# Introduction to Building Craftsman Kits



#### Overview

- \* This clinic is designed to show you some basic concepts when starting out building craftsman style buildings.
- \* This clinic will cover tools needed, basic building, painting and assembly techniques.

## Safety First

- \* Make sure to wear the proper safety equipment when cutting, painting, and any other technique requiring protection.
- \* Purchase quality tools. Spend a little extra and get a quality tool that will last a long time.

#### Tools Needed

- \* Cutting Mat
- \* Number 11 blade
- \* Chopper
- \* Razor blades
- \* Weights (123 Blocks)
- \* Glue
- \* Paint & Paint Brushes

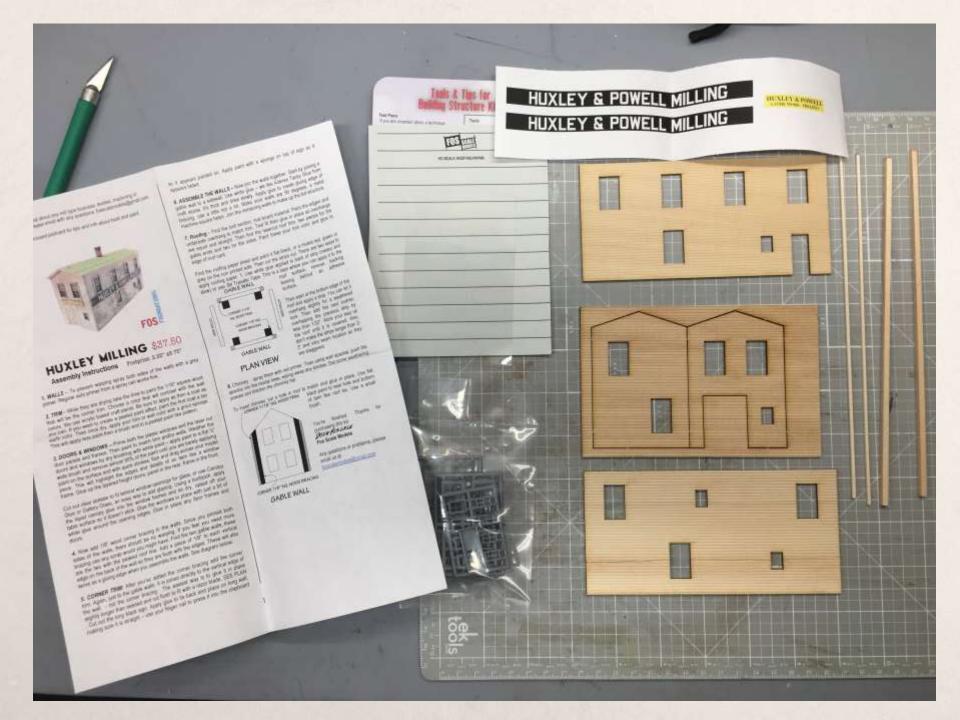
#### Tools Needed (cont.)

- \* Grout Sponge
- \* Pencil
- \* Rubber Bands
- \* Metal Ruler
- \* Weathering Supplies
- \* Nail Sander
- \* Many More.....

## Getting Started

- \* For this clinic, I used Fos Scale Models "Huxley & Powell" foundation series kit.
- \* The Foundation Series is a great inexpensive line of kits for beginners.
- \* You want to open your kit and familiarize yourself with the contents.
- \* \*\*\*READ THE INSTRUCTIONS\*\*\*

