

Rusty Rail

Craftsman Kits and castings in HO and O Scale

Basic Painting instructions for wood buildings

The following are basic instructions to paint the O Scale Shack. First I **NEVER** wash my castings before I paint them. I use a good primer you pay a few bucks 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 Bens 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 shack like brooms and chains etc. Window panes I hit them with a little gray paint. Also I only use Acrylic paints Creamcoat is the brand.

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 to 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.

Well that's about it I hope you enjoy the model.

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