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while leaving the mortar the almond color underneath. This may take several coats. Adjust the brush size as needed for the area that you're working on. Paint the upper windows with Ocean Blue (Anita's Brand) and the back door brown and the upper windows white. Paint ledges and the lintels over the windows and doors with Cobblestone (Americana brand). Mix a thin black wash and apply to everything to bring out the details and highlight the cracks. Paint the roof vent and door knob/lock plates black. Accent the door knobs with gold or bronze metallic paint. Paint the electric meter assembly gray and the faces white. Using a dry brush method, apply white to catch all the details on the building. Use dry pigments or powdered chalks if desired to further weather the building. After assembly is complete, we gave our display a final coat of matte clear acrylic spray to seal everything.

4. The Details. Glaze all windows and doors. Make sure the pin used for the doorknob on the front door is sanded flush on the back side. Paint and assemble the window displays. Glue the displays to the insides of the front windows (see photos). Note: the displays do get glued to the inside of the window glazing. Paint and glue the storefront ceiling piece over the inset opening on option "A" storefront. (This is omitted with option "B") Make sure that the front edge of the ceiling piece is lined up with the flanges of the two side windows. Test fit the assembly into the front wall and glue in place. Apply decals as desired allowing them to settle into the texture and cracks of the building. Cut out all selected signs. You may want to consider lightly sanding the back side of the signs and/or color the edges with a brown marker to show age and reduce the thickness. Glue all signs in place as desired. Glue the electric box and 2 meters in place as desired. Assemble the fire escape and install as desired.

We offer many detail parts to complete your scene such as crates, barrels, 55 gallon steel drums, pallets, trash cans, and electric meter assembly to complete your scene.

All these items are available separately at:

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Thank you for purchasing this kit. We hope you enjoy building and displaying Spade Hardware as much as we have enjoyed producing it. If you have any questions or comments, please email us at: frenchmanriver@gmail.com or send a letter to the address below.

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O/ON30 1:48 SCALE KIT #605



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display built by James and Anna Cleveland
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Back before the turn of the century Ebenezer Spade made his way to Stinkwater Crik as a day laborer looking for the next job that would pay for his room and board and keep him one step ahead of his creditors. Ben had a bit of a gambling problem and had gotten into hot water when a game went bad. He got a job straightening nails for the crew building the Armstrong Barrel and Box factory, but quickly tired of this job and decided to settle down in the booming town and open a hardware store. Spade Hardware became a fixture of the community and Mr. Spade became very wealthy with the population explosion at the time. Even though he turned his fortune around, he still had a weakness for a game of cards. Rumor has it there is a poker game every Friday night in the back room of the store where his lucky card is none other than the ace of spades.

As the town has declined over the years, so has the old hardware store. Ebenezer's grandson has let the building become a run down version of its former glory, but the Friday night poker games continue.

Cautions

Kit contains small and/or sharp parts
NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14
Always wear your safety glasses when you are working with CA glues and when cutting, shaping, or snipping parts and when painting.
Also use adequate ventilation when working with glue or paint.

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Kit Contents

RESIN PARTS

- 1 Front Wall
- 1 Back Wall
- 2 Side Walls
- 5 Storefront Panels
- 1 Storefront Ceiling
- 1 Chimney
- 1 Window Display Set (3 pieces)
- 1 Crate with Dynamite
- 1 Barrel with Handles
- 1 Crate*
- 2 Trash Cans*
- 1 Electric Meter Set*



*Thomas Yorke detail parts
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MISCELLANEOUS PARTS

- 3 1/8 x 1/8 Lumber
- 1 Card Sub Roof
- 2 Roofing Material
- 1 Roof Vent 1/8" Tube
- 1 Sign Set
- 1 Decal
- 1 Window Glazing Material
- 1 Fire Escape**

Kit Notes

This is the fifth kit in the Stinkwater Crik lineup. It is an original design by James and Anna Cleveland with all original masters hand worked and detailed by James Cleveland.

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The Spade Hardware kit depicts a 2 story brick building covered in stucco that has started to crumble and crack. It boasts ample store front display space and sidewalk clutter to detail the scene. The storefront panels can be assembled in two different ways for two distinctive store front options. See photos. Highly detailed hardware store window displays are included in this kit.

Clean up any "flash" on the resin castings. Wash all resin parts in warm soapy water, rinse and dry. Any bubbles in the resin can easily be filled with a drop of CA glue or hobby putty. Allow to dry and sand flush with the part being careful to not sand off any details.

Please read through the instructions and study the plans and photos before starting any assembly. There are many helpful photos on our website listing for this kit.

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1. The Storefront Assembly. Decide how you want to configure your storefront pieces according to option "A" or "B". For option "A", try to assemble the inset as square to the front panels as possible and test fit your assembled storefront into the opening in the building front wall. Do not glue in place in the wall at this time. Option "B" omits the 2 narrow side panels and is not inset.