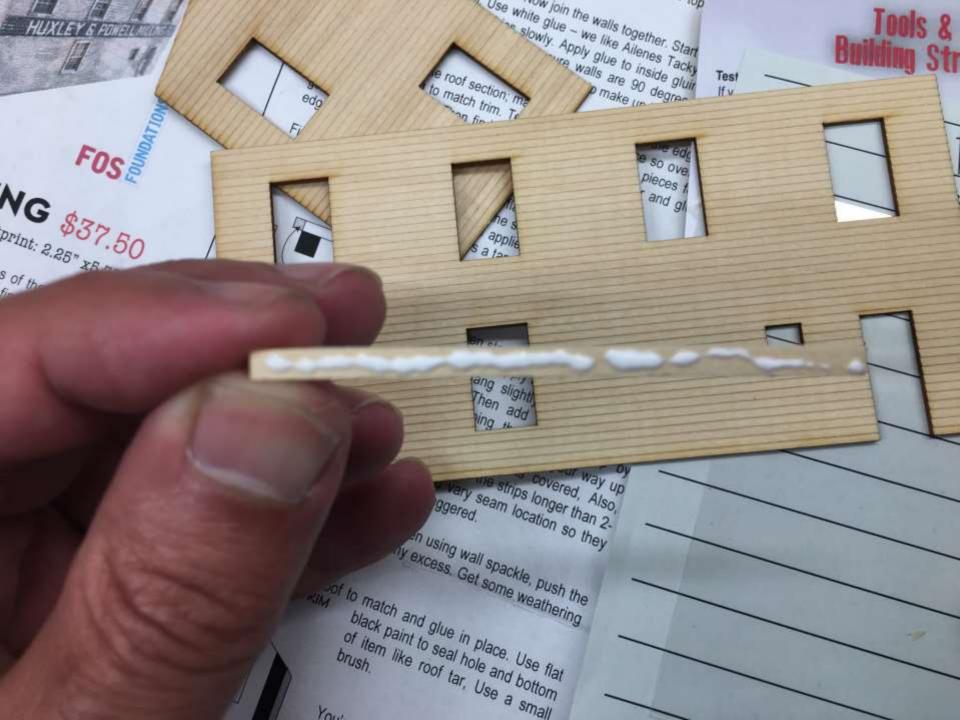


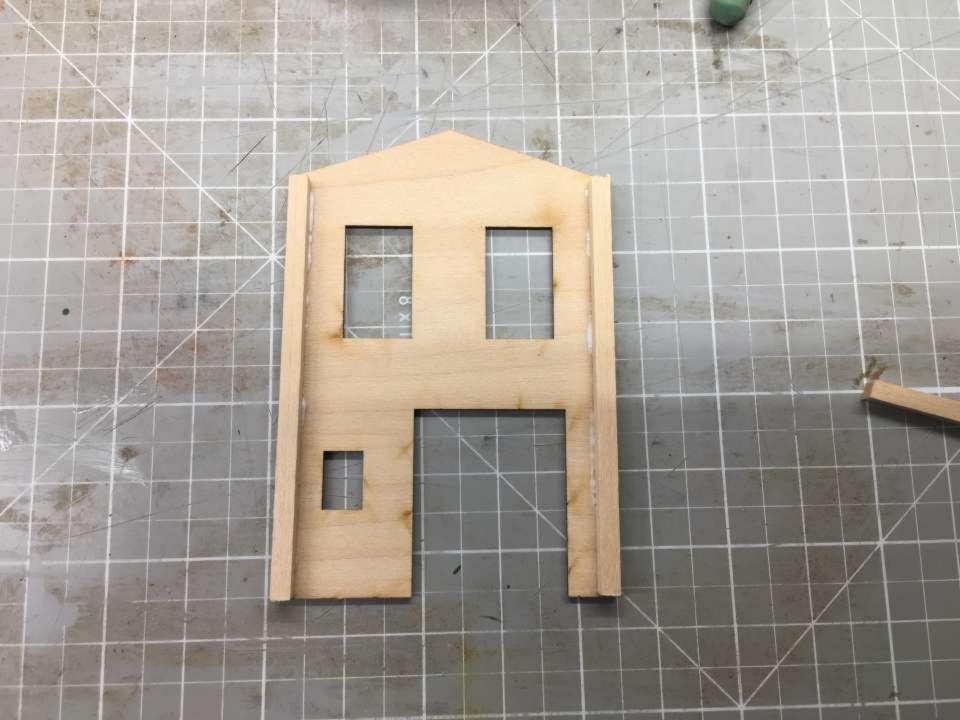


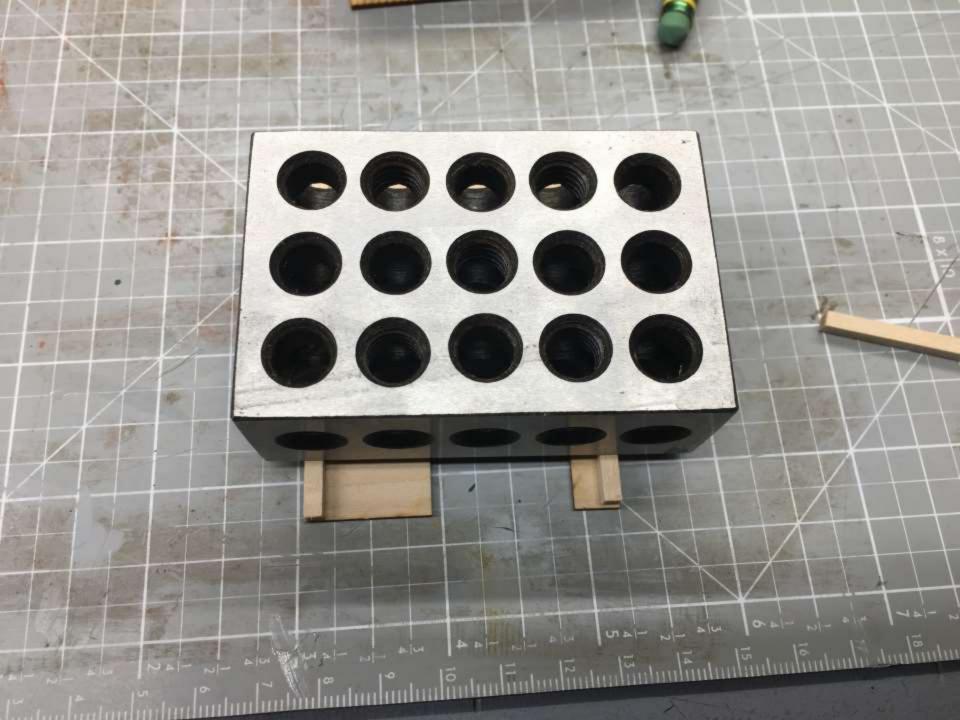
#### Bracing Your Walls

- \* The first step is to brace your walls. When you start to introduce stain and paint, your walls will warp to a degree.
- \* The Glue I use is Weld-Bond white glue.
- \* At this point you will take your 1/8" square bracing and cut them to size based on your wall.
- \* You will only need a small amount of glue to adhere the bracing to the back of your wall. Refer back to your directions on proper placement as all kits are different. It's ok to add extra bracing if desired. Local hobby shops or hardware stores could carry the 1/8" square bass wood.



