

# Tutorial: Easy Faux Stone Fireplace

## [FEATURING THE FIREPLACE ROOMBOX FROM BENTLEY HOUSE MINIS](#)

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- Fireplace form from the [“Fireplace Roombox” kit by Bentley House Minis](#)



So now that I'm past all of the mini shows for the year, I decided to take some time and do something for myself. I've had this roombox kit from Bentley House Minis since April/25 and have been dying to work on it. This is the half-scale (1:24) version, and I'm just in love with how it's turning out.

Here is a look at what I've completed so far. The construction is super easy using Ara's YouTube construction video ([FOUND HERE](#)). Building a structure from mat board is a bit new for me, but it works very well for half-scale and has held up well to paint and thick cardstock/patterned paper. I'm enjoying this build so much that I'm tempted to get the same kit but in the larger full-scale version!



**Materials used . . .** (the BoBunny paper may or may not still be available)

- AC Cardstock – black for wainscoting
- AC Cardstock – brown for flooring
- BoBunny Double Dot patterned cardstock: #12WBV999 Wild Berry Vintage for upper walls
- FolkArt Terra Gotta #7029 Fresh Granite paint for fireplace hearth
- Dry Brush paints from FolkArt: Coffee Bean, Black, Country Twill
- Ranger Distress Ink: Black Soot
- Light grey Chalk Pastel for smudges on the inside back wall of the fireplace

For the flooring, I scored lines every 1/4" to create long boards, distressed them, and used a medium brown colored pencil along the scored lines to add extra depth.

**And now . . . on to the Stone Fireplace tutorial!**

This is a super easy way to create a faux stone or brick finish on your projects. The technique works for stones or bricks and looks great for a fireplace, stone hearth, small brick wall, or stone/brick pathway. I would not suggest it for a larger area, but it's great for smaller projects.

***You will need the following materials . . .***

- jpg image for brick/stone
- 80lb white printer paper
- Aleene's Paper Glaze or Glossy Accents
- Matte spray sealer – *depending on what you used – paper glaze or glossy accents – if the glaze dries with a matte finish, you will not need the spray sealer.*

NOTE: *When looking for a stone/brick printable paper, be sure to get one that is “seamless” so that you can easily repeat and connect the pattern as needed for the scale you will be working in.*

First, you need to size the stone image to fit the scale of your project, then print it out on a full sheet of thicker paper.



- Once I had constructed the fireplace from the kit, I cut the paper to fit the entire fireplace form and glued it in place.
- You may or may not want to use some black soot distressing ink or black chalk pastel on the inside of the fireplace to suggest soot, before working with the paper glaze.
- Once the paper has been applied and dried, start applying the paper glaze to each stone or brick.

You will need to cover every stone/brick on the piece. Apply the glaze inside the outer line for each stone/brick. The idea is to keep the glaze on one stone from running into the glaze on another stone near it. The glaze, when dry, will create a dimensional effect to look like individual stones.

*You will need to work on each side of the fireplace one at a time, allowing the glaze to dry before moving on to the next side.*



- Once the paper glaze or glossy accents has been applied to all sides of the piece, you will need to spray seal the finish – but only if it is glassy! You want a matte finish so that the stones or bricks look more realistic.
- If you feel as though the glaze is not thick enough and you want more dimension, you can apply a second coat to the project.
- I've used some Distressing Ink in Black Soot and an old paint brush to pounce on the ink, creating soot around the opening of the fireplace.



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And here is a look at the finished fireplace set in place . . .



Now, if you add a [Fireplace LED Kit from EvansDesigns](#) . . . you have a working fireplace! The LED light kit is super easy to install and runs on a 3V battery with an on/off switch.

I hope you enjoyed this little tutorial and that you will check out this and more kits from Bentley House Minis!

Happy mini making . . .

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