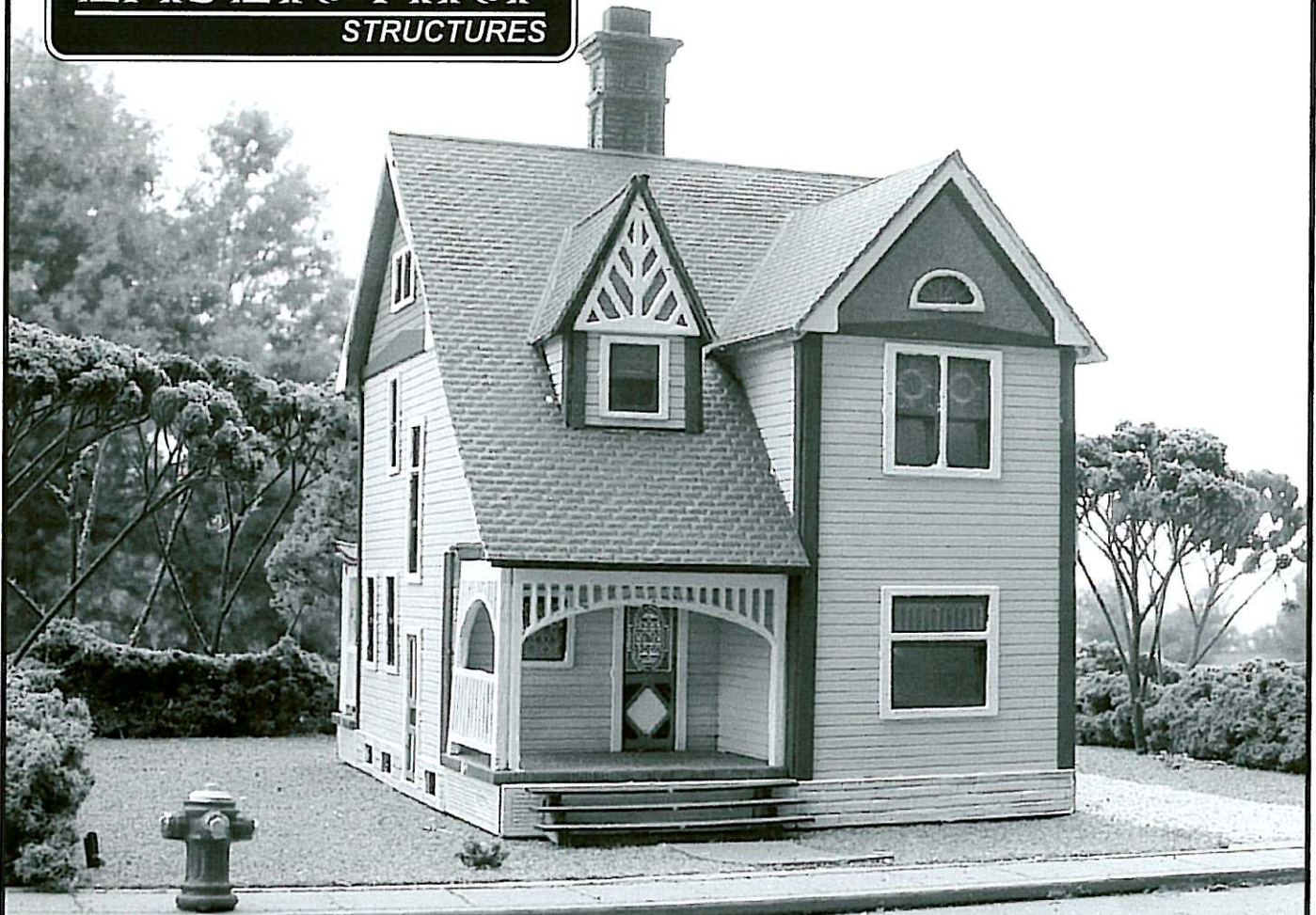


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The Woodward

History:

Throughout the later half of the 19th century and well into the 20th century many architectural firms offered stock house plans that could be purchased for use in constructing homes throughout the country. Often these plans were published in elaborately illustrated catalogs for prospective homeowners to browse and dream of their next purchase.

The Radford Architectural Company of Chicago offered an illustrated catalog of available blueprints for homes of many styles. Unlike some of the other catalog home companies, Radford offered only blueprint and specifications. The homeowner would buy the plan package, then hire a builder to purchase the wood and build the house. The house we've named the Woodward was their Plan #66 from the 1909 "Radford Ideal Homes - 100 House plans". The plan set, along with specification sheet sold for \$5.00. Radford estimated the cost to build the house at about \$1,350.00.

Tools:

A few tools are required to assemble this kit. A sharp X-Acto knife, tweezers and glue (Elmer's white glue or similar for wood to wood joints and ACC, contact cement or epoxy for metal parts) should be all that is needed. A small square may also be useful.

Painting and weathering tips

We find it easier to paint many of the parts before assembly. If you choose to use water-based paints please be sure to paint both sides of the wood siding to minimize warping. Don't panic if the wood warps while the paint is still wet, in most cases it will straighten out after the paint dries.

Do not paint the inner wall framework until after it is glued to the side walls in step 1. These parts are very delicate and may warp if painted before they are glued into place.

Before you begin:

We recommend that you read through the instructions as well as the picture diagrams before you begin each step. This will help prevent any assembly mistakes. Dry fitting pieces before you glue will help as well.