

**Tips & Tricks using  Part 20**

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## Painting Doors

I'll start by **spray painting** the doors **flat white**. If you use white plaster then you won't have to do this. However, since bare plaster soaks up paint you'll have to work much faster.

1. Take **brown** craft or artist's acrylic paint and **brush it on** the door. Then take a paper towel and **wipe the paint off quickly**. The paint will stay darker in the cracks. You may have to reapply the brown paint if it's not dark enough.



Next, paint the **iron parts solid black** on both sides.

2. Finish the door by **dry brushing silver** paint onto the iron parts of the door. The bars will show up, but the black recesses will stay dark. Try not to dry brush silver onto the wooden parts of the door.

Paint the outside stone of the door separately and then **glue the frames** onto the doors **after they're completely painted**.







The **colored rune doors** are painted the same way. For these I used a bronze color on the iron and painted the diamond stone inserts different colors.

3. Feel free to paint a rune onto the stone diamond if you like. I found that I liked the solid color better. These doors are from the [Game board building instructions](#) page.



## Painting Chests and Coin Piles

<p>Start by <b>spray painting</b> the chests <b>flat white</b>. If you use white plaster then you won't have to do this. However, since bare plaster soaks up paint you'll have to work much faster.</p> <p>1. Take <b>brown</b> craft or artist's acrylic paint and <b>brush it on</b> the chest. Then take a paper towel and <b>wipe the paint off quickly</b>. The paint will stay darker in the cracks. You may have to reapply the brown paint if it's not dark enough.</p>	 <p>Spray paint white</p> <p>Brush on brown</p>	
<p>2. For the <b>3 different types</b> of chests used in the Descent game, I used 3 different colors to stain them. For the <b>copper chests</b> I used a dark muted brown, for the <b>silver chests</b> I used a medium gray and for the <b>gold chests</b> I used a light golden brown.</p>	 <p>Copper Silver Gold</p> <p>Gray-brown Gray Light brown</p>	
<p>3. I <b> painted the trim</b> for each kind of chest in it's matching color. Be careful and not let the paint get down into the cracks. The dark cracks outline the edge of the trim.</p> <p>I also <b> painted numbers</b> on the bottoms of the chests to match the tokens from the Descent game.</p>	 <p>Copper trim Silver trim Gold trim</p>	

**Spray paint** the coin piles **flat white**.

Next I painted them using **copper paint** which made them come out very light copper colored with not much detail.

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Finally I brushed **brown ink wash** over them and **wiped off the excess** to give the finished look in the last photo. These pieces are from the [Game board building instructions](#) page.



## Painting Planks and Making Bridges

I'll start by **spray painting** 30 planks **flat white**. If you use white plaster then you won't have to do this. However, since bare plaster soaks up paint you'll have to work much faster.

**Spray paint  
30 planks**



1. Take **brown** craft or artist's acrylic paint and **brush it on** the planks. Then take a paper towel and **wipe the paint off quickly**. The paint will stay darker in the cracks. You may have to reapply the brown paint if it's not dark enough.

The bridge ropes are made from **elastic cord**. This is small round stretchy cord you would find in the fabric department at Wal-mart.

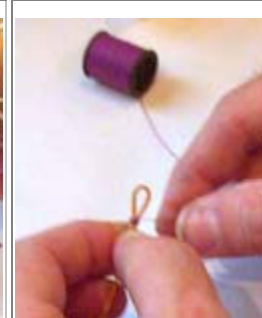
2. To paint the cord tan, I'm going to **dip it in brown ink wash**. I poured just enough in a cup to cover the bottom. You can also thin down brown paint but ink wash will put more color into it.

I'm painting about **24" of elastic**. Stir it around with a paint brush handle and make sure all parts are covered. Afterward, wipe it off with a paper towel to dry it. You can pour the extra ink wash back.

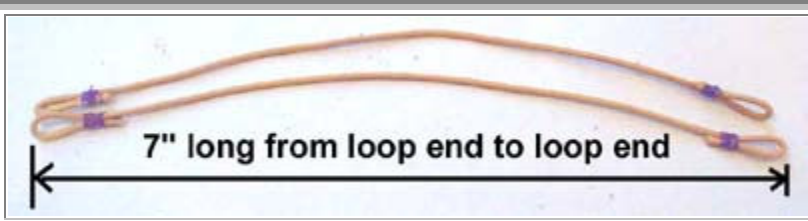
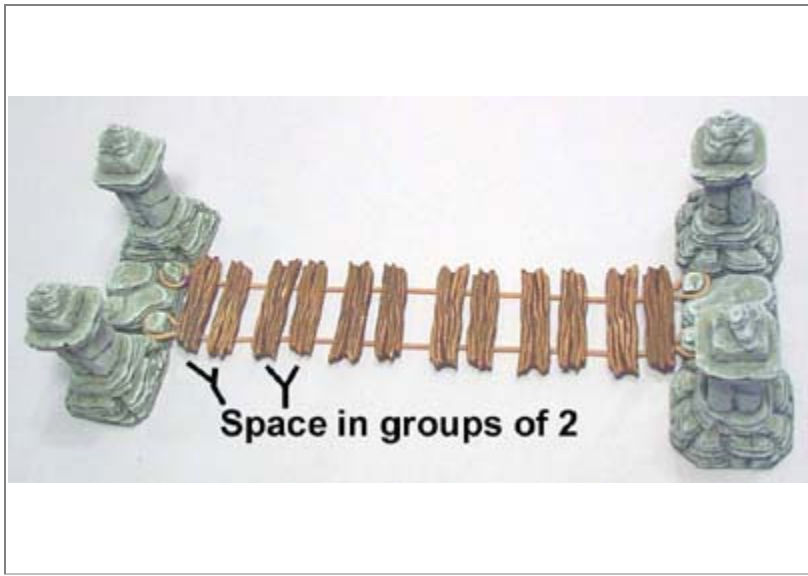


3. Put a **drop of glue** on the end of the cord and make a loop. **Wrap brown thread** around the loop to secure it. The glue will spread everywhere and stick the thread down. I'm using Aleen's Tacky glue.

Put **loops on both ends** and make the ropes **a little shorter** than the span it will cover. The elastic will stretch to fit.



<p>Snap the elastic cords over the stones.</p> <p>Put drops of glue on them and glue the planks onto the bridge.</p>		
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<p>Elastic works nicely because you can <b>remove the bridge</b> later on if you want an uncrossable pit.</p> <p>For the <b>long bridge</b>, make sure you get both pieces <b>exactly 7"</b> from end of loop to end of loop. This is a little tricky, but if one is longer than the other your bridge will not hang evenly.</p> <p>Once again, glue the planks onto the ropes <b>in groups of two</b>. This way it's easier to see that moving every 2</p>	 
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planks is the same as moving one inch or one square.

To see what is bridge is for, visit the [Game board building instructions](#) page.