



Newsletter for modelers

Grand Strand Scale Modelers was chartered August 14th, 2018 as a chapter of IPMS/USA in the Region 12 Central Atlantic Division. Located in Myrtle Beach, we organized with six exceptionally talented individuals. Our goal is to improve our modeling skills as well as furthering the hobby. Along with these goals we are a social organization where anyone with an interest in hobby modeling can enjoy camaraderie.

Our Mission Statement

To encourage interest in scale modeling by providing an outlet for the exchange of ideas and cultivation of the modeling hobby.

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**Next scheduled meeting January 16th, 2021 at 11:00AM
Location - Phil's Garage**

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Minutes from December 12, 2020

- Meeting/Christmas Gift Exchange began at 11:00am with 11 members in attendance.

Phil Cavender,
Chapter President

Next Group Build Contest

At the November 2020 meeting the club decided to have another group build contest and the genre decided upon was Ships. Type and class will be determined at the ~~December~~ January meeting.

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Sunday Closed

<http://www.hayeshobby.com/>

Joe's KITS Greeblies ETC.

A business by a modeler, making products for other modelers.

Each of the 3 areas, (Kits, Greeblies, ETC) is for a specific type of product. Products will not be announced until they have been tested by a select group of experienced modelers.

Kits -The initial kits will be a series based on a "what if" (alternate history) of a specific aircraft.

Greeblies - This product area will be for conversion sets and parts that increase/improve the detail level of other manufacturers kits.

ETC - This area will be for tools of various types

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Builder: Dane Taylor

Kit: 72nd Scale

Construction Time: Two Weeks



THE BUILD: Out of box build with markings painted on. Base is scratch built

PAINT AND TOOLS USED: Tamiya Acrylic, Ammo MiG, AK, and Mr. Hobby paints

Builder Basics: Putty in your hands

Gap fillers and how to use them

BY [AARON SKINNER](#) | JULY 23, 2018

As Posted on the Fine Scale Modeler Website

<https://finescale.com/how-to/articles/2018/07/builder-basics-putty-in-your-hands>



Obviously kits consist of individual parts. But the object of finishing them is to make them look like a solid object. The best way to do that is to eliminate gaps between the pieces. Sanding will take care of minor problems. However, if the parts don't quite meet or are mismatched, filler may be needed.

Putties remain the go-to for this kind of work. But there are several types and they can be useful in different ways. Let's look at three main types and how to use them.



Old-school putties, Squadron Green, Testors Contour, and Tamiya Basic Type are the standard fillers for most modeling applications.

Solvent-based putty

Stinky and sticky, these putties contain organic solvents like toluene and acetone. Like plastic cement these solvents can melt styrene, so they adhere well. They've been the gold standard for filling gaps pretty much since modeling became a serious hobby and are still widely available today. Most model or paint companies sell a version in a metal tube like toothpaste. (Don't confuse them: Putty's good for gaps in plastic, not for cavities in teeth!)



Just like paint that's been sitting around for a while, the chemicals in solvent-based putties need to be mixed before use. Massage the tube to mix the ingredients.

Squeeze some of the putty onto a scrap of styrene or a glass palette



Tamiya's basic putty is gray, which matches most plastic and is easy to hide under paint. Wildly divergent colors make it easy to see the filler on gray plastic.

Replace the lid immediately after, wiping putty from the opening; dry putty can prevent the lid from closing properly allowing the tube's contents to dry prematurely.



Keep the nozzle clean to extend the life of the putty in the tube.

Apply the putty to the seam to be filled with a flat object.



Apply more than is needed to fill the gap, as most solvent-based fillers shrink as they dry.



You can minimize sanding by scraping some of the excess away while the putty is wet. But leave some on either side and never scrape it flush.

Most solvent-based putty requires several hours to set hard in preparation for sanding; I usually leave it overnight.

The major difference between brands is the size of the particles in the putty. Larger grit won't sand as smooth, whereas finer ones easily feather at the edges.

Use care when working with solvent-based putties. The fumes can be harmful if inhaled, and the products are flammable. Always use them in a well-ventilated space away from flames. Also, wear gloves to avoid skin contact with the chemicals. Before the putty dries, clean tools with lacquer thinner.



Water-based putties

A recent addition to the modeler's gap-filling arsenal is water-based putty.

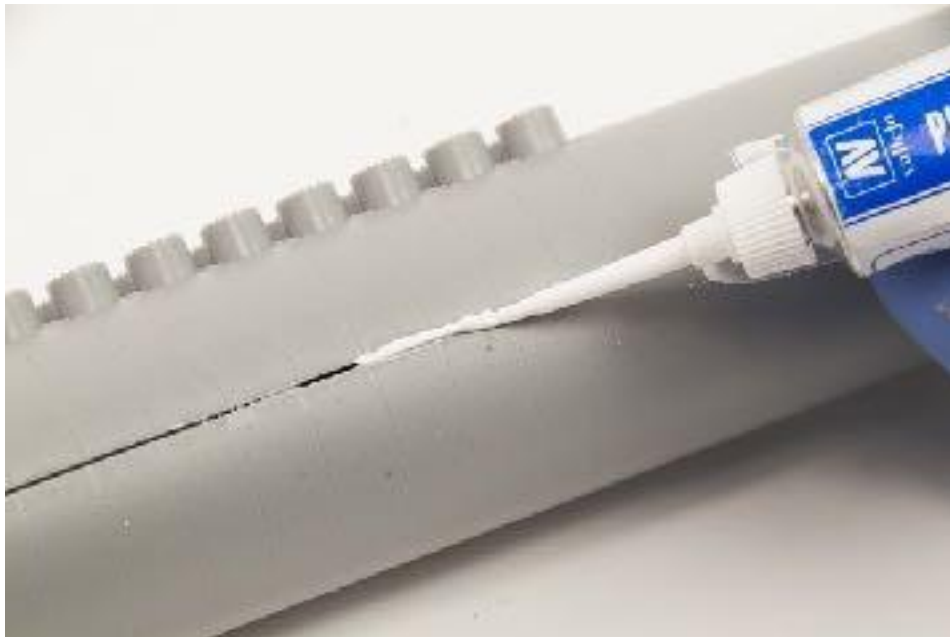


Unlike their solvent-based cousins, these putties have little odor, can be handled with fewer precautions, and rarely need mixing before use. The consistency of toothpaste, they apply in much the same way as others.



Water-based putties are a little thinner than solvent-based fillers, and they don't shrink as they dry.

But there is no need to apply excess; they don't shrink as they dry. You can use a flat tool to spoon them over a gap. Or, because of the thin consistency, you can squeeze them directly into a seam.



Low viscosity makes it possible to squeeze water-based putties through fine tips, so they can be applied directly to tight spots.

Excess can be removed with a wet finger or cotton swab, which makes water-based putties useful for seams like wing roots. After applying putty, run a damp (not wet) cotton swab along the seam.



After applying Perfect Plastic Putty to the wing root of a Phantom, I remove the excess and smooth the finish with a damp cotton swab.

Once the putty dries, the result will be a perfectly filled and blended seam. Water-based putties dry quickly; small amounts (as in a seam) can be sanded within an hour.



Smooth join, no sanding! This is where water-based putties truly excel.

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Rick Reinert

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