



A diorama is a three-dimensional scene set against a decorated background. Choose a favorite scene from your book to depict in your diorama. Then gather together a shoebox with a lid, scissors, and glue. You may choose to use crayons, paints, pastels, colored pencils, or markers. For the ground of your diorama, use sand, dirt, straw, grass, rocks, leaves, carpet, or felt.

First, sketch the scene you wish to create. What characters will you depict? Think about what is on the ground in this scene. Ask yourself, what is in the background? Are there interesting objects such as trees or buildings or animals in this scene?

Now, remove the lid from your shoebox and trace characters and objects on the lid. Cut them out and color them appropriately. Make a stand so that your characters can stand upright.

Place the shoebox on one side. Inside, on the back of the box, draw or paint background scenery. Perhaps your characters are in a park or in the city? Maybe they're in a kitchen or driving along a road? You may choose to cut out objects and paste them inside, on the back of your shoebox.

Now, glue appropriate ground covering on one side of the box. This may be sand, dirt, straw, grass, etc.

Finally, position your characters inside the box with any objects that you feel would be appropriate.

Display this diorama of your favorite scene for others to enjoy!

Make a Diorama

