CASTLEWORKS ULTIMATE™

B ASING/MOUNTING

COMPLEXITY 1 2 3

BASING

COMPLETION TIME 1hr

This tutorial applies to all items within this set that require basing
(building & wall bases, Masterboard bases, PaperlinX bases & tabs).
Although the shapes of the bases may change the technique remains the same.
Basing is a technique that will add longevity, stability, weight and strength
to your models.

In my experience the best basing solution is a material called foamcore. Foamcore can be found at most office supply and craft stores and is relatively inexpensive. If you can find it my suggestion is to purchase 2 solid black core foamcore sheets.

In a pinch or on an extreme budget you can always resort to cardboard, although this is not recommended.
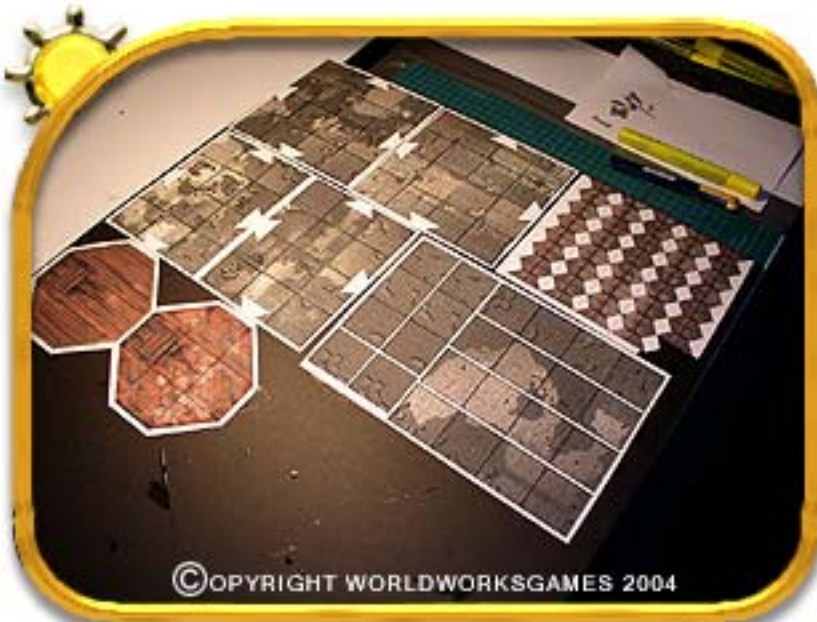
At this point it is important to decide what kind of basing tiles you want to use. 1-inch or 1.5-inch grid sizes are included as well as both classic Masterboard & PaperLinX tiles. If you're confused by the difference see the "Bringing it all together" guide.

To utilize the optimal amount of space on your foamcore print off and cut out a number of bases at once. Leave a small white border around your bases to accurately cut your chosen item.

Start by selecting a square tile to mount in the corner of your foamcore sheet. On the reverse side apply a bead of glue around the edges and a zigzag pattern in the center of the tile.

Burnish (rub) the tile flat making sure to squeeze out any air bubbles and to distribute the glue evenly to all edges.
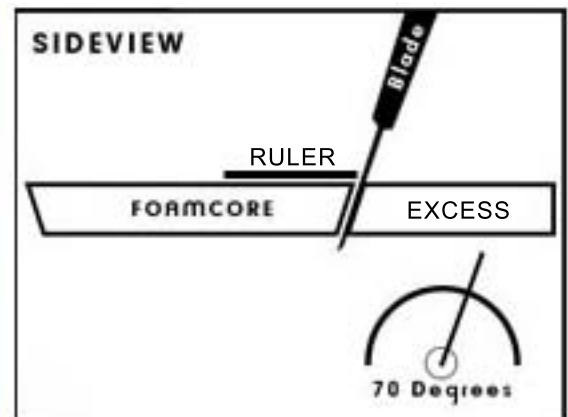
Continue mounting your selected tiles compressing as much as you can on the single sheet of foamcore.

THE THREE RULES OF CUTTING FOAMCORE:

Rule 1: Always use a sharp blade and a straight edge. A dull blade and no ruler will rip the foamcore and create an uneven rough edge.

Rule 2: Make three passes on every edge. Cut one breaks the surface of the paper. Cut two penetrates the foamcore. Cut three cuts through the bottom of the foamcore. If your blade can't make a cut in three passes then it's time for a new one.

Rule 3: Cut your tiles at roughly a 70 degree angle. This is important as it will allow your various completed bases to butt up against each other tightly.

SIDEVIEW

Blade

RULER

FOAMCORE   EXCESS

70 Degrees

When using the PaperLinX system you will need to cut away the remaining white tabs on some bases. A ruler is recommended for these cuts but if you are experienced with the blade you can slowly and carefully freehand these cuts to remove the material.

Once you have completed your various tiles and bases take a dark felt and quickly edge out any visible white space.

For smaller items such as the PaperLinX tabs and filler tabs use a sandwich bag or similar zip lock type bag to store them.

That's it ;)