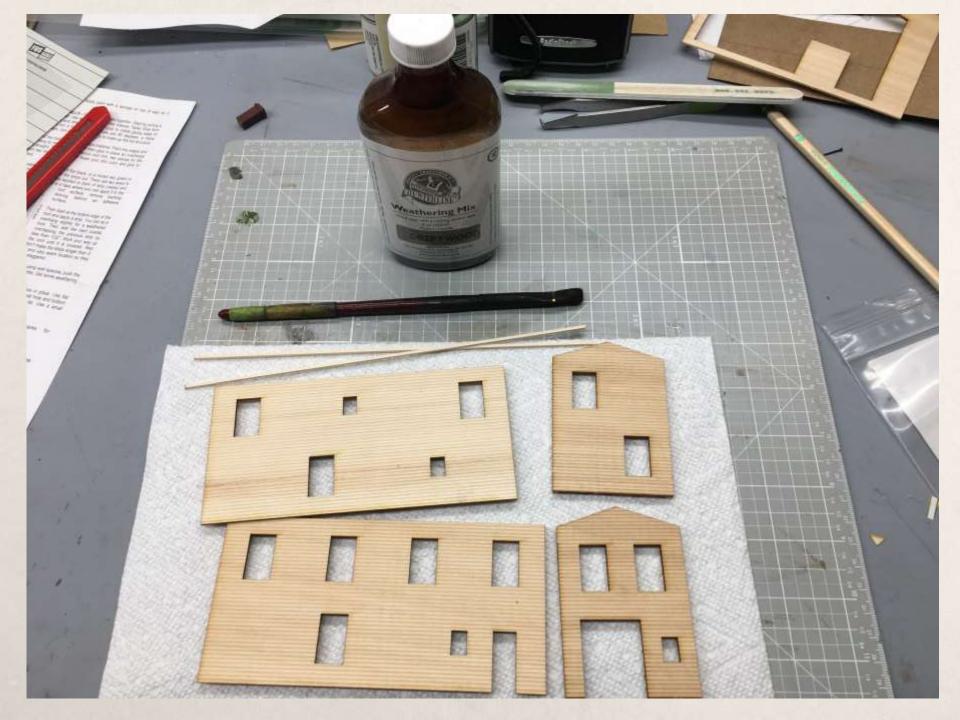






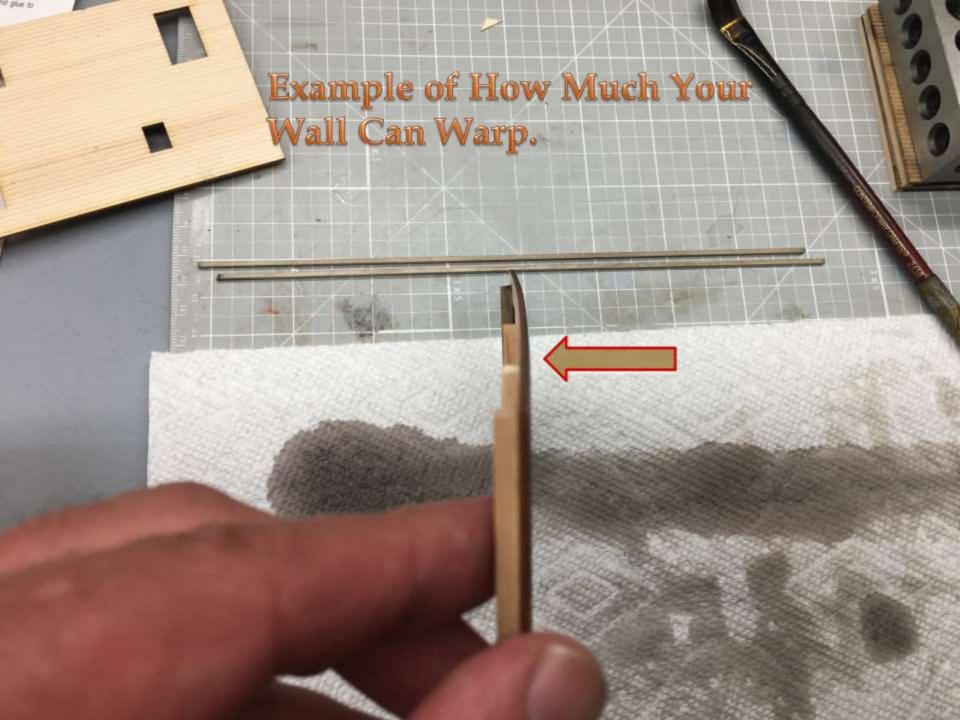
#### Staining

- \* Now its time to stain your wood.
- \* You will not need a lot of stain but just enough. Over staining can lead to more than usual warping.
- \* Use a dedicated brush for staining.
- \* I prefer the Hunterline Stain products and also use A&I wash as well.
- \* When applicable I use an oil wash after the walls are painted.







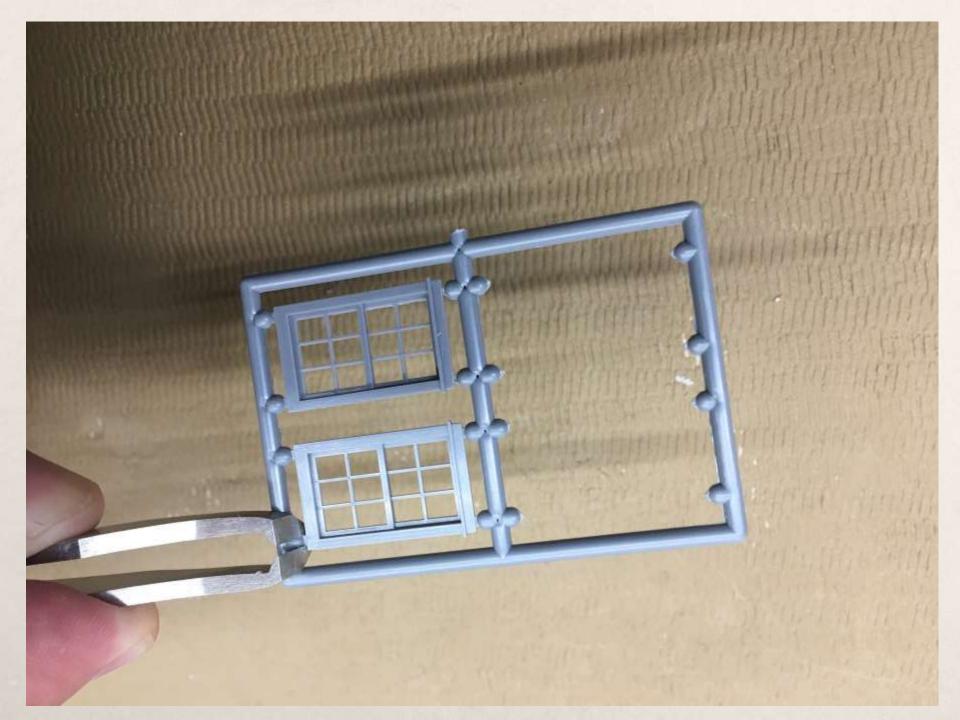




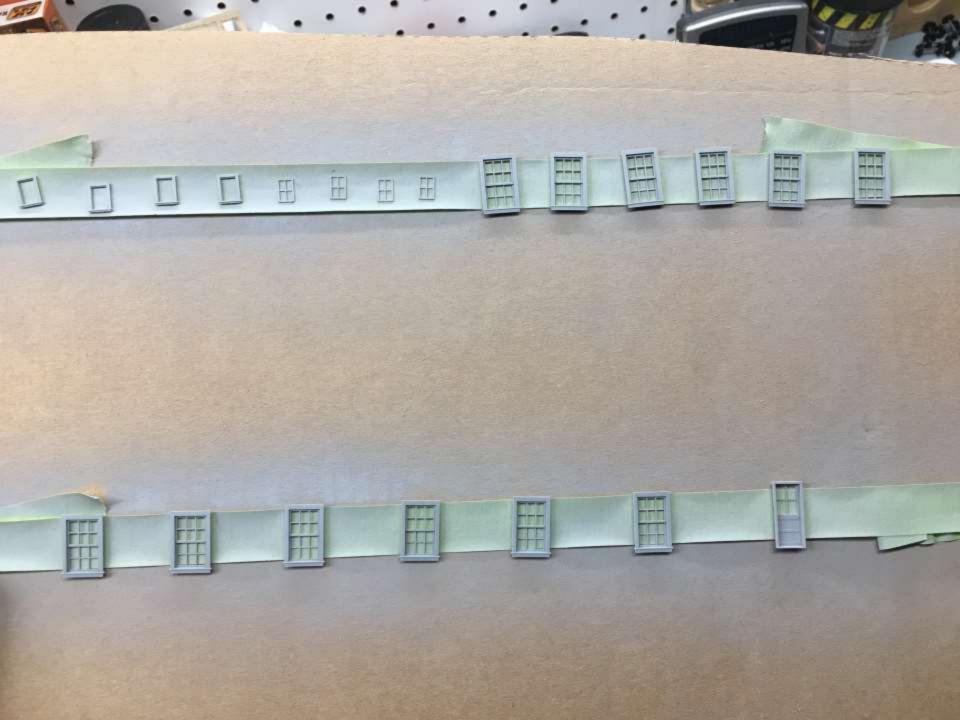
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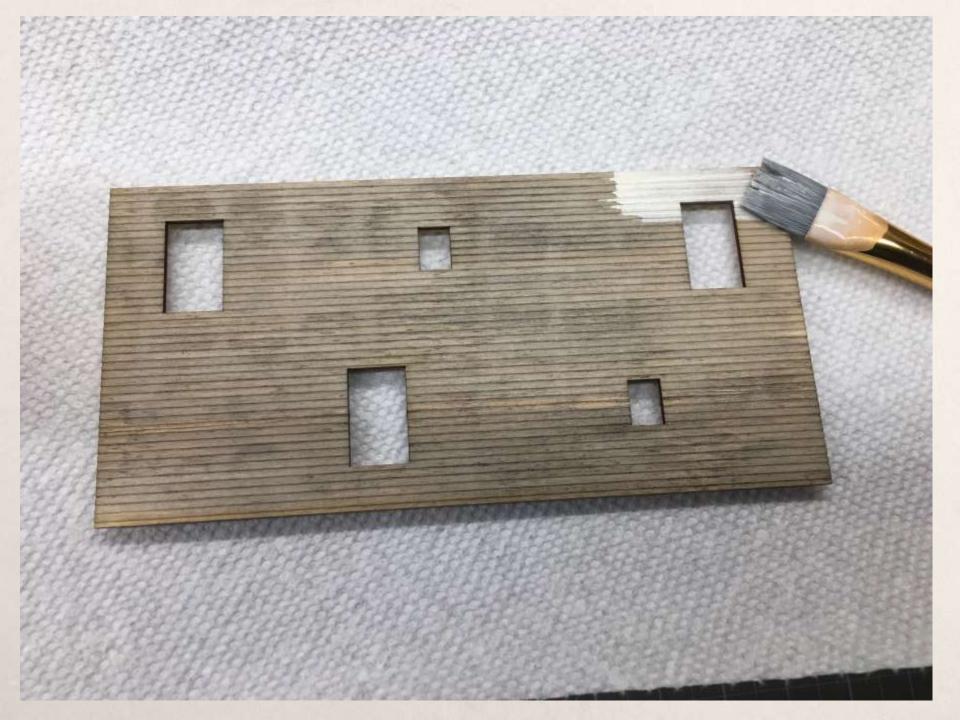
- \* Once your walls are dry from the staining process you can start to paint your walls, trim and windows.
- \* You will need to remove the plastic windows from the sprue and prime your plastic windows. Use a grey automotive primer of your choice. I use NAPA Colorline DC540 Gray Primer.
- \* Craft paint is my paint of choice for my craftsman kits. There are many brands so choose the one that fits you the best. I mix and match and look for the best colors.
- \* Soft ¼" to ½" brushes work well but use what works best based on the application.

