



Tutorial - Building a Sandbag Command Post

Materials needed: Old Miniatures Blister Pack
Corrugated Card or Matchsticks/Balsa Wood
Milliput
Card/Foamcard (to base model on)
Paints + basing materials (flock Etc)

Cut the blister pack in half, retaining the fat end. Fold the card insert in half and retain. Roll a long thin sausage of milliput, wrap around the base of the model and score every 1/8 inch to represent sand bags. For added realism gently push a coarse fabric onto the Milliput so the materials grain is registered on the clay.



Continue adding layer on layer of sandbags until you reach the top of the plastic. Use the folded card as a template and either draw around it on to some corrugated card to make a corrugated metal roof for modern bunkers, or for earlier periods (WW1/WW2) line with balsa or matchsticks to create a wooden roof. Add the roof to the model and add 2 or 3 sandbags on the corners to secure it. Add detail to the front using more card/balsa and Milliput. At this stage I also stick my model onto foamcard using PVA.



Wait until the Milliput has cured and the PVA is dry, then paint according to your preferred paint scheme and base to match your table.

Tip: If you are painting several sandbagged positions build them all and then paint and base them together, it is surprisingly difficult to accurately match colours 3 months after the first one was built.....I should know after building 10 for a Falklands table!!!