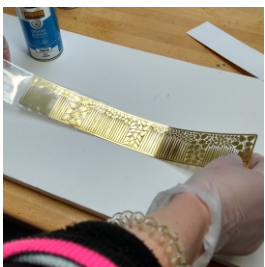


## 1:12-1:50 ETCHED PLANTS

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- 46 x 300mm flat brass etched sheet
- For use on a variety of model scales
- Versatile & customisable
- Suitable for architectural, model rail, dollhouse, diorama & fantasy miniature modelling.



Carefully remove the brass fret from the plastic packaging taking care not to touch the flat surface too much as brass is sensitive to contaminants & may tarnish with fingerprints.

Best practice is to handle with gloves, but holding by the edges is fine.



The brass needs to be primed before the plants can be coloured. **Grey Hycote primer** (FP20015) is perfect as it give a good even coverage and the dark colour is a good base. Hang the brass fret in a well ventilated area, shake the primer well and spray from about 20cm using short, light 'dusting' spray passes. Allow 15 minutes until you apply a second coat. This coat is the 'all over' application, apply as evenly as possible, again from 20cm.

After another 15 minutes, check the primer has covered with a nice even coat. Apply another coat if necessary. Once the primer is fully dry, remove the plants you want to use from the sprue, **Photo Etch Scissors** (TK20031) are ideal for this. You can then add the green 'base coat' using a green acrylic spray, we used **Belton Fern Green** (WK00142).



You can now start applying detail and character effects to your plants using varied shades of acrylic brush on acrylic paint. Try to add shading effects to emphasise the stem areas.

Spraying from distance can give a speckled effect. Mask off any plants you don't want a particular effect on. Once you are happy with the finish, allow the paint to fully dry.

We then used **Fast tack** (AP00019), a fast drying PVA glue, to create the appearance of raised veins on the leaves. This was applied after the spraying green/speckling process.



You can now start gently bending the plants into shape to suit you situation. Some touching up may be necessary if any flaking occurs. Use a PVA glue to adhere the plants to your model.

