

PROJECT IDEA



Pyramid*

This is an easy school project for geography or history! Build the sand-filled diorama for more realism.

You will need:

- 1/2 sheet white 3/16" foamboard
- FoamWerks V-Groove Cutter (WC-2001)
- Logan Mat Knife (500)
- FoamWerks Tape (W-5003)
- Stone texture spray paint
- Tan spray paint

1 hr. - Easy

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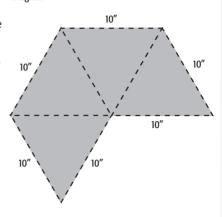
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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Make an equilateral triangle (a triangle where all angles are the same- 60 degrees- which means the three sides are all the same length). Here's an easy way to make it. Determine how big you would like your finished pyramid to be, taking into account that the foamboard normally measures 32" x 40", so work that into your plan. Draw a base line- the model is 10" long. Determine where the halfway point on that line is and draw a line extending up perpendicular to the base line. Take a ruler and line up the end of the base line and a point 10 inches from it on the perpendicular line. Repeat on the other side. Check your measurements- all sides should measure exactly the same for this project to work.
- Cut out your triangle template very carefully. Place on foamboard and trace, referring to **Diagram 1**. Flip the pattern so triangle lines up with one adjacent to it. Repeat until you have 4 triangles.
- 3. With V-Groove Cutter cut down the middle of the lines you have drawn.
- Repeat throughout pattern. When all lines have been cut, remove excess foam and brush off.
- Tear a piece of white tape and place one half the length on the end piece of the pyramid shape. Fold pyramid up into triangular shape and adhere sides together with tape.
- Spray with a coat of tan paint as a base coat. Then add a fairly thick coat of stone texture spray paint all over the pyramid. Allow to dry in between coats. Add more if necessary. Add highlights with tan spray paint.

Diagram 1



Designer tips:

The desert scene is a piece of foamboard covered with a towel. Layer objects under the towel to give some height to the sand dunes. This scene used almost a full bag of play sand, which was smoothed out by rolling a glass over the scene. Palm trees and camels were added to the display for a little more excitement. The palm trees were made by wrapping a piece of dowel with floral tape and adding in green leaves punched out of green paper. The camels are drinking from an oasis made from a glass dish that was covered with sand and some water poured in.



WA-8001 FoamWerks Circle Cutter



WC-6001 FoamWerks Straight Cutter



WC-2001 FoamWerks V-Groove Cutter



WD-8010 FoamWerks Hole Drill





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WC-4010 FoamWerks Babbet Cutter



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