

# Rusty Rail

## Craftsman Kits and castings in HO and O Scale

This kit will take you back to the days when these shacks were a common sight around the country. In the basic instructions below I will show you how to assemble your shack and some basic weathering techniques.



You first need to paint your castings. I use a very simple method to paint my castings. Since the kit is supposed to be wood I spray the castings 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. Also for the windows I use the product Micro Kristal Klear. I think this makes a more realistic looking window glass. Your base needs the rock painted and weathered.

Ok lets start the assemble take the base and your four cabin sides. Make sure the sides fit well on the base. I used a rubber band to hold the sides together to check the fit. The sides butt up and fit on the base over the square block area. The picture to the right shows how the corners should look. After it look square and fits well super glue the sides together and then to the base. At this point I also painted the inside of the walls flat black. Since the building has no interior this will give it that dark mysterious look inside.



We are now ready for the roof, find you three roof sections and work with the fit until you get the two main roof pieces to fit the best. The larger roof section goes to the back. After you have the roof in place where you want it, glue the roof on. I cut a small strip of paper to cover the top seam where the roof sections meet. You can trim it to look like shingles or a metal strip. Now let's add the porch, find your porch section and connect the slotted end front roof section. Then play with the angle you want on the porch roof. You can see



examples from the pictures on our web page. After you get the correct angle glue the porch roof section to the front roof and find something (a bottle etc) to hold the front roof at the angle you desire. After the glue has dried take the post material in the package and cut yourself three posts to support the porch roof section. After you get those cut and fitted properly glue them in place to the molded beam under the porch section.



Ok last item is the chimney that connects to the side of the shack. You will see where it fits in the notch on the rear roof section. You will need to trim and sand this part to fit against the shack wall as you see in the picture above. Also I paint the chimney flat gray primer and hit it with the India ink mixture.

Final weathering was to paint the posts your wood color and any spots that need touch up. I then like to dry brush the side walls shingles etc with a gray color that make the wood stand out as you can see in the picture above. I also use chalks and tricks to make the detail stand out.

Now your next problem is where you place the shack and add the woodpile and wood splitting block. I hope you will enjoy this kit as much as I enjoy creating it. I have more of these coming so stay tuned...

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