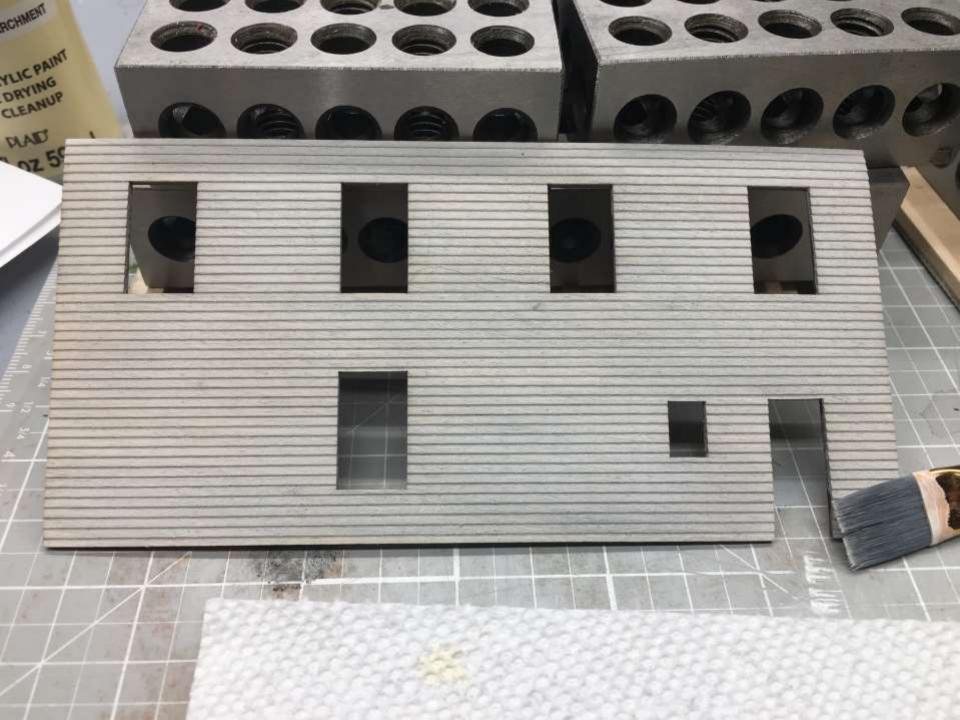








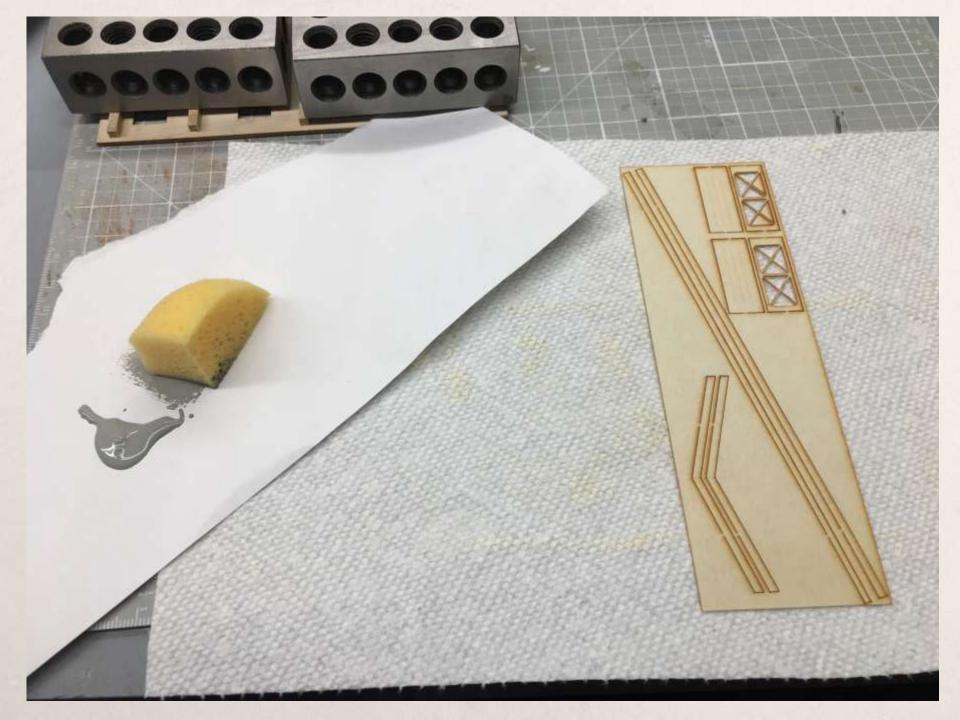


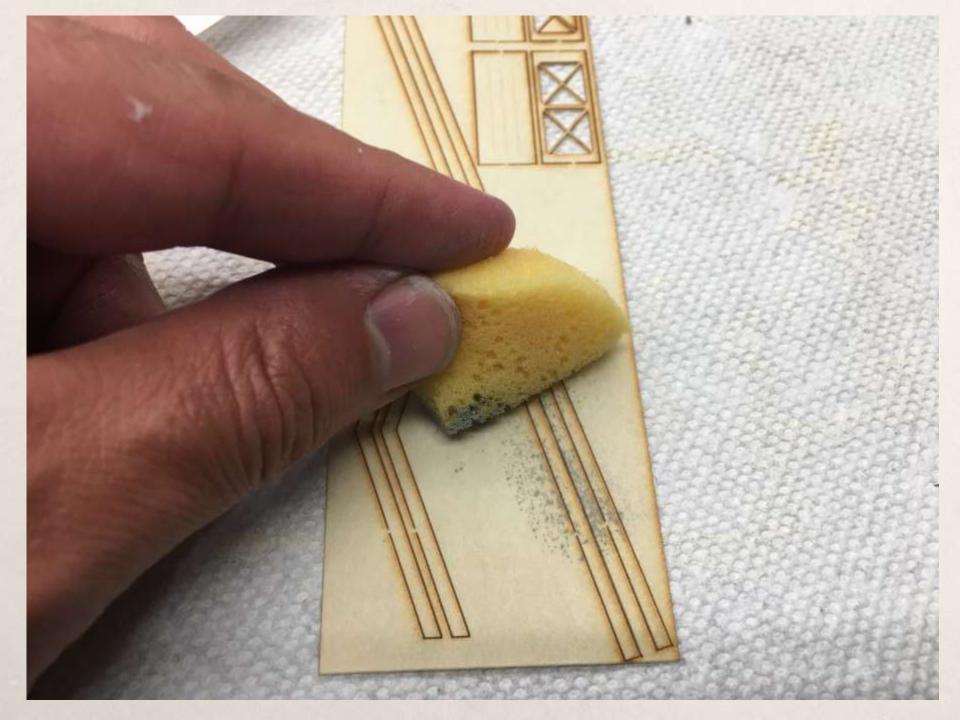


## Painting The Trim

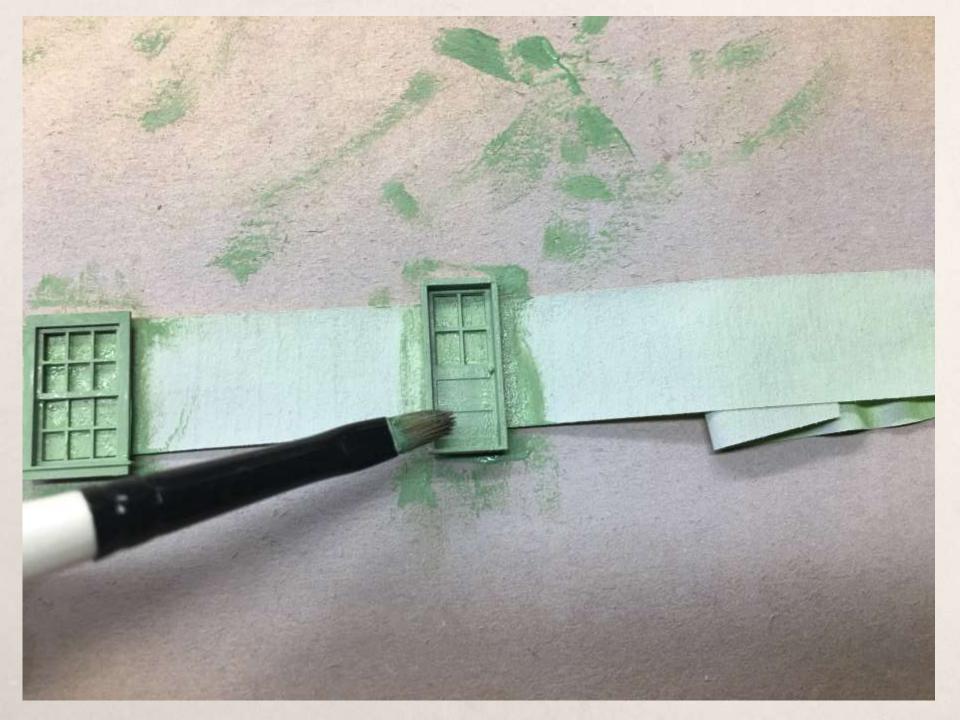
- \* So now its time to paint the trim. A brush can be used or a sponge depending on the level of weathering is needed.
- \* If you use a sponge, make sure you purchase a quality grout sponge.
- \* Cut into small 1-2 inch squares.
- \* Use the sponge to apply the paint using the same concept of dry brushing.









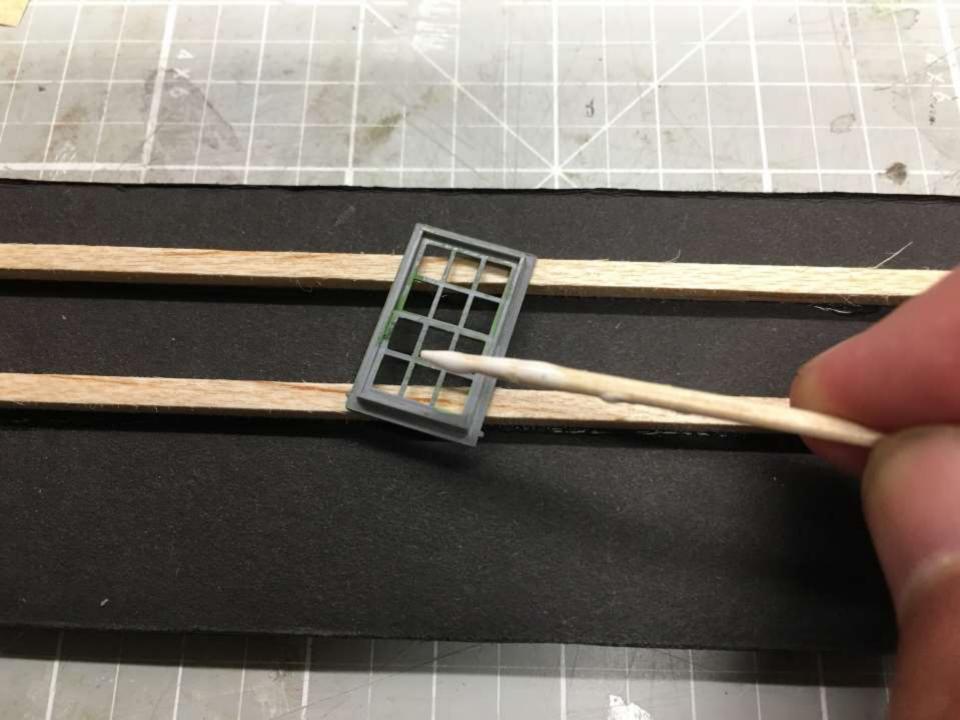