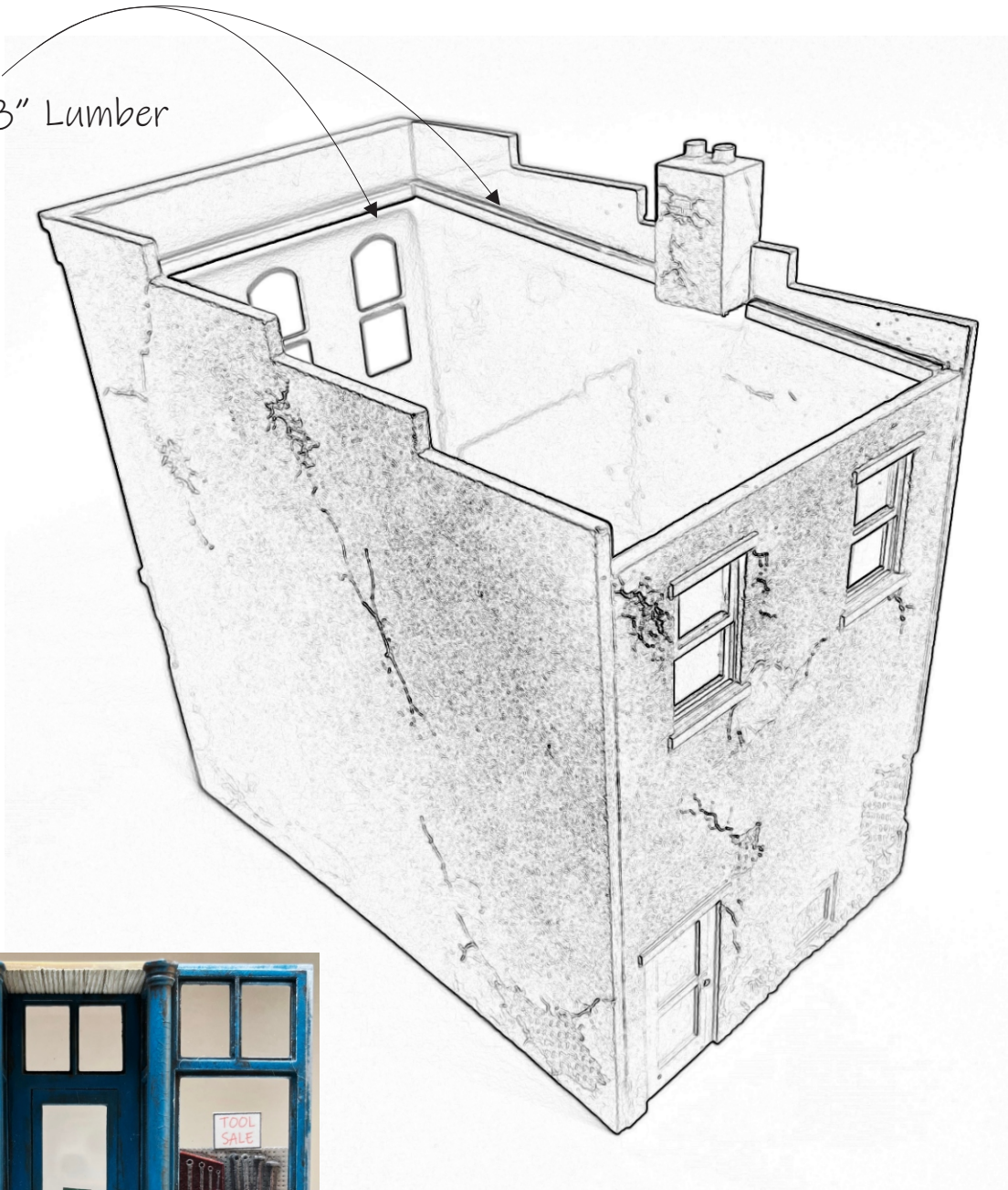
Optional: install doorknobs on the 2 doors (front and back). Drill through the lock plate with a appropriate sized drill bit. Insert a straight pin (not included) through the hole and glue in place from the back side. When this is dry, snip off the remaining pin (make sure you wear eye protection while doing this).

2. The Building Assembly. (It is helpful to do the assembly work on a flat surface such as a piece of glass to make sure the bottoms are all even and square.) Begin by gluing the side walls to the back side of the front wall. Make sure that the walls are square. We tack the top of the walls first and then apply a few drops of CA glue along the joint making sure it is tight and lined up. You may want to reinforce the corners with some scrap 1/8" x 1/8" lumber. We didn't find this necessary and have not supplied this in the kit. When the two side walls are secured to the front wall, place the rear wall between the rear end of the side walls and glue in place making sure everything is square. Decide where you want to place the chimney and glue in place to the inside of one of the side walls. You may wish to use some spackling compound to touch up any joints in the walls or patch additional cracks as you would like. Stipple with a brush to match wall texture. We found vinyl spackling compound to work well for this purpose. Allow this to dry before painting.

3. The Roof. Cut the 1/8 x 1/8" wood strips to fit along the inside of each side wall making sure to allow for the chimney placement. These wood strips get glued in place to support the sub roof. Make sure the top of the wood is flush with the top of the back wall and slightly angle them up toward the front wall. Cut a piece to fit along the front wall. (See drawing) (*you may consider completing your painting before installing the roofing) Cut the sub roof to fit allowing it to overhang the rear wall slightly. Once the size is cut, carefully mark and cut out for the chimney. Glue the subroof in place. Cut the tissue paper into scale 3-4' strips and glue in place on the roof and up the back of the cornice. White craft glue works well for this. Glue roof vent in place. Glue a piece of 1/8" x 1/8" lumber between the bottom of the two side walls in the middle of the building to keep the side walls from bowing in at the bottom.

3. Paint. Use your favorite method, spray can, air brush or craft paints. We used spray paint from a can and acrylic hobby paint applied with a brush. After the walls are assembled and before the roof and door and window panels are installed, spray the building with a satin almond colored spray paint. Spray the storefront panels with Rust-oleum brand Satin Lagoon (Teal or Turquoise). Allow to dry. Mix Orange (Anita's brand) and Flamenco Red (Apple Barrel brand) on your palette until an orange-red brick color is achieved. Using an appropriately sized flat brush lightly apply this to the bricks in a manner that paints the brick

1/8" x 1/8" Lumber



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Storefront option "A"



Storefront option "A"



Storefront option "B"

