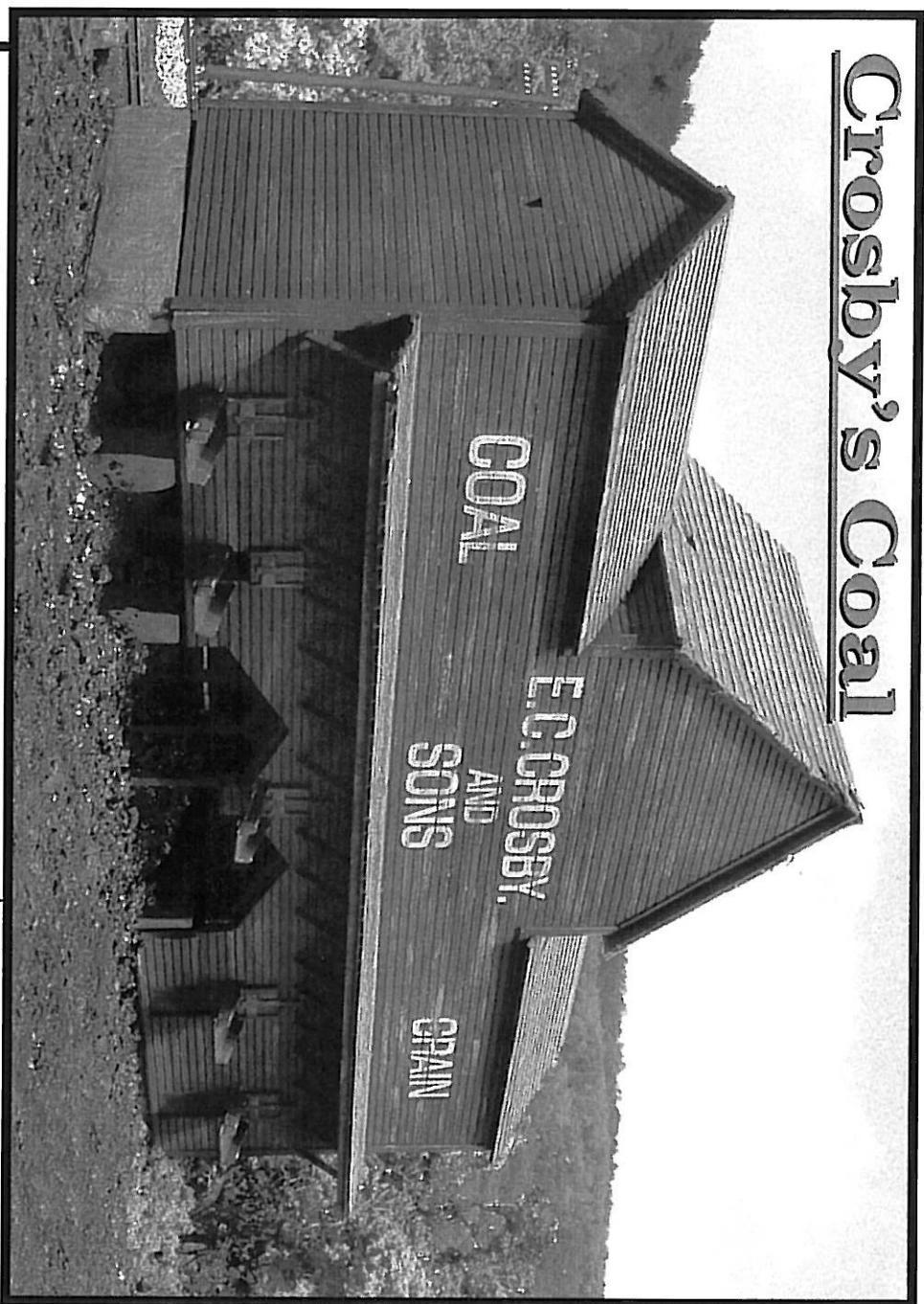


Crosby's Coal



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. We recommend that you remove the parts as you 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. Contact cement or "Goo" will be used to mount the resin base to the walls.

Decal setting solution will be useful when applying the lettering.

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.

As it exists today, Crosby's coal is painted solid red. However, earlier photos from the steam era show the building a solid lighter color, possibly white or off-white. We have included decals for signs for both color schemes so the choice is yours.

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.

History:

Crosby's Coal was located in Danby, VT, on the Rutland Railroad. Built in 1914 the building still stands today. Similar coal dealers could be found throughout the country. Hopper loads of coal would be unloaded into the coal bins from which the coal would be sold to local homes and businesses.

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.