## Glazing Your Windows

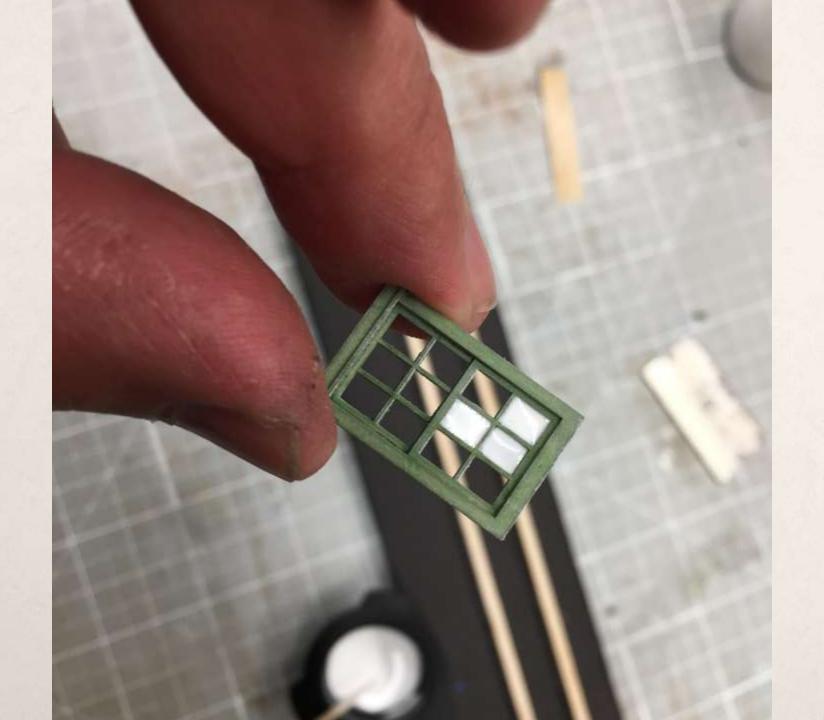
- \* There are a couple different ways to glaze your windows. You can use the acetate or use a couple different types of glues.
- \* For this application, we will use Canopy Glue.
- \* Using a toothpick, add some glue and drag the glue on the rear of the of the window frame. You will see the glue suspend within the window frame.
- \* You will need a special tool (1/8' square basswood glued on foam board) and place the windows on the wood sections. Allow to dry for a few hours.













