

Create an Alamo Diorama



Create your very own version of our Alamo diorama in your home! Though we know what the battle of the Alamo looked like through firsthand accounts, let your imagination run wild. Follow these simple steps using what you have around the house to create your very own version of history.

What is a diorama? A diorama is a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures, either in miniature or as a large-scale museum exhibit. Next time you visit the Briscoe, be sure to check out our diorama of the Alamo!



Step 1: Gather Supplies

Get creative with boxes (a shoe box or cereal box works!), paper, glue, scissors, paint and a paintbrush, markers, felt, and fabric scraps. You may also want miniature-figurines of toy soldiers, animals, and whatever else might be in the toy chest!

Step 2: Have Fun Learning

Before you begin, it's important to learn a little more about the Battle of the Alamo. One we recommend playing our I Spy game to see a picture of the diorama in our gallery.

Step 3: Get Creative

You can use this picture of the Alamo as inspiration. Add your own style. What do you think was in front of the Alamo? How would you decorate it?

- If your box is not plain, you can take it apart and turn it inside out. Use tape or glue to secure the sides again.
- Design your shape. Using a pencil, outline the shape of the memorable Alamo façade.
- Using markers, color pencils, or crayons, add the windows and door shapes. You can even cut them out if you'd like! Add mini-figures to the front to depict a daily scene or a battle. As you can see, we used mini soldiers, animals and Legos to create a scene out front. Do you see William Travis drawing a line in the sand?



Step 4: Take a picture of your diorama and share it with us online! Be sure to tag @BriscoeMuseum and use the hashtags #BeyondTheBriscoe #TheWestStartsHere