



The Barn

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 required. 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 1A. These parts are very delicate and may warp if painted before they are glued into place.

For a weathered appearance the walls can be stained with a light gray stain (driftwood or similar) and then dry-brushed (painting with very little paint on the brush) along the grain. This will create a peeling paint effect.

For the adventurous we have included photos of a barn built in a state of extreme decay, built using this kit.

Sections of the roof and some of the inner frames were cut away. These were then weathered and distressed, and scattered about the display. The rest of the barn was painted using a mixture of light painting and staining of the structures pieces.

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.

Components are held on the larger sheets with small tabs. Use a sharp knife or razor to remove the parts by cutting through the tabs. Because of the number of components we recommend that you remove the parts as you use them since it's easier to keep track of them this way. Be careful when cutting the tabs, many of the parts are delicate.

We use white glue (Elmer's or similar) for the wood-to-wood joints. Yellow carpenter's wood glue can also be used. It can be helpful to use bits of masking tape to hold corners together while the glue dries.

The peel and stick adhesive allows the part locations to be adjusted slightly when first applied, but will set up to a permanent bond in a few hours.