

Rusty Rail

Craftsman Kits and castings in HO and O Scale

Paint/Assembly Instructions for HO scale Cookhouse

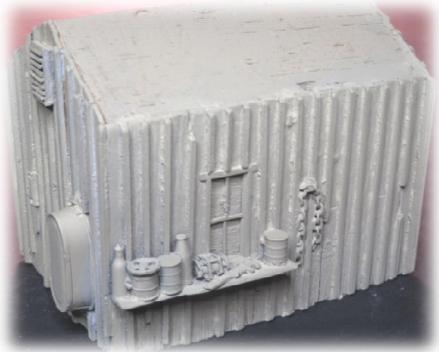
Hi everyone thanks for purchasing our loggers Cookhouse. First we will start with my simple method to paint the castings to look like wood. I myself always print the main castings before assembly. I **NEVER** wash my castings before I paint them. I use a good primer you pay a few bucks more but the cheaper primer may or may not work. I always use Rust-Oleum Camouflage paint as my primer. I always find it at Wal-Mart and I use the Khaki or Sand color those give you a great base color and it sticks every time. Just make sure not to cover your detail.

After the primer is dry I use a Doctor Bens product called Grimy Dusty Buff for my base coat if it is going to be wood. Doctor Ben's products have been around for a long time and are great. Make sure you stir the product well. Put on a good coat it may not look like it is covering but when it dries you will see the results. Then I would paint any detail molded into the model like tools or brooms and chains etc. Also I only use Acrylic paints only Cream coat is the brand name but any will do.

OK after that dries you then start using an Indian ink mixture as a wash. This is made by mixing real Indian ink and Denatured Alcohol. You can get the real Indian ink at a craft store and the denatured Alcohol at a Lowes store in the paint department. Making your mix you have to play with it to get the correct combo. You do not want it too dark. Just try light coats to get the effect you want. When you apply the wash it goes into all the nooks and crannies and brings out the detail.

You will be amazed with the results and can then experiment with different techniques like dry brushing, using chalks and rub and buff products. I even mix chalks with water and get some wild results.

As far as painting the roof which is two separate pieces I just used flat black on both sides. And then just used dust chalk to weather as you can see in the pictures below.



Ok, now that we have the painted wall castings lets assembly the four main walls. The long walls fit inside the two end walls you will see a slot that the walls fit into. This should give you a flush corner. Then I always use super glue to assemble the walls and attach other items. Once you are happy that the walls are square. At this point you can paint the base and weather it and place the wall assembly on the base. Make sure you center the wall assembly on the base so it does not cover any of the floor board patterns on the base. Example of the base to the right.



Ok next is adding the roof. Again check the castings for fit and sand them or trim them as needed. As you can see in the pictures the smoke stack goes on the roof section. Make sure the tarpaper roof sections have the cast tarpaper going the right way. Ok now you will find a piece of silver tape in the package. We will use this tape piece to connect the two roof sections together and also cover the area where the two roof sections come together at the peak of the roof.

Makes sure you trim the tape to fit as the roof cap equal on both roof sections. Then remove the tape backing and stick you tape on one side of the roof make sure it is pressed down where you want it to stay, and then stick it to the other roof section for form a peak. Now you have a peaked roof section that covers where the roof sections come together. Then glue your large smokestack to the roof. You will find another smaller smokestack to add to the roof where you think it looks good. Then after I painted the tape on the roof peak I used a brush to apply dusting powers to the roof then took an old sock and rubbed in a down ward motion to get the desired effect.



You received some woodpile castings and junk castings to can weather and add to the base against the building.

Also if you have suggestions on the instructions that may help others please let me know.

