

## Tunnel

Happy Tree village is car, boat and plane-friendly. So, now for trains!



Tools: compass, ruler, scissors and (optional) an old steak knife, paint brushes

Materials: cardboard, newspaper, Styrofoam, school glue, masking tape, sand, acrylic paint



Mark and cut a clean piece of corrugated Time: two to four cardboard with two semi-circles 3" tall x 4" wide, hours. allowing a 3 1/4" central area with 1/2" gaps and about 5" extra on each side to allow for the road or tracks on top. Allow 1" of width on each side of the tunnel, cut and fold.



Peel the top layer off of a piece of cardboard. These corrugated, wavy shapes are cool to work with and fun to paint. Bend and test fit this for the tunnel. Stuff the interior gap areas with wadded up newspaper. Glue in place.



Carve and test-fit Styrofoam hills for each side. Glue each in place. Fill gaps with glue, sand and masking tape. Tip: if you have snacks, eat them now before you get paint on your fingers!



Work dark to light in natural and earth tones. The base coat is black and brown, middle coats are grey and dark green. Pick out the edges with the lightest colors, tan, light green and light grey. Use pure white last and sparingly for a few highlights.



Choo choo! Chugachugachugachuga...



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