



The various parts are held on the larger sheets with small tabs. Use a sharp knife or razor to remove the parts by cutting through the tabs. We recommend that you not remove the parts until you're ready to use them. It's easier to keep track of them this way....

We use white glue (Elmer's or similar) for the wood-to-wood joints. Yellow carpenter's wood glue or ACC ("super 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.

**Painting and weathering tips:**

We find it easier to paint many of the parts before or during 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. Santa Fe's original paint colors were an pale yellow overall, accented by a darker green trim around the windows, and doors, and a white window sashes. Later schemes were simplified to yellow with white trim or just overall yellow. We recommend painting the inner window sashes and the trim pieces before assembling the windows or applying the trim.

**Before you begin:**

We recommend that you read through the instructions and look at 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.

# Laura Depot

**History:**

Laura was located on the Santa Fe's Illinois Division. Its station was originally built in 1889. The design of the station incorporated many features found in numerous Santa Fe depots, including a wrap-around loading platform, three-sided operator's bay and standard design windows and doors. As such, this depot is perfect for any small community on the Santa Fe. As with many depots, the station was modified and its appearance changed over the years as the demands of the community changed. We've modeled the station as it appeared between 1937 and the 1950s.

**Kit Basics:**

Our kit consists of laser-cut wood components. Many of the parts are backed with a peel and stick coating to ease assembly.

You will need a few basic tools and supplies to build the kit. A sharp hobby knife and white glue are all that is required for most of the assembly. Some modelers might find a single-edged razor blade helpful.

