

SIMPLE SCALE WHEELS

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Being a typical scale modeler, the brain is always thinking, what could I use that for? So recently, when I spotted some plastic cups from a Klix vending machine...the dimpled bottoms just had to be useful. Using the base of cup only, and with a pair of metal scribing dividers sharpened to a knife edge on one blade, I cut out discs to various sizes. These, when glued back to back with balsa cement, make ideal wheel hubs. The tyres are best made with 'O' rings of appropriate sizes. When glued on to the rims with Cyano, a very realistic wheel results. These can be improved still further by using a piece of copper or fuse wire to simulate a rim between tyre and hub. Scoring spokes on the plastic, from the inside before gluing together, gives the canvas covered hubs of the 20's and 30's.

