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The following 10 locations are a rudimentary guide to selecting, picking and choosing artifacts:

### **1 The Thrift Store (\$2-\$25 per trip)**

The thrift store is where the extraordinary can be discovered in the ordinary. At this location there is a large quantity of discarded unique 3D objects. Mostly labeled knickknacks, bric-a-brac, and so on – the selection of these artifacts should be the result of paying close attention to the artifacts' qualities. Important factors in selecting unique 3D objects from the thrift store is the artifacts form and what material it has been made out of (such as is it fragile or brittle?). Weight and size of artifacts from this location are also important concerns. In selecting artifacts at this location consider how the artifacts might be used later, the surface of the artifact, and how the artifact might be able to join other artifacts in a contiguous composition.

### **2 The 99¢ Store (1\$-\$20 per trip)**

Seemingly on every corner, the 99¢ store is a great place to acquire artifacts such as beach and commercial toys. While the selection may be limited, the best thing about this location for artifacts is the price point.

### **3 The Hobby Store (\$10-\$50 per trip)**

The hobby store is an excellent location for artifacts that can aide in the specifics of model making. Here one may acquire detailed pieces such as furniture, figures or accessories. A bit overpriced, the quality of the artifacts acquired at this location make up for it.

### **4 The Paper Store (\$12 per trip)**

The paper store is a true hidden gem. Paper is a great artifact to layer onto other artifacts - adding a new color and texture. The owner of the store sells the scraps for 10¢, 15¢, and 25¢. Unbeatable quality for such a low price. The size of these scraps of paper will generally be < 8.5" x 11". This is important factor to keep in mind, since the coverage of the scraps of paper purchased here will have a slight limitation in terms of size.

### **5 The Craft Superstore (\$25-\$50 per trip)**

This is the mecca of corporate craft stores. Here artifacts that can be discovered are landscapes, readymade craft pieces, toy sets, wedding decorations and so on. The craft superstore is very reliable for certain types of artifacts in very large quantities. For example there is a limitless supply of plastic greek columns, normally used in the production of wedding cakes. Although there is seemingly endless quantities of useful artifacts at the craft superstore it is important to select in moderation – partly to avoid using artifacts from just a single location and to allow for a high degree of difference in the production of architectural models.

### **6 The Street Market (\$1-\$10 per trip)**

The street market is where excitement reigns in the process of selecting artifacts. Due to its high unpredictability and volatility the street market is an ideal location when seeking out a surprise in the selection of artifacts. Here one can also bargain for artifacts, unlike other locations where prices are fixed. Just remember when you look like you really want or need an artifact, you have to pay more for it.

### **7 The Internet (\$10-\$150 per trip)**

Today we can search for anything. The best types of artifacts to be purchased at this location are 'lots' of HO scale building parts, HO scale buildings, incomplete HO scale building sets, and so on. The internet's auction sites are a great place to purchase bulk parts when needed or specific parts on demand. While the internet effectively offers everything one may desire, it is important to keep in mind that in order to find something one didn't know one was looking for requires a different attitude toward searching.

### **8 The Street (\$0 per trip)**

The vicinity of dumpsters and construction sites often have freshly discarded debris that may contain artifacts useful for the construction of architectural models. The street is not a reliable location to select artifacts if time is pressing in the production of an architectural model. The tradeoff is that all artifacts acquired on the street are effectively free. It is absolutely important that any artifacts collected on the street should be cleaned before any additional use.

### **9 The Home Improvement Store (\$10-\$100 per trip)**

Perfect for oversized functional objects. The best artifacts here are pipes, vents, bricks, and so on. The home improvement store is a great location to purchase larger artifacts, for example the base of a model. Since everything in this location is intended for very functional purposes, be sure to fully comprehend the size and scale shift when selecting pieces for a model.

### **10 The Architecture Model Store (\$15-\$75 per trip)**

For all your architecture model needs. This is the location that sells the tools to aide in the altering, adjusting and assembling of the artifacts that have been purchased from the above locations. Foamcore! Basswood! Rulers! Knives! Blades! Spray paint! Cutting mats! Glue! ♥