

Quick Guide | How to use the Scenic Mats

The Scenic Mats from Martin Welberg Scenic Studios form a richly detailed and versatile base for any landscape scene. Each mat is handcrafted and built up in multiple fine layers, resulting in a highly realistic surface full of texture and depth. The level of detail is exceptional and with a wide range of variations to choose from, these mats are almost endlessly combinable with Martin's other products such as tufts, weeds and bushes.

This guide walks you through the best way to apply and integrate them into your project for a natural finish.

1. Removing the Mat from the Packaging

Each mat is lightly attached to a cardboard sheet using four glue dots in the corners. Carefully loosen the corners using your fingers or a hobby knife. You'll see, it comes off easily

2. Shaping the Mat

Scenic mats are very flexible and easy to shape. You can cut them cleanly with scissors, or for a more organic edge tear or rip them by hand. Irregular edges help the mat blend better into the surrounding terrain, especially when working with naturalistic scenes.

3. Creating a Natural Look

Instead of placing the mat in one large rectangular piece, break it up into smaller patches. Overlapping or staggering these pieces creates more variation and prevents your scenery from looking too uniform. How does nature work? Think in clumps, clusters, and broken patterns.

4. Gluing the Mat in Place

We recommend using MIFOTACK! for strong adhesion and clean application. Apply the glue thinly and evenly, especially around the edges. Press the mat gently onto the surface and let it settle. Once the glue has started to set, go back and gently press down the edges using the tip of your tweezers or the back of a small sculpting tool. Because the mat is mounted on an ultra-thin carrier, the edges will blend smoothly into the terrain with just a little pressure.









5. Filling the Gaps

To complete the scene and blend any visible gaps between mat sections, use a mix of scenic materials from Martin's range including tufts, weeds, shrubbery, and bushes complemented by fine turf or sand for a seamless transition. For more tips, check out the other Quick Guides like 'How to use the Tufts'...

Final Tips

Take inspiration from nature. Observe how vegetation grows, clustered, layered, and uneven. Recreate that by combining different bush types and building your scene with variety and attention to detail. **Be inspired by Creation!**

