



The Great Chicago Fire

Burning for three days starting on Sunday, October 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire has been considered one of the greatest US disasters of the 19th century. The blaze destroyed about 2000 acres (8 km²) of the city, killed at least 125 people, and left the city of Chicago rebuilding and restoring its fine city for years to come.



Depicted in this Diorama is the great legend of the start of the fire; Catherine O'Leary's Cow. A fabricated story started by a Chicago Tribune reporter, it was said that the start of the fire was due to an overturned lantern kicked by her cow. Though the fire's origin was retraced to Mrs. O'Leary's barn; the cause was never determined. Ironically, the Chicago Fire Academy is now located on the infamous O'Leary property.

Source: Wikipedia and The Cause of the Great Chicago Fire (<http://www.thechicagofire.com/>)



Fold on the solid line, and insert into the slot on the base (pg 1) of the diorama. Make sure to face the city skyline towards the "glue crate here" text.



Put together the lantern as follows:

- 1) Connect the tab on the top of the lantern (a) to make a shallow, cone like top.
- 2) Fold the main piece (b) on all the dotted lines, and connect the tab. Connect the two small tabs to the inside of the lantern top.
- 3) Connect the outside brace (c) to the inside of the top of the lantern, and around the main piece (a) snugly.
- 4) Connect the handle (d) to the outside brace (c) and over the top of the lantern.

