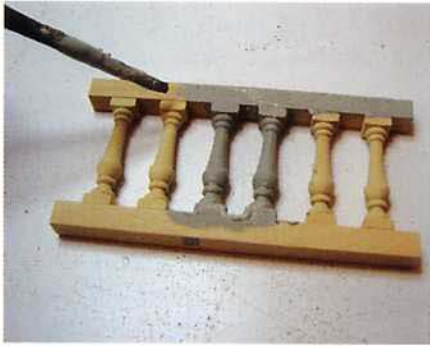
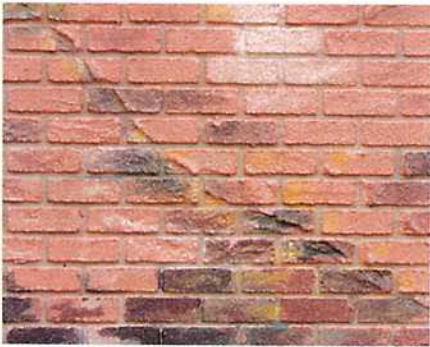


STONE PAINT



- A little grey Realistic Brick Compound can be mixed with a suitably coloured matt emulsion paint to produce very effective stone textured paint. I used this to paint the wooden balustrades and other parts to create their stone appearance.

DISTRESSING



- It is possible to create different effects by applying the compound in different ways. For example if the compound is spread very smoothly and thinly, the finished brick effect will appear very neat and even, as you would expect to see on a modern building. Alternatively if the compound is spread a little thicker and more unevenly a rougher more rustic effect can be created, which would be better suited to an older building. You can also sculpt the compound to create the impression of cracks in the wall.



- Also you may notice on this model that I cut away a few bricks on the side walls, which I think adds to the authentic real garden brick wall effect. Many more different effects are possible and it's probably best to experiment yourself to create the particular effect you're looking for.

WEATHERING



- Older walls often consist of many different colours resulting from different coloured bricks, damp, dirt, moss, lichen and lots more besides. The realistic brick compound finish can easily be shaded to reproduce these effects if desired using acrylic paints (this should be done before sealing with a clear matt varnish). It's a good idea to study brick walls in the real world for ideas.
- Having said that, if you want to keep it simple there's no need to add any distressing or weathering effects unless you want to as the brick effect will look very realistic as it is.

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Quoining it in



The outside of a building is what first catches the eye and for that reason alone, you will want to make your dolls house look its best. Depending on what style and age your dolls house is, it may feature quoins. Historically, quoins were used at the point where two walls meet and not only formed a decorative frame for the building; they also anchored the edge of the building wall. Architects and builders use quoins to give the impression of strength and firmness to the outline of a building, which is a feature frequently seen in Georgian style dolls houses. Stacked in an alternating position, quoins can create an attractive feature, which you can paint in contrasting colours to the rest of the house. **END**

