

Scuttlebutts



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Thank you for purchasing the Scuttlebutts Gentleman’s Club structure kit. Your kit includes everything you need to produce the final assembly. We recommend using “Carpenter’s Glue” available in a number of different brands, including Elmer’s. We also recommend using a steel square for aligning your walls for perpendicularity, although a drafting triangle will also suffice. A sharp X-Acto knife and a sanding tool – either fine sandpaper or a nail file will be suitable.

WARNING – Your kit requires the use of sharp tools. We do not recommend for children under the age of 14. Your kit is laser cut wood and some edges may be sharp. We recommend you use light sand paper to smooth the edges.

Step #1 –Glue the Four Wall Together.

Apply Carpenters Glue to the edge of either side wall - (B & D). You do not need an excessive amount of glue. If you use too much glue, the glue will seep out the sides. Apply a thin bead of glue and spread it to a thin coat. You may also opt to apply a bead of glue to the inside surface of the front or back walls (A & C).

Carpenters Glue will afford you the time to perfectly align your walls, as there is some “setup” time. I recommend you do one corner at a time. Glue one side wall (B or D) to the inside of the front wall. Align to 90 degrees and allow to set up. After the glue has dried and the building is sturdy, glue the back wall to the ends of the two side walls. While the glue is setting, you can use the roof panel as a checking tool to ensure the building corners are perpendicular. You may want to use clamps positioned with the clamping faces on the front and rear of the building to form a tight glued seal.

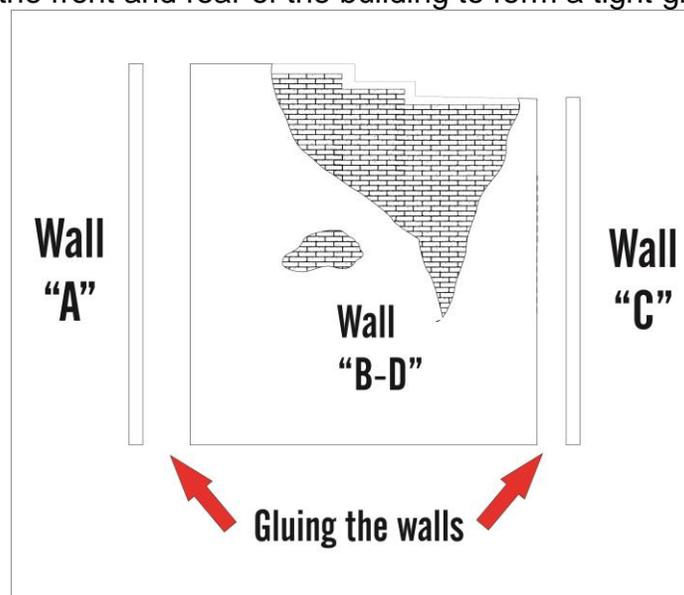


FIGURE 1 – GLUING YOUR STRUCTURE WALLS

With the basic square structure now assembled, you will want to make your painting decisions. The MDF material is well suited to most paints and has superior drying characteristics. We finished our sample model in grey, and your paint choice is dependent on the look you are seeking for your club. If using spray paint, we recommend building your color in multiple light coats instead of attempting to apply one heavy coat. Also, after your first light coat has dried, lightly sand the painted structure. This will give you a smooth, clean surface for subsequent coats.

Step #2 –Apply the Decorative Cornice.

After painting, adding the U-shaped decorative cornice is next. If you are painting your cornice a different color than the base structure, paint it first before gluing. Apply a thin coat of glue to the back of the cornice and align the top corners of the cornice to the front of the building. To expedite set, you can lay the structure on a flat surface face up and place a weight on the cornice.

