

# USING DIORAMAS TO ENHANCE LEARNING

- ✘ Appeal
- ✘ Tells a Story
- ✘ Creating the Story
- ✘ No Limits
- ✘ Planning Ahead
- ✘ Testing Objects
- ✘ Constructing Your Diorama

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**Appeal** - A diorama is complete scenario representing some aspect of the learning objective. It is three dimensional.

*Fundamental rule with dioramas:* It is not a flat piece of art. Creatively plan so all the horizontal space is used up. This adds a level of excitement to your creation.

**IT'S A THREE DIMENSIONAL TOOL FOR  
ENHANCING LEARNING**

**Tell a Story** – An instructional diorama is not just another pretty tabletop decoration. Take it to another level by creating a story and using it to act out the story.

**IT'S A THREE DIMENSION INSTRUCTIONAL  
TOOL...TELLING A STORY**

**Creating a Story.** Picture in your mind a particular moment in time that focuses on the detail of the lesson plan. What is happening? What is the story?

Adding a story to your diorama gives it a little instructional extra that people will enjoy. *It gives them something to think about.*

**IT'S A THREE DIMENSION INSTRUCTIONAL  
TOOL...CREATING A STORY**



**Limits? Only limit will be your imagination** - There are no real rules with making a diorama.

- ❖ Use whatever materials you would like to use.
- ❖ Create whatever kind of scene you would like to create.
- ❖ Don't be bashful.

**IT'S A THREE DIMENSION INSTRUCTIONAL  
TOOL...NO LIMITS**

**You can't just start making one** - Before you can start making your diorama you have to have a plan.

- ❖ Draw out some rough sketches
- ❖ Get a sketch pad and pencil and start drawing ideas of your scene
- ❖ Move the objects in the scene around. Remember that it is three dimensional
- ❖ Look for unique perspectives

**IT'S A THREE DIMENSION INSTRUCTIONAL  
TOOL...PLAN AHEAD**

**A good tip** – Create a variety of “test” objects for your scene. Look for unique perspectives.

- ❖ Cut them out
- ❖ Lay them out and rearrange them to see what the overall diorama will look like
- ❖ Remember, it’s a three dimensional scene. Create some depth for the participants to look at.

**IT’S A THREE DIMENSION INSTRUCTIONAL  
TOOL...OBJECTS NEED TESTING**

**Getting Started: Paper Mache Construction.** Using simple, user friendly and inexpensive materials to construction your diorama

❖ [paper mache video](#)

**IT'S A THREE DIMENSION INSTRUCTIONAL  
TOOL...CONSTRUCTION**

**Advanced Construction: Wood, Metal, and Fabric.** Going all out to create realistic scenes using more expensive materials to construction your diorama

❖ (diorama pictures)

**IT'S A THREE DIMENSION INSTRUCTIONAL  
TOOL...HIGH TECH BUILD**

## Let's Go Build!

Create your own scene with the worksheet and materials provided

- ❖ Instructor led

**IT'S A THREE DIMENSION INSTRUCTIONAL  
TOOL...HANDS GET DIRTY**



















