



SCENERY SHOWCASE

1:76 SCALE

A TRADITIONAL CORNISH
FISHING VILLAGE SET IN THE
1920'S

Porthcove

A Step Back In Time



A PICTORIAL LOOK AT A 1920'S CORNISH COASTAL DIORAMA IN 1:76 SCALE



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DIORAMA BY

ANDREW MOORE

DIMENSIONS

DIORAMA BASE:

L: 84CM

W: 61CM

H: 20CM

BASE MATERIAL

**HAND-CARVED INSULATION
BOARD**

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INTRODUCTION

For this Scenery Showcase, we're diving into a fascinating and charming OO scale project – a 1920s coastal fishing village named Porthcove, created by one of our very own: Railway Modellers Club member Andy Moore.

This old fishing village has a distinct charm, shaped by its close connection to the sea and the daily rhythms of fishing life. The crisp, salty scent of the ocean blends with the rich, earthy aroma of wet wood and fresh fish. Narrow, cobblestone streets wind through the village, lined with quaint cottages, their walls and roof tiles weathered. The houses boast whitewashed or timeworn stone exteriors, with weathered doors and colonial-style windows that invite the refreshing sea breeze.



PORTHCOVE HARBOUR: AT THE HEART OF VILLAGE LIFE

At the heart of the village is the small harbour, where fishing boats are docked. Aged by constant exposure to the elements, scattered with crates, lobster pots and barrels. Boats are secured to their mooring posts with aged, rusted chains, their hulls weathered and worn from years of service. "Cornish Fisheries" stands at the water's edge, the air filled with sounds of seagulls calling and the clatter of fishermen unloading their catch — hake, mackerel, cod and shellfish — into wooden crates.



Break time... after a hard day's work in the hot sun repairing nets, a few minutes rest is well deserved.



The fishing village is small, and everyone knows each other. The local pub, is where the fishermen, tradesmen and families gather after a long day, sipping pints of ale, sharing stories, and discussing the tides. In the evenings, as the sun sets, the village quiets, with only the occasional clink of metal as fishermen prepare for the next day's catch. The 1920s bring an air of transition to the village; the world begins to modernise while Porthcove still clutches onto traditional ways of life.



Traditional horse-drawn carts carry fish, with fishermen still clinging to older, smaller boats for their daily work. The village is dotted with small stores - "E.Hillman Hardware" overflows with tools, and carts are being repaired at the wheelwright. Men wear woollen caps, thick sweaters and blazers, women wear long skirts, shawls, hats and umbrellas to protect from the elements.



Overall, the 1920s fishing village is a place where time seems to slow down, and the lives of its inhabitants are deeply intertwined with the ebb and flow of the sea. It's a community built on hard work, resilience, and an enduring connection to the natural world around them.



Looking down Fore Street towards the harbour early one morning.

REALISTICALLY BETTER DETAILS



No matter what size diorama you're building, there's always room for lots of little details, and it's the details that can really bring a scene to life. From workbenches & tools to piles of scrap timber... the details make such a difference.







BUILD A 1920'S FISHING VILLAGE ON YOUR LAYOUT OR DIORAMA!

Fancy having a go at building a scene like this on your layout? Andy's used a lot of our own kits and detailing accessories, so we've put together a diagram and a shopping list to show you what's what...



Building kits:

- (A) [KX078-OO "Percival" Cottage](#)
- (B) [KX118-OO Jack's Hut](#)
- (C) [KX066-OO Period Terraced Shop](#)
- (D) [KX067-OO Terraced House / Cottage](#)
- (E) [KX046-OO Wright's Lockup/Stores](#)
- (F) [KX084-OO "Polsue" Barn/Stores & Workshop](#)
- (G) [KX087-OO Coach House & Stables](#)
- (H) [KX096-OO Privy/Outhouse](#)
- (I) [KX094-OO Stoney's Workshops](#)
- (J) [KX054-OO Tony's Cart Shed & Store](#)
- (K) [KX074-OO "Dylington" Workers Cottages](#)

Other materials:

- [Mod Roc](#) - Perfect for creating the landscape

Add extra details:

- [LX483-OO Deckchairs & Windbreaks](#)
- [LX494-OO Beach Huts](#)

Accessories:

- (19) [Beach Sand, Seaweed & Pebbles](#)
- (18) [Gaugemaster GM462 Post Boxes](#)
- (16) [AX147-OO Lifebuoys & Cabinets](#)
- (15) [LX239-OO Parish / Village / Church Noticeboards](#)
- (14) [LX434-OO Rowing Boats - Waterline Model](#)
- (13) [CX001 Fine Steel Chain](#)
- (12) [LX120-OO & LX233-OO Individual Fruit & Veg Crates](#)
- (11) [LX112-OO 3ft x 3ft Wooden Shipping Crate](#)
- (10) [LX351-OO Lobster Pots](#)
- (9) [LX021-OO Workbenches](#)
- (8) [LX214-OO Potato / Fishing Net Crates](#)
- (7) [LX480-OO GWR Luggage Trolley](#)
- (6) [LX453-OO Industrial Staircases](#)
- (5) [LX285-OO Quayside / Harbour / Promenade Railings](#)
- (3) [LX567 Yard Junk \(Ladders, Planks, Saw Blades, Leaf Springs\)](#)
- (4) [LX080-OO Railway Sleepers](#)
- (2) [LX361-OO 62 Garden and DIY Tools & LX366-OO 124 Engineers/Mechanics Tools](#)
- (1) [LX380-OO Concrete Barrel Rail Safety Fencing \(Double Rail\)](#)
- (21) [LX001-2-3-OO Laser Cut Gates Multi Pack](#)
- (20) [LX432-OO Bracken / Fern Plants](#)

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