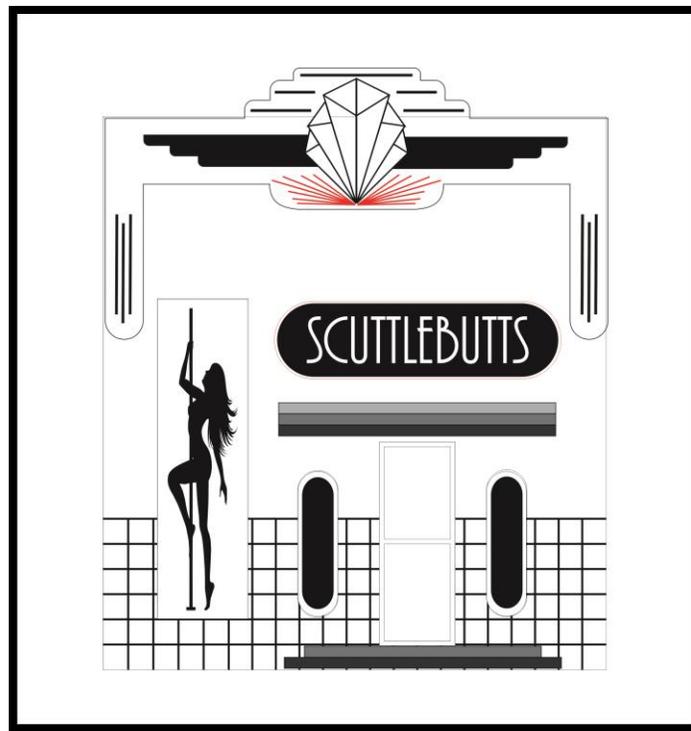


FIGURE 2 – LOCATION FOR CORNICE AND FRONT DETAILS

After applying the cornice, finish out installation of your front wall details. The three window locations are as shown and are a snap fit. Likewise the door is a snap fit. The sign is a separate piece. You may opt to paint this a color complimenting your building color and highlight the relief letters in a bright, contrasting color.

Step #3 – Assemble and apply front steps and overhang.

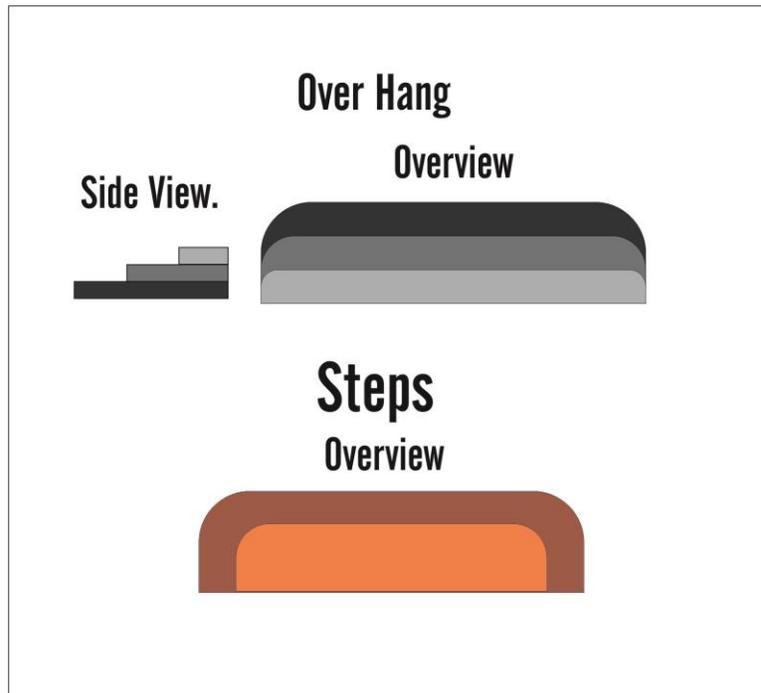


FIGURE #3 –STEPS & OVERHANG

Step and roof overhang construction are “sandwich style” as shown above. Paint complimentary colors and apply small amount of glue to assemble.

Step #4 - Roof

Roof installation is self explanatory. I recommend painting the roof black. You may want to apply masking tape overlapping the edge for real appearance. The roof is a snug fit in place; however, you can glue supports inside the building to support the roof.

Congratulations! Your building is complete!

With your building now finished, you may opt to further enhance the structure using weathering techniques such as chalk or misting. Keep in mind weather runs from top to bottom and will be concentrated in areas where water may gather and run off. Likewise, you may have weather “splash up” along the base. We will be posting tips on aging and weathering on our website in the near future.

If you have questions on construction or suggestions, please contact us by email at riverleafmodels@gmail.com

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