# Preparing the Signs

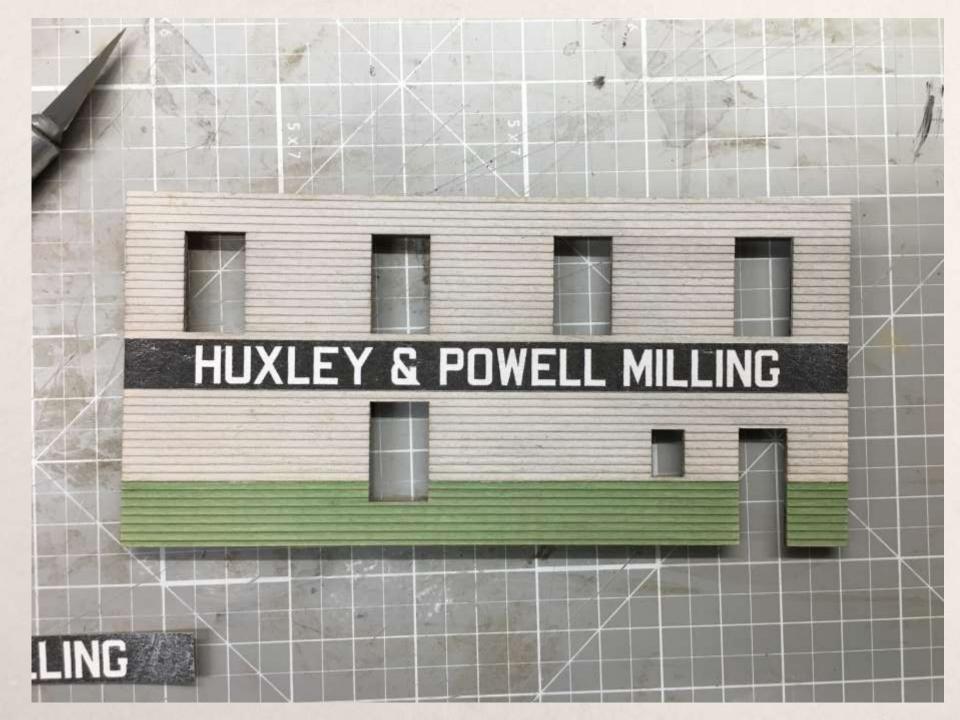
- \* Apply the transfer tape to the back of the sign sheet.
- \* You can weather the sign before cutting it out or after.
- \* Using a new #11 blade, cut out the sign using a metal ruler.
- \* Peel back the transfer tape backing and apply the sign on the wall.
- \* Using a toothpick, gently rub the sign into the clapboards as it gives the effect the sign had been painted on.



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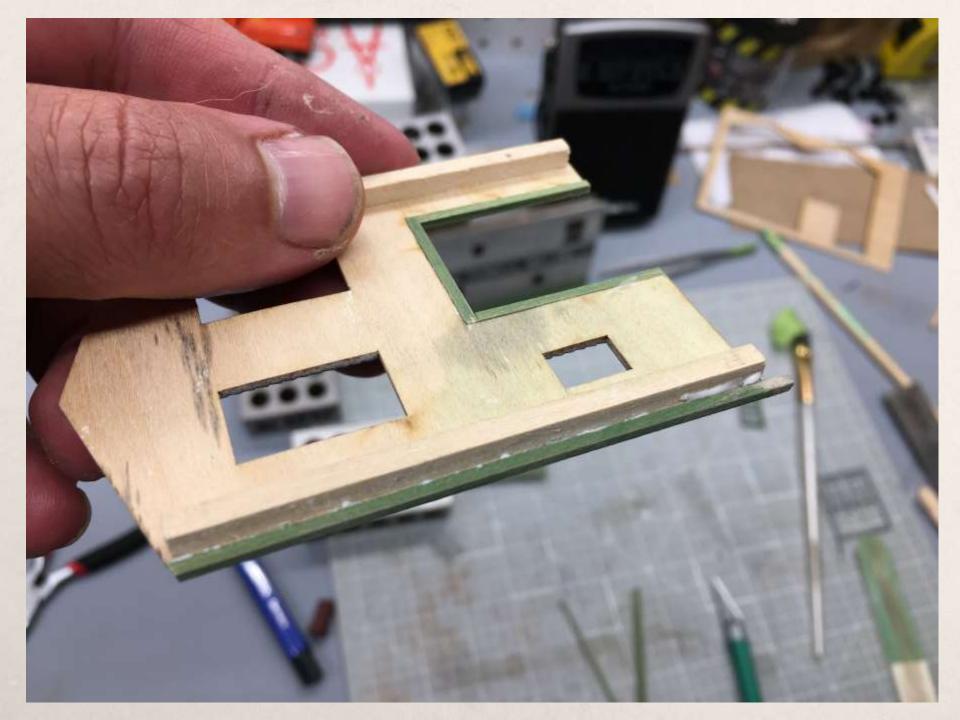




