

# Fir tree models for winter terrain

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**T**his is not a tale of buyer regret, although there is a perhaps a suggestion that things sometimes are not as big as they seem to be when viewed online!

I recently purchased some items from The Works, which is a UK-based, reduced-price Book and Craft materials shop chain. They also sell some boardgames, with a larger selection on their online shop than they typically keep in store. It was while browsing these that I also happened to notice a pack of 10 small fir trees -- dusted with "snow" - intended to be used as small decorations for craft projects. They looked fairly good, and stood some 6cm tall so might be, I thought, ok for use with 20mm figures. At £2 (a little under \$3) for a pack of 10 they seemed worth a try. I had a look in my local physical shop but they didn't have any, so I just added them to the next online order.

They are basic, but they look pretty good. They will need basing - the small wooden bases vary in size, some are a bit small and since they will need the current gold colour overpainted with green then I may as well make a slightly larger base and texture that to disguise the little wooden base completely.



However, they are also pretty small. Too small really for 20mm figures, but they look fine with 15mm figures as shown here. The local peasantry may be a little anxious at having met a hooded stranger and a rather blatant Magic User in the local woods, but at least the trees seem like a very reasonable height!



There were some larger examples retailing at 4 trees for £2, these were stated to be 10cm tall and so size wise would most likely be better suited for 20mm-25mm figures. However they are the same "bottle brush" construction as these small trees -- a twisted wire for the tree trunk with trimmed bristles used for the foliage, and I'm not sure that the effect would work so well with the larger examples. But certainly for 10mm or 15mm figures the shorter examples are going to be just fine, and at just a few pennies each are a good way to get a wintery woodland with very little effort.

These are obviously for "Christmas based craft projects" so they may not be in The Works all year round, but very similar items can be found on Amazon and Ebay.