

"Break Time"

Welcome to kit #04. First read the enclosed sheet, "Tips on working with Hydrocal®. Check and clean all castings getting familiar with every piece.

Place foundation on a flat surface. Using three rubber bands, form the shape of the building. Cut strip wood shorter than needed to avoid interference with the roof strip wood. Put carpenters glue on two sides of strip wood and slide up and down until it is in the correct place (never put glue on a Hydrocal® seam.) When dry, mark the front of the foundation and set aside until needed.

Take a short straight edge and mark where bottom of card stock will be missing the roof steps on the two sidewalls. Cut card stock a little smaller than needed as cardboard expands in humid weather (the rolled roofing will cover any cracks). Cut four pieces of strip wood to support roof and glue in place. When dry place roof card stock where it'll be, but do not glue into position yet. Assemble the three-piece roof exit. Facing the door, the longer of the two sides will be on the left, flush with the top and the shorter will be dropped down flush with the bottom of the left side. This will allow the roof to pitch toward the right side. Sand the bottom on a slight angle to fit on top of cardstock roof, still do not glue on roof or exit.

Place building back on foundation, place each dock and stairway where wanted and transfer a pencil line. Remove and carve Hydrocal® smooth to fit. Again, if you want to use your own strip wood, skip this step. Drill four holes over the doors where you'd like to position the gooseneck lamps. Clean and assemble the three interior walls. These will be glued in place later. Now spray all model pieces with a red auto primer. Paint lintels, foundation, doors and door frames with a color of choice. I now seal everything with "Dull Coat". Next I used a white alcohol wash for the mortar. When dry, I use a black alcohol wash over run offs or just dirty places. Give foundation, docks and stairs a black wash too. Place building on foundation and glue four short strip wood pieces in place (not getting in the way of the interior walls).

Cut a scrap piece of card stock, place under interior wall unit to raise up even to door opening. Glue all in place. Take the four doors and also glue in place in an inward open position. Glue on lights. If you want, add pastels for a more weathered look. Glue on roof card stock and having painted roof exit earlier, you can now glue that in place with small strip wood. Cut and glue on rolled roofing, painting all joints black and chalking up the roof.

Now, chamfer and fit roof tiles along the perimeter of the main building and roof exit (except for the back wall and right side of roof exit) moving them around until they all seem to fit. (You may have to sand a few to fit). There should be more than enough. Leave tiles in place and draw a small blueprint of their location. Remove tiles and paint. I used aged concrete but brick color would look good too. Before you glue the tiles in place, select and apply signs (small for front and larger for backside) on front and back of building. After tile is glued into place, also give them a black alcohol wash.

The oil tank is made of two halves. Glue together, let dry and sand seams. Paint tank black, and concrete piers 'aged concrete'. Glue tank onto piers approximately 1/16th" in from the edge. The gas pump sits on a small granite stone.

Do the windows and you're all set to place the building on your layout.

Hope you've enjoyed #04. Remember if you missed any of the past kits, they are still available.

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