

Mini-mize the Chaos

Your team has created your story and now it is time to create your set and props, where to begin? Begin in MINIATURE! The most creative way to move your team forward is to create a diorama, yes everything in miniature! Creating in Miniature prior to bringing out the real materials has its benefits!

The benefits of creating a Diorama:

- A solid understanding of the size and space they have to work with
- Comprehension of how props will fit into that space
- Prop ideas for the space
 - Creating props in miniature, the team will get a better understanding of how to build the prop without wasting valuable materials
 - Gives teams time to think of what creative materials to use to build prop
 - Gives team time to figure out how to add "WOW" to their props
 - Helps them minimize their prop needs
- One and DONE! - Use one team meeting to create the Diorama and all the miniature props! All decisions are made in that one meeting and now you are ready to officially create and build in full size!

Materials you will need to provide your team so they can create a Diorama: (This is NOT a complete list!)

- Large Pizza Box - visit any pizza company and they will be happy to provide you with a new one!
- Collection of small materials such as:
 - Small pebbles, toothpicks, paperclips, rubber bands, water bottle lids, beads, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, thin cardboard(from a cereal box or similar), cereal (such as Fruit Loops, Cheerios,) pennies, colored paper, scraps of fabric, scraps of ribbon, etc.
- Connectors:
 - Super Glue, Hot Glue, Duct tape, Bread ties, rivets, pipe cleaners
- Tool supplies:
 - Scissors, Hot Glue Gun, Hot Glue Gloves, Colored Markers, Tape Measure, Ruler

Prior to your meeting, create your team's "build space" inside the box by drawing a 10 x 10 square (or whatever size space your challenge says you will have.) Use the scale 1" = 1'