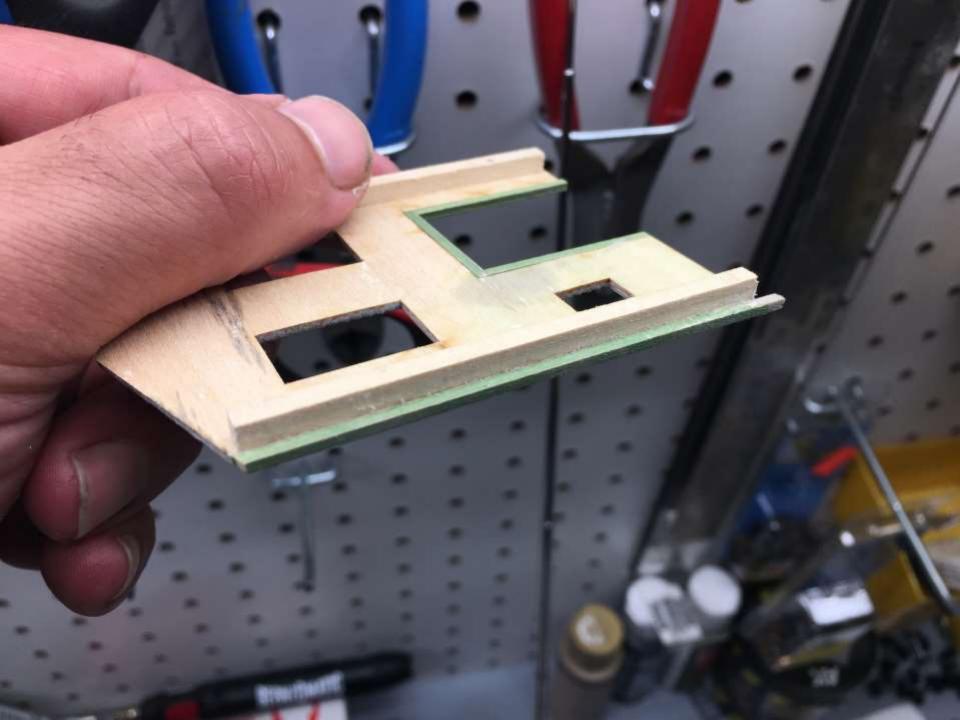


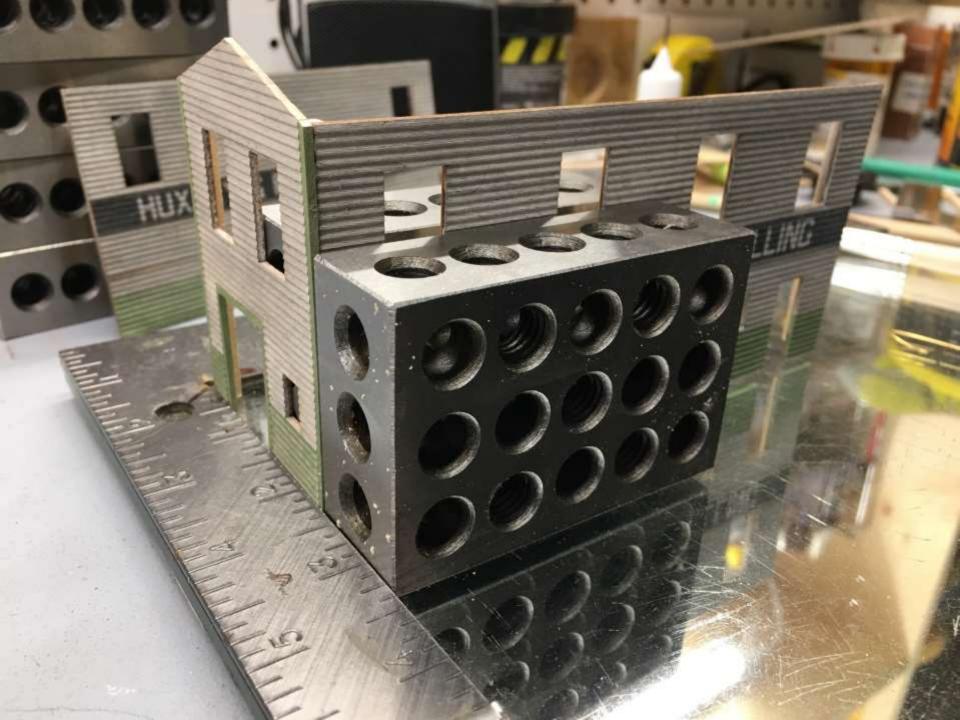
# Preparing The Walls / Trim

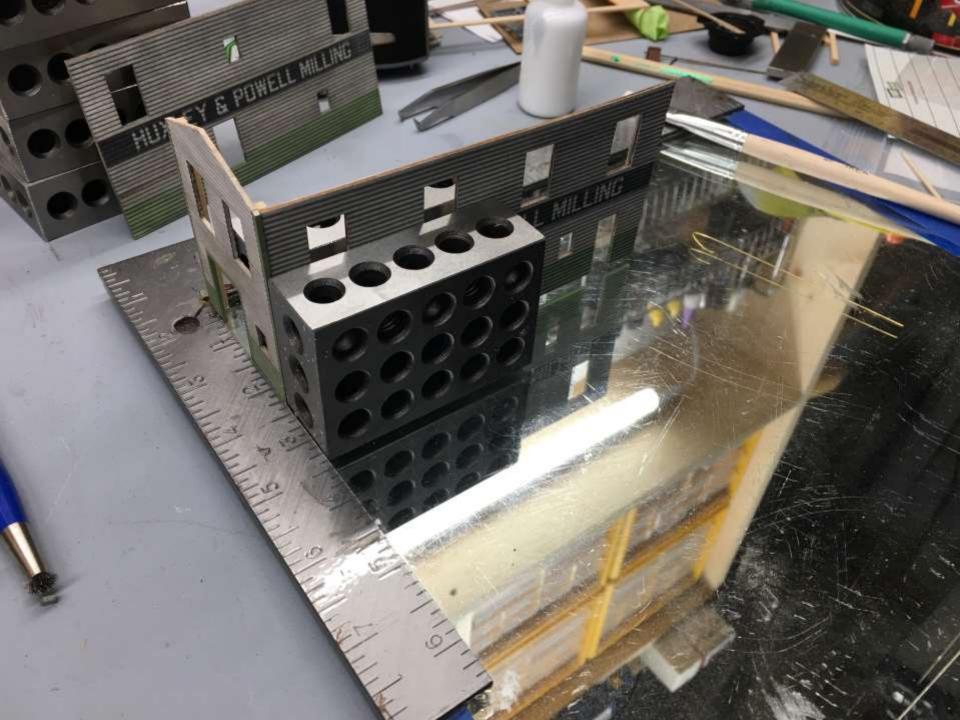
- \* First you will want to glue on your trim. When you do this, you could have extra glue come out on the back and you should clean it out to prevent assembly issues from glue build up.
- \* Simply use the edge of a razor blade and drag out any excess glue.
- \* Once the trim dries, you can assemble the walls. You can use squares, 123 Blocks, rubber bands and clamps. (Not Used)









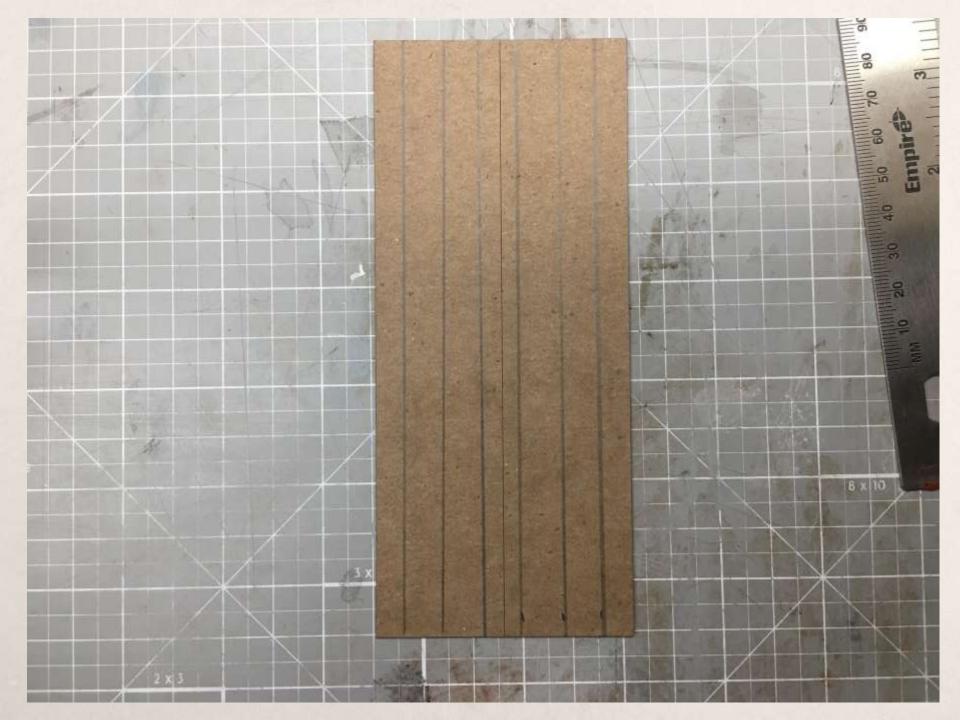




# Preparing the Roof

- \* You will want to draw some straight lines on the roof card. This will help keep your tar paper roof lined up properly when you install it.
- \* Next put your transfer tape over the top of the lines and trim excess transfer tape.
- \* Next paint the underside black about 1/8" around the inside edge. This will eliminate the card stock from showing.
- \* Glue on your roof card and let dry.









