

The drawbridge - a project inspired by Wereweasel

Posted by Thod - 2007/01/07 18:08

This project was inspired by a comment Wereweasel made in the thread - Dremel - my new toy. My original idea of kratzerizing the log trap was vetoed by my wife. She loves this piece. I therefore reverted back to first principles - and some Hirst Arts stones as well as some blue foam.

Here are now the first photos of the finished product. I'm pretty please how it turned out. It works quite smoothly - well - here came the Dremel handy when I sanded of the extra crucial millimeter when the original design got stuck.

It is build in two parts - this allows to use it as an entrance to a small town - as well as a drawbridge on it's own over a gorge or something similar.

I did some photographs during the project - if I get around I will post them - not sure yet if the right place is here or rather on the Hirst Arts Forum. In this case I will add a link.

Comments as always welcome.

Thod

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Posted by jkratzer - 2007/01/07 21:16

THOD!!!

Did the walls quiver just now? Did the ground shake? Are your ears ringing?

They all should be, because I just looked at the pics, and (I think!) the comment out of my mouth (at @150 decibels, no less!) was something along the lines of

"DAYUM BUT THAT IS ONE AWESOME DRAWBRIDGE!!!!"

in a shrieking, piercing scream that brought Sandy up from the basement where she had been doing laundry (I start it, and she continues on from where I get to when she gets home from church). She wanted to know what I was screaming about, and I showed her the pics and she agreed (but not nearly as LOUDLY - she's a Lady, and she remembers where she left her couth).

Thod, you have outdone yourself; you can stand up and say "Hey! I built this thing, and I'm damn proud of it!"

NOW; where do I put in my order, and how do I pay you by credit card? ME WANT ONE!

Jim

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Posted by Wereweasel - 2007/01/08 06:29

Thod,

Thanks for the mention, but as this is your project I must say that is one FANTASTIC drawbridge!

I never would have thought of including railings and the two-part modular design you used was a really great idea.

That should look AWESOME within a full setup.

Would you mind posting how useful you find this piece to be? I have often needed/wanted drawbridges within my dungeon crawl setups but until I am able to finish my own pieces (alas, my simpler versions must await the arrival of extra DF pieces before completion) I can only imagine their true usefulness.

Anyway, thanks for posting the great pics and ideas.

BTW, did the lizardman make it?

Steve

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Posted by lupus - 2007/01/08 07:00

Thod,

Great work. I like the modular nature of the build. :)

You do some great custom work !!

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Posted by Thod - 2007/01/08 09:21

Jim

I know I can rely on your and was already waiting for your comment :-) I'm not sure if other here on the forum are aware - but at least for myself they spurn me on to outdo myself in my next project - or at least

to show something novel I haven't done before.

Wereweasel

Acknowledgements where acknowledgements are due. A drawbridge didn't even occur to me as anything to do until your comment. Yes - it was perfect timing as I just had finished a piece and due to holidays had lots of spare time. But without your posting it wouldn't have happened. It sometimes doesn't take a lot to change the course of history ... Oh - and as a sidenote - it also stopped me working on a project I had planned to dedicate the mad yank. I'm looking forward to his reaction on that one. It's mainly this forum which keeps my creativity up.

Lupus

Thanks for the comment. A shame I'm not into SF but I look forward once you start doing some projects in this area and I hope we will be seeing some pictures as well. Posting here helps me a lot to get ideas and recommendations what to do next / what to do better.

Thod

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Posted by jkratzer - 2007/01/08 14:02

Thod?

You DROPPED my dedication to work on WEREWEASEL'S DRAWBRIDGE!?

I'm hurt; my ego just plummeted through the floorSTOP! Don't walk there! You'll fall in! Where was I? Oh yes, that's right; whining.

Just kidding, Thod; but now, I really AM curious.

WHAT were you going to do that was going to be dedicated to ME?

How have I earned such an honor? Or, conversely speaking, what did I ever do to YOU? (It's gotta be one or the other; I'm kinda of scared to find out which one!)

Love to find out what you were planning; maybe I can con you into doing it anyway.

Again, great drawbridge, and as Wereweasel Steve asked, "Did the Lizardman make it?"

See ya!

Jim

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Posted by Thod - 2007/01/08 15:03

Jim

Don't worry - I already started it before Christmas but I was interested in the dremel for some final touches. In addition I ran out of silicone for a new mold. It wasn't critical for the project - but it was a tiny detail I couldn't add. And then my parents arrived over Christmas and I guess they wouldn't have looked fondly on me doing DF scratchbuilding.

And yes - blame Wereweasel - when I restarted he had planted the drawbridge idea so deep into my head that I just had to do this first.

Did the Lizard Man make it - yes - he is still fine. I only place him there as a quick prop. I haven't used the drawbridge for any real gaming yet. My wife did ask this morning - when do you use it. Only to reconsider - but I hope we will find the drawbridge down.

Was there anything else you wanted to know ?? Must have slipped my mind.

I guess you will have to live with some suspense now (evil grin) until I get an evening to finish it.

Thod

PS: Assuming you have a bit of humour I'm sure you will love it.

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Posted by Stefan - 2007/01/08 20:01

Awesome work!

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Posted by Thod - 2007/01/27 08:33

Jim, Wereweasel

I've added a few pictures on the HA boards. They include some pictures how I included the hinge. I felt this would be a better place to post these pictures.

The link is:

<http://p068.ezboard.com/fhirstartspostyourownpictureshere.showMessage?topicID=2079.topic>

To be able to post pictures I have also generated my own home page.

<http://thod.mysite.orange.co.uk/>

Not much yet - and the software is quite restricted. I have a second site where I can FTP larger versions of the pictures - thod-images - but still need to actually write some pages to put them together.

Thod

PS: You need to scroll down to see the how to pictures. The one at the start of the thread are more or less what I posted here.

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