don't worry, you can still complete the tree building process.



Step 5. After the melting is complete, quickly push the gelatinous goo, with your tweezers, up into the base of the foliage. This represents dead palm fronds that accumulate as the tree matures. Allow the goo to cool.



Step 6. Place a dab of gooey super glue on the top of your palm tree. Place your tweezers under the top of the tree and bring a clump of material up over the glue and pinch it together. Grab enough of the tree material so to minimize the contact between your tweezers and the super glue.



Step 7. Prepare a desert tan wash. Immerse the palm foliage completely into the wash. Twirl the tree trunk between your thumb and forefinger to remove the excess wash. Do not twirl the trunk too rapidly, the resulting centrifuge could completely remove the wash.



Step 8. With your tweezers pinch together the tree material to form fronds and feather it in a random manner. The fronds in the upper portion of the foliage should angle upward and slowly angle downward as you progress down towards the trunk.

Step 9. Paint the trunk brown.

Step 10. Paint the dead palm fronds tan.

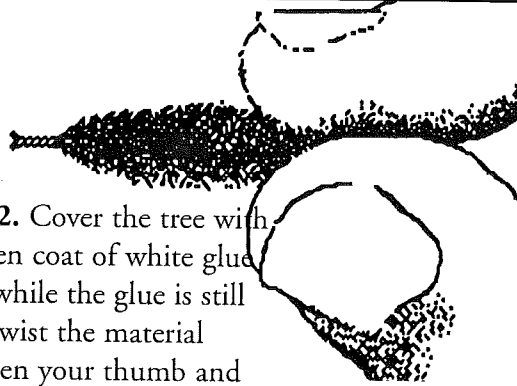
Step 11. Set the palm tree aside and allow to dry.

PREPARING A LOMBARDY POPLAR TREE

Step 1. Snip the tree material in the middle of a bump. Melt the material, if you are an experienced modeler, if not, strip the material away from the metal stem until you have two pieces of tree material that looks like this.



Step 2. Cover the tree with an even coat of white glue and, while the glue is still wet, twist the material between your thumb and forefinger.



Step 3. Roll the tree in green ground foam, set aside and allow to dry. For the best results, avoid the larger chunks of ground foam and use the fine ground foam that settles to the bottom of the foam bag.



PREPARING A HEDGE & SHRUBBERY

Step 1. Clip your hedge material into an appropriate length. Then trim off material from the underside of the stem to form the base of the hedge.



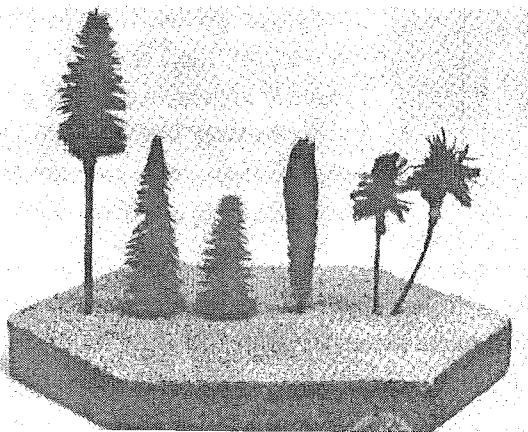
SIDE VIEW BEFORE TRIMMING



SIDE VIEW AFTER TRIMMING

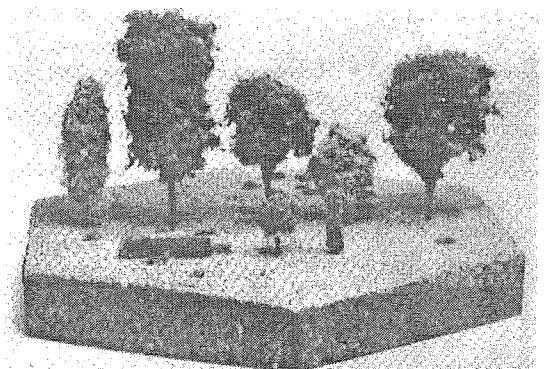
Step 2. Bend the material at to conform to the desired contour and trim the ends.

Step 3. Apply white glue to the base of the hedge and press it gently on to the hex. To create a variety of hedge types, apply glue to the top of the hedge and cover only the top of the hedge with finely ground foam. (See photograph number two) **TO MAKE SHRUBS**, cut a the hedge material to a length of approximately 1/4" to 1/2". Strip away a section of material to form the trunk. You can also glue finely ground foam to the shrub to create a variety of shrub types.



PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER 1

PONDEROSA AND REGULAR PINE TREES, CYPRESS TREE, & PALM TREES



PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER 2

LONBARDY POLAR & DECIDUOUS TREES, HEDGE, & SCRUBS



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