

## Thatching with “Teddy Bear” Fur

During this process we use two different types of adhesive. UHU or similar All Purpose adhesive to stick the fur to the wooden roof, and PVA for the thatch itself. The PVA is diluted with water in a 1:1 mix.



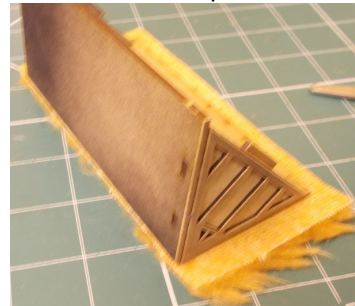
The fur has a “pile” to it, which is the way it naturally lays. This pile should always run from the ridge to the base of the roof.



Use the all-purpose adhesive to glue the roof to the BACK of the fur, with the ridge as close to the edge of the fur as possible.



Trim the fur so you leave approximately 10mm below the base of the roof (as shown).



This is the same roof shown from a different angle.



Repeat this for the other side of the roof. You'll be left with a strip of fur.



A “top down” view of the roof at this point.



Glue the strip along the ridge so that it is roughly even on both sides.

If your building has gable / plank ends then trim the fur in line with the edge of the roof.

If your building does not have gable / plank ends then trim it 5-10mm beyond the edge of the roof to allow it to overhang slightly.



Using a generous amount of watered down PVA and a 1" wide brush, cover the fur. Do this by starting at the ridgeline and drawing the brush down to the base of the roof (following the pile of the fur). Don't stint with this – use plenty of watered down PVA. The roof will drip so be prepared for that.

The right hand end of the picture above has had the PVA applied to it.



The same roof showing just how much the fur will compress as the PVA is applied to it – again only the right hand side has had the PVA applied.



Once you have plastered a complete side with the PVA, use the flat end of the brush in a jabbing motion and work across the roof to form a rippled effect. Start just below the level of the top strip of fur and do 2 or 3 ripples depending on the size of the roof.



Before the roof has dried, glue the smoke-hole cover into place.

The roof will take a fair while to dry and when it has done so, it will be stiff to the touch. You can then trim the lower edge of the thatch with a pair of scissors to your desired level.