

This attractive walled garden feature was made entirely from MDF. The authentic brick and stone finishes were then created using Realistic Brick Compound and stencils from Bromley Craft Products. In last month's issue we constructed and prepared the garden structure ready for applying the brick and stone compound, which we are going to do now in this final part.

**MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

- Realistic Brick Compound – Red Brick and Grey Neutral colours
- Each bag will cover an area of 0.5 square metre approx. – 2 bags are sufficient for most average size dolls houses.
- Realistic Brick and Stone stencils – Stretcher Bond, Stone Block, Brick Arch, Brick Detail. Standard and Extra Large sizes available.
- Various other patterns also available
- One stencil is usually sufficient, as they are re-useable.
- 3M Craft Mount Re-positionable stencil adhesive spray
- Matt Emulsion paint – small sample pots from DIY stores are ideal
- Clear matt varnish – Liberon Clear Matt Natural Finish recommended
- Masking tape



## Walled Garden – Part 2

### Realistic Finishing

It's easier to apply some of the brickwork and paving before fixing the parts together so they are assembled without gluing initially.

The next step is to mask any parts where you don't want the brick finish to be applied using masking tape – for example where the wall edges fit into the grooves in the vertical pillars etc. This will make it easy to glue the parts together later on and ensures a perfect neat finish.

### The Arch

Decide on the best starting point and position the stencil on the wall. On this model the best starting point is the arch as the bricks need to be aligned correctly there. For this part a special brick arch stencil is used (this also fits most standard sized arched windows). Using the stencils you can work out the exact alignment of the bricks on the various parts and mark with a pencil to ensure that they match correctly when they are all assembled. Careful

planning at this stage will ensure the best possible finished result.

You are now ready to apply the realistic brick finish. You should start by spraying the stencil with repositionable stencil adhesive (allow this to dry before use), and mixing some Realistic Brick Compound with water to form a smooth easily spreadable consistency. The compound is an air drying material and allows unlimited working time (just add more water as necessary or cover to prevent