

Monster Model & Laserworks Mixed Cut Stone Interlocking Sheet - Assembly & Weathering Instructions

Assembly

Using Mixed Cut Stone Interlocking Pieces (Small, Medium & Large)

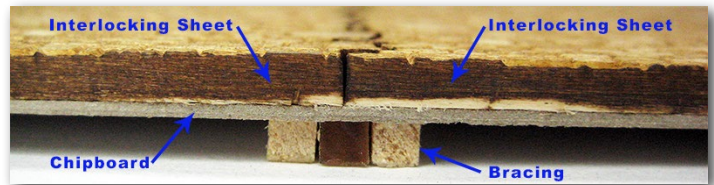
Determine the location, length and height required for your project.

Mixed Cut Stone Interlocking sheets can be made to fit any length and can be cut down to your desired height.

The sheets need to be braced to prevent warping if you do not plan on mounting them directly on to an appropriate surface, like plywood.

The interlocking sheets may be assembled in place or on your workbench. When assembling on your workbench follow the simple instructions below.

1. Line up all your pieces into their final configuration.
 - The stones are directional, Look for the "This Side Up" markings on the back of the sheet.
2. Starting at one end, glue each interlocking sheet to a piece of thin Chipboard or Cardboard, connecting the sheets as you go.
 - Be sure to weight them down so they glue firmly in place.
 - Make sure the seams are tight and flush.
3. Then brace the back of the sheet with 1/8" x 1/8" strip wood or mount the finished piece directly to a surface that will ensure no warping will occur.
 - Add extra bracing behind each seam.
4. Once assembled and braced it is time to paint and weather.



Weathering

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Firstly you can paint and weather your Mixed Cut Stone Interlocking sheets any way you feel comfortable. Since the sheets are made of Basswood they take to almost any weathering technique.

Hiding the Seams:

Once glued and braced the sheets need to be painted with Acrylic or Latex paint. DO NOT THIN. The thick nature of these types of paints help to fill the gaps in the seam. Once dry apply a second coat if needed.

You may spray paint the sheets first to make the second coat go on easier, just make sure the final coat hides the seam when dry.

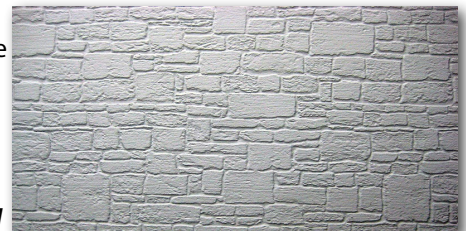
- Slightly visible seams can also be hidden by weathering.
- Any visible seams can always be hidden by foliage and other scenic materials.

1. Pick a color and paint your assembled Mixed Cut Stone Interlocking Sheets

- Remember to follow the tips above for hiding seams.

- We used Granite Grey - A Craft Store Acrylic Paint
- You can use any "Stone" colors (Grey's, Tan's, Etc...)
- Try painting the stones different colors once the first coat is dry.

STEP 1

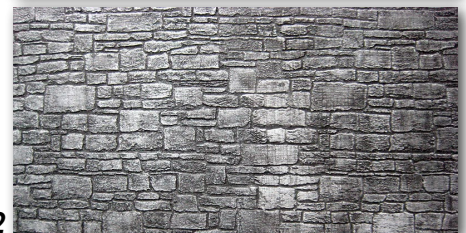


2. Once dry, Apply one to two coats of a black weathering powder wash.

- We use Bragdon's Soot and mixed it with 99% Alcohol (it doesn't take much)
- You are looking for it to be as dark as a medium India Ink and Alcohol wash

- Remember to add your second coat once the first coat dries.

STEP 2



3. Lightly sand the entire wall with 200 grit sand paper.

- Remember to sand lightly and stop when you like the finish.
- When done sanding, use a clean dry brush to dust off the stone,
 - Removing the dust reveals the finished look

- You can always apply Step 2 then Step 3 again.
- Dry brushing with earth tones will also help to add realism.

STEP 3

