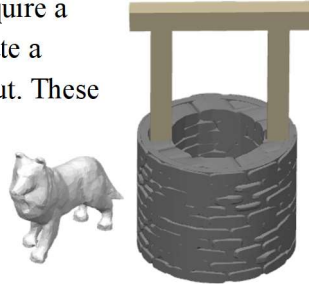




Micro-Scene: Collie, Well, no Timmy!

Micro-scenes are small, easy to build kits that require a minimal amount of assembly and painting to create a unique conversation starter element on your layout. These are often referred to as “Easter Eggs”.

This scene features a stone well and a collie. Many of us grew up watching Lassie on TV and hearing the classic response to Lassie’s incessant barking of “What girl, did Timmy fall down the well? (again?!) In this scene, we provide the well and the dog, but you can guess where Timmy is!



Assembly

Assembly is straightforward.

1. Start by carefully removing the support material from the collie. Use a sharp knife to spilt and then ease the support material from the figure. Use the back edge of the knife blade to carefully scrape away any excess support material that sticks to the figure.
2. Check the well and well frame for any flash and remove.
3. Rinse all parts in warm soapy water before painting. We recommend applying a primer before painting. The well itself can simply be painted with gray primer and then weathered with a black wash. Add some green highlights to represent moss growing on the damp rocks.

The well frame should be a weathered gray-brown. This is a “jerk-water” well with a bucket simply tied to the frame. Of

course, if the rope were there, Timmy could simply climb out! We do provide a hole in the base to pass a thread through if you do wish to show the rope descending into the well.

The collie should be white, then a tan wash applied from the head back, leaving the chest and tip of the tail white. Legs may also remain white. A tiny dot of black on the nose, then an overall wash of black to raise the details.

4. Set the scene on your layout! Typically, the collie would be facing away from the well, waiting for the rescuer to catch up to her.