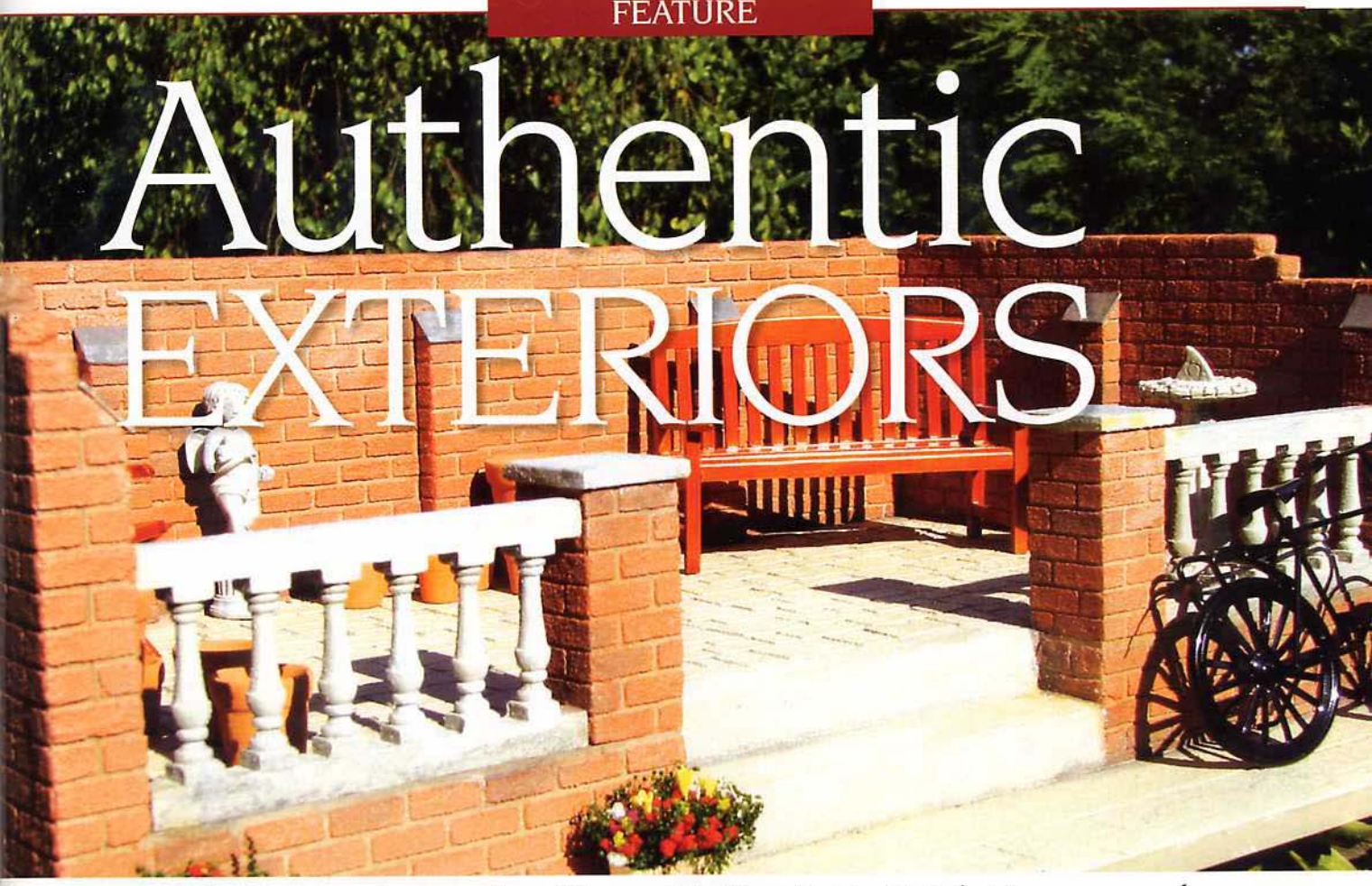
Authentic EXTERIORS



Many people are familiar with Realistic Brick Compound, by Bromley Crafts, but few realise just how versatile the product is. Richard Bromley demonstrates the possibilities

Realistic Brick Compound can be used to create very authentic brick and stone effects on dolls houses and models. It is quick and easy to apply using a wide range of stencils available in different brick or stone pattern, and the realistic texture and colour of the compound makes the finished result feel as real as it looks.

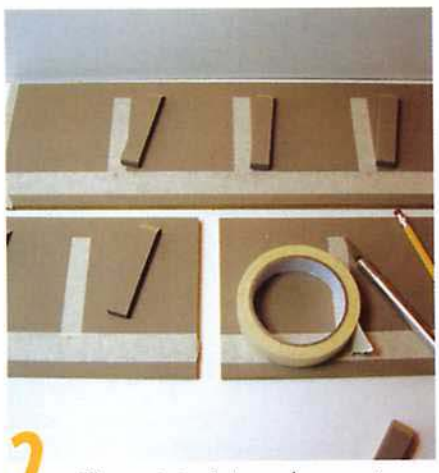
To illustrate some different effects and the techniques used to create them, I have made a simple walled garden. Apart from the balustrade all of the parts are cut from MDF, so it's very simple and cheap to make.

You will need

All materials from Bromley Crafts Products ● MDF for the wall parts ● Realistic Brick Compound: Red Brick and Grey Neutral colours. Each bag will cover an area of 0.5 square metre approx. Two bags are sufficient for most average size dolls houses. ● Realistic Brick and Stone Stencils: Stretcher Bond and Stone Block in standard and extra large size. One stencil is usually sufficient as they are re-useable. ● Humbrol Low tack stencil adhesive spray ● Matt Emulsion paint ● Clear matt varnish: Liberon Clear Matt Natural Finish recommended ● Masking tape

BASIC APPLICATION

1 Once all the wall parts are cut to size, the first step is to paint all of the areas where the realistic brick or paving is to be applied, using a matt emulsion paint that is a suitable cement or mortar colour, as this will show in-between the bricks. It's easier to apply some of the brickwork and paving before fixing the parts together so they are initially assembled without gluing.



2 The next step is to mask any parts where you don't want the brick finish to be applied by using masking tape, such as where the walls join at the corners and where the brick piers fit. This will make it easy to glue the parts together later on and ensure a perfectly neat finish.