

Realistic Exterior Finishes

Photo 20.



Photo 1.



This is a step-by-step guide to creating realistic brick and stone finishes using Realistic Brick Compound, which is produced by Bromley Craft Products. The compound is applied directly to the dolls house using the various stencils available to create the chosen brick or stone effect. The material is very versatile and easy to work with allowing users to create a unique realistic effect on any project at a very economical cost. The finished result is very realistic indeed and feels as real as it looks.

The dolls houses featured here are the Main Street Corner Shop, **photo1** undecorated and **photo 20** finished, and Birchfield House **photo 29** undecorated and **photo 30** finished.

Both are supplied by Sid Cooke Dolls Houses. These kits are of excellent quality and are very easy to assemble.

It is generally easier to apply the realistic brick finish to the houses before assembly, but it can be applied to houses that have already been built if necessary.



Photo 30.



Photo 29.

First Stage

The first stage is to prepare the various parts of the kit prior to application. It is usually a good idea to assemble the kit without fixing, just to see how all the parts fit together and sand parts where necessary. **Photo 2.** Then identify all of the surfaces, which are to be bricked and paint with a cement mortar colour using two coats of matt emulsion paint (after the finish is applied, this mortar colour will be visible in between the

Materials Required

- Realistic Brick Compound – Red, Buff & Grey colours – Price: £6.95 per 750g bag. Each bag will cover an area of 0.5 square metre approx – 2 bags are sufficient for most average size dolls houses.
- Realistic Brick & Stone stencils – Standard stencils £5.95, Detail Stencils £2.95, Extra Large Stencils £12.95. Various patterns available, also more new designs to be introduced soon. One stencil is usually sufficient as they are re-useable.
- Roof Tile Strips - Price £12.95 per pack. One pack will cover an area of 5.1 sq ft. approx.
- Other Materials: Matt Emulsion paint – small sample pots from DIY stores are ideal
- Clear matt varnish (solvent based) – Ronseal Ultra Tough Mattcoat recommended
- Low tack stencil adhesive spray – Humbrol Country
- House Stencil Adhesive recommended.
- Masking tape

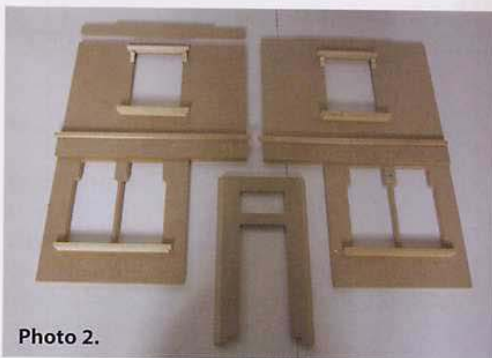


Photo 2.