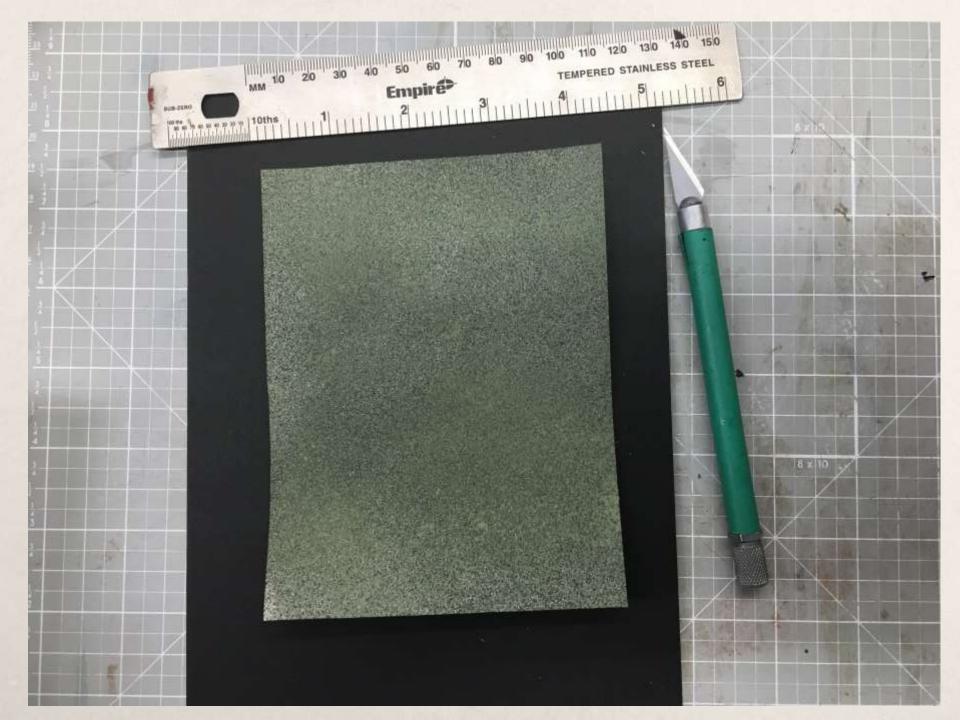




# Preparing the Tar Paper

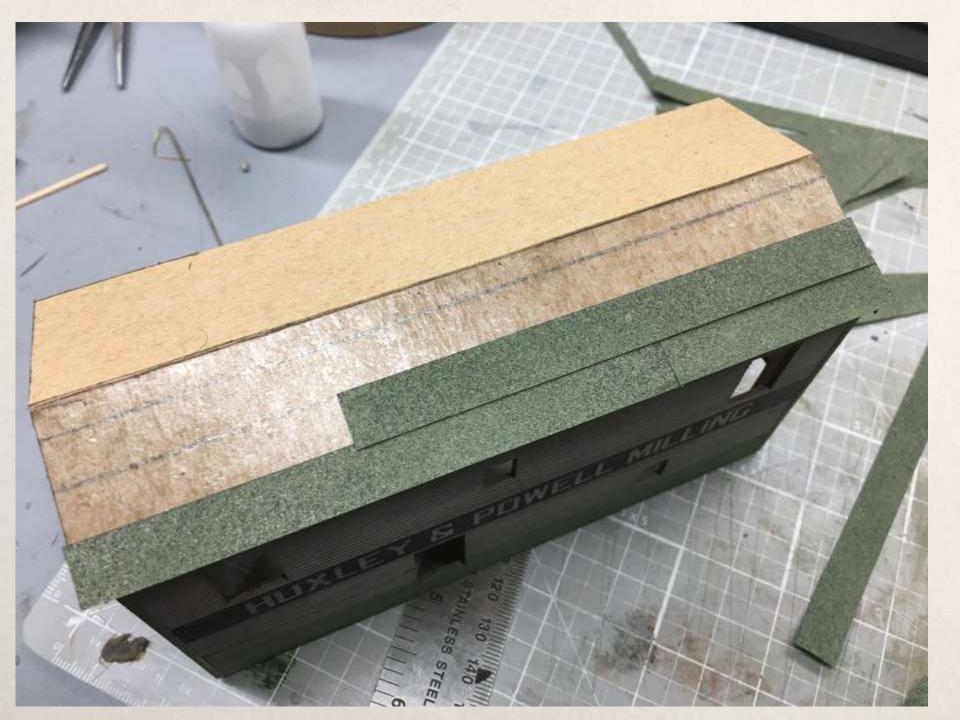
- \* The kit comes with tar paper. You can use as is or paint any color you wish. If you decide to paint it, paint the side without the lines.
- \* Now using a straight edge and cutting blade, cut out the tar paper strips using the lines on the paper.
- \* Now you can install your tar paper roof. Peel back the layer of transfer tape and begin installing the tar paper. You will want a small overlap (1/32) on each piece of tar paper. Stagger the pieces and cut if needed to create a variety or seams. (see photos)











# Adding Window Shades

- \* This is optional but does give the model some character.
- \* You can use card stock or paint.
- \* In this application, I used Depot Buff.
- \* Make sure the windows are right side up.
- \* Use variety when painting the shades. You may need two coats to accomplish this.
- \* Once dry you can install your windows.





#### Final Trim Installation

- \* Now you can install your trim or assemble windows and doors if they are laser cut.
- \* At this point, your chimney will need to be installed. Simply cut out an appropriate sized hole and install your chimney.





## The Finished Product

- \* This will bring you to the end of the build.
- \* Building craftsman style kits can be rewarding and fun. Starting small and working your way to larger kits is a great way to learn and improve on your skills.
- \* Fos Scale Models has a great line of kits. They offer the Foundation Series, and many other great kits. They sell not only kits but different supplies to ensure your model is looking realistic. Check out their website: fosscalemodels.com
- \* Lets look at the finished model.









# Can I Keep Going?

- \* Once the model is done, you could always add to it. Here are some items that you can do:
- \* Weathering (powders, oils, and washes)
- \* Add detail castings
- \* Add a bump out
- \* Add some fine detail such as rust streaks, tar sealer around stacks and chimneys.
- \* Add a concrete slab
- LED lighting

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