

Modular shop signs

Posted by arstein - 2010/01/29 20:05

Hi friends,

I was planning to make a city adventure at some point this year, and that has made me think about what kind of accesories will set the mood best for a city. Apart, of course, from the fact that we have the Medieval Building Sets that I plan to use and abuse.

The city I'm planning will be setup using several Paizo flip-mats in plain stone gray. That will fill the streets that will remain between the buildings that I plan to build with the medieval building sets, plus some of the fantasy line (a city can have wood and stone buildings depending on the neighbourhood you are).

I've realized that the furniture I'm going to miss more is that makes possible to make buildings look as shops. There are (unfortunately unpainted) several shop accesories in the market including shop signs, but what I find bad for the shop signs I've seen so far is that I can't use them properly without gluing them to the DF walls or something like that.

I would like to propose for the future MB sets some shop signs which are manufactured with some kind of piece, like a square "U" turned upside-down and sculpted and painted like wood. That could be hung over a DF wall, totally modular. The could be 5 or 6 of them in a set representing the typical bussiness shops: Tavern, Blacksmith, Alchemist, General Store for tools, food, etc.

What do you think?

Greetings,

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Posted by jackattack - 2010/01/29 23:56

Instead of gluing them to the walls, try gluing them to a strip of fabric or suede or very light leather (available at many craft or fabric stores). Glue the outdoor sign to one end, glue another sign (or other suitable counterweight) to the other end, and drape the strip over the top of the MBS wall.

Look in the "notions" section, or costume jewellery, for charms (that would go on a charm bracelet or a necklace) for a variety of potential signs. A pair of scissors might be a barber or a tailor, a wheel might be a wainwright, and so on.

The opposite side of your proposed modular sign (the side that goes "inside" the shop) might be a board with one or more parchments fixed to it -- I'd keep the "writing" indistinct, so that the notices can be anything the GM wants, like price lists or decrees.

Alternatively, an MBS Straight Wall might have a small hole in it, and the shop signs might have a matching post on the back.

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Posted by arstein - 2010/01/30 11:44

Hi Jack! (don't shout that on a plane, as would Dilbert say ;-))

Those are superb ideas, I love the one of the parchments in the other side of the connecting piece.

Anyway, I'm afraid that would be more time and work for me added to the time I already expend in the hobby, and I would probably not be able to do it until 2 years from now ;-) and basing in the way you explain it (you make it look so easy), I can tell that you are a much more skilled artist than me, I find for me a little difficult to make a really durable and good looking piece like those :-/

Greetings!

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