Pikestuff N Scale

Thank you for purchasing this kit. The main goal behind the Pikestuff design is that you can easily modify and change the building to fit your needs. For almost two decades, HO model railroaders have enjoyed kitbashing Pikestuff kits. As we designed the N scale line of Pikestuff we took what we’ve learned from the HO line and made it even easier to assemble and modify. We feel that these N scale kits will allow you to easily copy most any steel building that you decide to model. Once you learn the basics of how the kit goes together you will find yourself coming up with other interesting looking buildings just by combining two or more kits.

Tools: X-Acto knife with sharp blade and Emory board is all you need. Glue: I prefer Testor Liquid Cement. Just brush it on both sides of the part to be glued and press together. It is so thin that you can’t see it after it dries. Painting: Most any hobby paint will work fine.

The Basics.

Figure 1 is the Trim sprue. It holds all of the key parts. Remove the parts from this sprue as the instructions call for them.

The Doors and Windows sprue (not shown). The doors and windows install from the back side. This way you won’t have to worry about the cuts that usually show. Note: There may be some windows that you don’t have openings for.

The Sidewalls (blue, not shown) come 20 feet wide by 24 feet tall. They have cut lines on the backside so you can make this kit different heights. (24, 20, 16, 12 and 10 foot cut lines are provided) Some walls come with door and window openings and some have cut lines to let you choose where you want an opening. Note: Before cutting openings be sure you have enough doors and windows for all the openings. Cut the doors and windows off the sprue and test fit in the correct opening, you will need to trim the flash out of some of the openings to get a good fit. Note: If the walls have a warp in them, (due to plastic shrinkage ) do not bend back to straighten. When you apply the glue strips to the back of the wall, as the glue dries hold the wall face down and flat against the table. After the glue dries the wall will be straight.

Getting Started

The Roof is designed with cut lines on the back side so that it will fit several different width buildings. Follow the steps starting at Figure 4 to complete the roof.

Endwalls are the blue walls with a peaked end and cut lines for different heights. Now cut to the desired height of building you want. Follow the steps in figure 2 to install the corner trim.

Sidewalls are the blue walls with a warp in them, (due to plastic shrinkage ) do not bend back to straighten. When you apply the glue strips to the back of the wall, as the glue dries hold the wall face down and flat against the table. After the glue dries the wall will be straight.

Sidewalls (not shown). Lay the sidewalls face down. Cut the height to match your endwall if needed. Test fit the doors and windows and remove flash from openings. You can choose which group you want for each side of the building. Using the sidewall glue strips, glue the sidewalls together. Note: Keep the glue strip as close to center as possible, and hold wall down flat against the table as glue dries. You should cut the glue strip so that it doesn’t end up taller than the sidewall. Glue the other sidewalls together for the opposite side of the building. Glue in doors and windows.

Putting it all together.

Now you should be ready to glue the sidewall and the endwall together. Figure 3. Be sure you get the correct side wall with the endwall like you want it. After the glue has set, center the roof on top of the walls and glue. Now you can add the downspouts, location is up to you. Near the ends of the sidewalls is common.

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Figure 1

Figure 2

Step 1

Endwall

Test fit doors and windows in all openings and trim opening if necessary. Next install Sidewall Corner Trim as shown.

Step 2

File the Sidewall Corner Trim to match the slope of the endwall.

Figure 3

Looking down at the Corner Trim and sidewalls

Sidewall

Corner Trim

Endwall