

THREE DIMENSIONAL CLOUDS

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To mask a large window in my train room, I covered it with a piece of thick poster board held in place with white duct tape. I wallpapered the poster board and painted blue skies and white clouds. However the straight lines from the duct tape were very visible through the paint. I thought that three dimensional clouds would be a great idea for this section of the **Three Arrows Railroad**. I looked through my file of modeling tips which I have been keeping for years but found no usable information. I remembered seeing three dimensional clouds on a layout visited years ago and set out to emulate that effect. Cotton was too artificial looking.

The Fairfield Processing Corp. makes a product called Polyester Fiberfill which is available at any craft store. This product looks quite convincing. Two inch sub terrain foam nails from Woodland Scenics were used to anchor the clouds to the wall. You can also use a 16 gauge 1 1/2 inch wire nail. To make the cloud take a piece of the material and run a nail through it. Next, gently tap the nail into the wall leaving the nail head out an inch or so. Fluff up the cloud to hide the nail and shape it as you desire.