

Rusty Rail

Craftsman Kits and castings in HO and O Scale

This kit will take you back to the days when these open air sheds were common behind existing buildings, before the days of building permits and inspectors. We have tried to capture a small open air shed that will fit in any area.

The kit is all resin and some square wood for posts and consists of 6 parts. The assembly is straight forward and requires some light sanding. I paint my castings before I assemble them with the base color I use Model Masters Dark Tan FS 30219 to

The walls interlock and you will see the post holes in the base. I put the left side of the shed wall in its one post hole first with a little super on the end of the post then a little super glue on the ends of the boards that will connect to the back shed wall. Then put a little super glue on the three posts for the back shed wall and slip the posts in the post holes and then connect the boards from the left side wall. Make sure all is in plum.

Next you can add the work bench to the back wall and it also fits in the post holes in the back wall. Then take the wood you received and add a bench leg post to the end of the work bench. Like you see in picture to your right. You can then paint all the detail and add the engine model to the blocks on the floor. All you have left is the roof. You will see it is notched and the roof only fits one way. Take the remaining post material and add the other roof support as you see in the top picture. Do not glue the roof on so you can remove it for viewing.

I use a very simple method to paint my castings. Since the kit is supposed to be wood I spray the casting with Model Masters Dark Tan FS 30219 to get that overall wood color. Then I paint the detail using acrylic paint the cheap ones for less than a buck a bottle. Then I take out my alcohol and Indian ink mixture and brush it on to fill all the cracks and give some depth. Then last is to get some dirt chalk and dust the casting this gives the effect shown in the picture.

I hope you will enjoy this kit as much as I enjoy creating it. I have more of these coming so stay tuned. What is great about this kit is it looks great outside then you can see your friend's jaws drop when you open the roof and let them look inside. I know a few of these will be added to my buildings on my new layout. Thanks for purchasing our products and please let me know if you have any comments or concerns about the product. Also submit some pictures of your finished model and we will add it to our web page gallery.



