



SCARECROW MODELS

Scarecrow Models Normandie '44 German Checkpoint Guard Hut.

Hello! And thank you for buying our latest model in our Normandy'44 range from Scarecrow Models.

This model is super easy to put together even for us! However, the devil is in the detail or in this case, the painting. This one took me longer to finish than any of our kits so far! You cannot rush this one. Patience is vital. To make it easier for you we have engraved lines for the stripes so at least that's one step made easier. I'll tell you how I did mine and you can decide where to go from there. I do EVERYTHING with rattle cans. For the base coat I recommend a good automotive white primer. Don't use small Humbrol or Tamiya cans, there isn't enough in them as the wood soaks up the paint like crazy. I put down six light coats before I was happy with the base white.

The next step when painting, is letting the last coat dry hard enough to accept the next colour. You don't want the masking tape to pull up the last coat. Actually, this is a good time to talk about masking tapes.

DO NOT use standard decorator's tape – at this scale, it won't hold the colours back well enough. You need either Tamiya model tape or GREEN Frog Tape. And be prepared to use it all up!

For the red and black, you can use smaller cans as the base white has sealed the model. You can of course hand paint, I just prefer cans. I think I was a graffiti artist in a past life!

I've also found it a good idea to actually write down on a bit of paper nearby the mantra WHITE, RED, BLACK. The reason being is that it's easy to lose track of what colour is next! In the instructions, I'll build the kit unpainted but call out at each stage when best to paint bits. Feel free to ignore, I've got thick skin.

The only other tools you will need are Superglue, possibly some sandpaper and, of course, coffee and Kelly's Heroes on the TV!

Ok, let's build this baby!

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1. On opening the box you should see a parts manifest and a pile of wood followed by a slight burning smell. Do not panic, YOU ARE NOT ON FIRE!



Watch out for these small parts.



2. **Point of reference.** In the following steps let's have the base always the same way round as per this pic.



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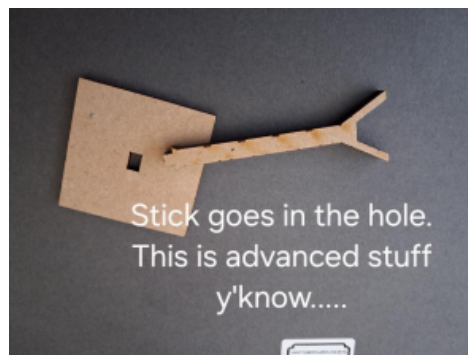
- The hut.** Take the sides and front and back and with the opening facing you, put these parts in the slots on the base. DO NOT GLUE TO THE BASE. This bit is really, REALLY important! See the stripes cut into the sides? Well, if they don't match up it really shows when you go to paint them, so we need to get these aligned juuuuuust right. Easiest way to do this is to use the base as a jig to knock them up. Problem is, we don't want the base stuck on yet as that will interfere with painting.

So, as we said, put the sides and front onto the base and when you are sure it's all lined up straight, add a drop of super glue at the top of each side and let it run down each seam to about half way and no further. Here's the tricky bit though, don't let it touch the base. We want to remove that in a minute for painting. Once the glue is dry, gently remove the base and add more glue at the bottom and set aside for a few hours. You should now have a hut, no base or roof and lines lined up ready for painting.

- Painting the hut.** Now's the time to do this, before you attach the roof and base. First thing is the white base coat. I recommend Halfords white Automotive Primer. The wood soaks up the paint so do it in mist coats. Don't be tempted to go heavy as you will flood the laser guide lines for the stripes. Don't worry about painting the inside until last, as you will get overspray in there from every stripe. Leave the last base coat to dry overnight then it's STRIPING TIME!

Now I did mine with rattle cans as mentioned and green Frog Tape. It's pretty straightforward but make sure you leave time between coats for each colour to harden otherwise you risk the previous coat lifting with the masking tape. You can of course paint by hand but that's alien to me and quite honestly, we can't be friends and there are special groups for people like you - Van Gogh Anonymous is one to start with apparently!

- Base and Barrier support.** Or, the easy bits. The base just needs a quick splash of wood brown as does the support base. The support itself is white and just gets popped into the base with a dab of superglue.



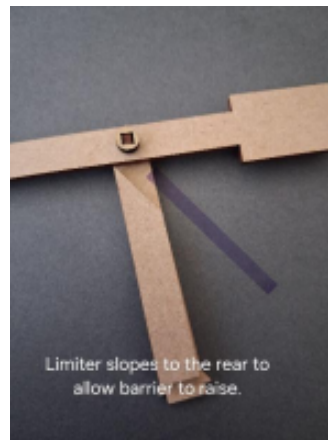
- The barrier.** First thing to do is to mount the hinge pin and two round bearings onto the barrier. Do this with thin superglue and don't get it onto the outside of the bearings. Leave to dry overnight.



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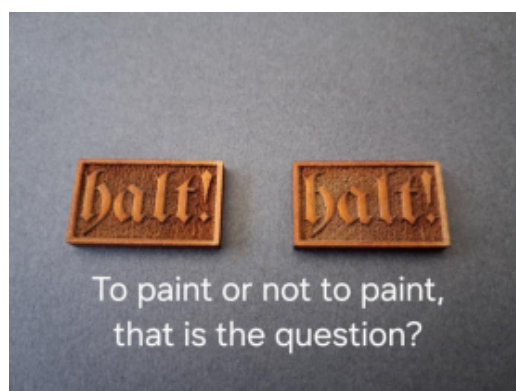
7. Next, mount the barrier post into one of the supports. Make sure it moves freely, if not, sand out the hole and not the bearing. After that we need to add the middle raising restrictor. Note the angle, it faces backwards. Have a play with it, you will see what's what. When you are sure, add the other side and glue up.



8. **Counterweights.** Two of these and they simply glue to the end of the barrier



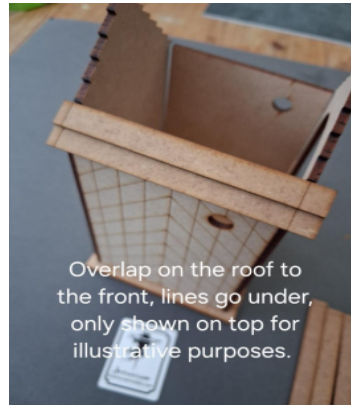
9. **Painting the barrier.** Much the same as the hut, Humbrol primer for the base and then stripe up in your preferred method. Watch the hinges, don't flood them or they won't move! Add the two signs, I left mine plain wood as they just looked cool but it's your call.



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10. **The roof.** Okies. Lay all the roof bits out. You will see they all have marks on one side. These are guides for where to lay on the walls to give you an overhang. One of them has the word TOP on it. This is....(drum roll) the one that goes on the very top. Have a dry fit attempt on the walls. The top piece goes on the left hand side and overlaps the top right hand side piece. See image.



Before you stick the roof on, I would advise painting both sides.

11. Final Construction



Ok, so now you should have the following:

- Guard hut covered in stripes and painted on the inside in your preferred colour
- A working barrier covered in matching stripes
- A plain wooden painted base
- A Y barrier support on base
- A lot of wooden roof bits.

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First thing to do is to join the hut to the base. This gives it a bit of strength for handling. Next, add the roof as per the instructions above. Take this slow and use glue sparingly. Test fit as you go. Lastly, drop the barrier mount into the two slots to the right of the hut.

And that's it! You're done!

Thanks again, I hope you have enjoyed this and look forward to seeing your builds on our Facebook page and other groups .

Tally ho.

The Scarecrow.

