

Rick's Tips Lantern May, 2016: My tip of the month is around weathering powders on your layout. I use many different products to weather buildings, scenery and train stock. My favorite is Doc O'Brien's weathering powders. I don't limit myself to just powder that you can purchase. I also use powders that I make from pastel chalks. These are especially good to use on buildings. The chalk powder will come off your hands but sticks really well to buildings. First, you need a good base to apply any powder. If you have train stock for example, spray the entire item with a dull coat to take the glossy finish off. Next start working with the powder making sure you apply in the direction from top to bottom. Keeping with that downward flow will give the appearance of the natural weather on a boxcar, etc. Depending on the amount of powders used, spray a very light coat of dull coat on the model. With the right amount model that you can be proud off.