Strip Mall #1 backdrop building kit in HO scale

Parking lot base and cars not included

This kit includes all building parts and signs milled in white and black styrene plastic, clear window glazing, logos and decals. All parts fit together but may need light sanding in joints for cosmetic reasons. The model needs painting.

Some model building and painting skills are required.



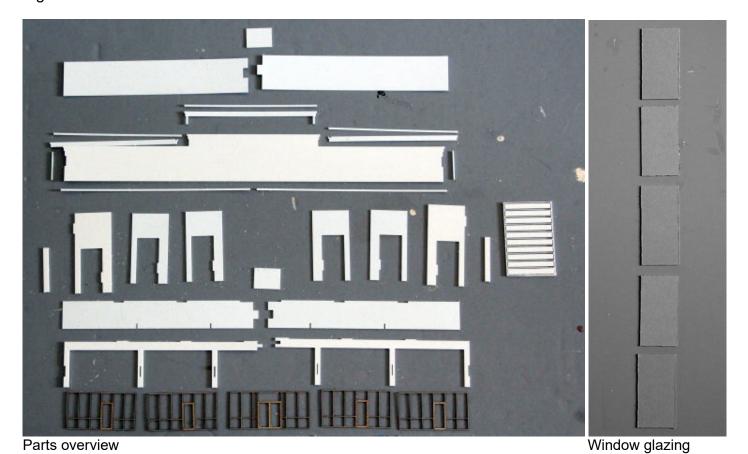




Assembly instructions for Strip mall backdrop building

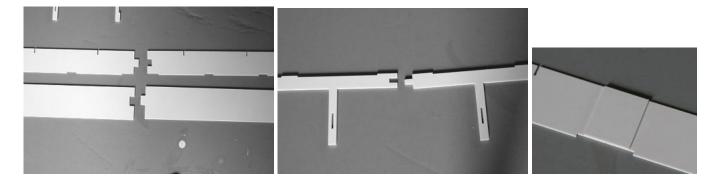
Thank you for buying this Strip Mall backdrop building. Please take some time to read these instructions before you begin assembling.

This kit is milled in styrene plastic and is very easy to glue together using Plastruct Plastic Weld or similar glue products. The wall parts are tabbed and slotted for easier assembly. Take your time to identify all parts, lay them out and clean them for any burrs before gluing them together.

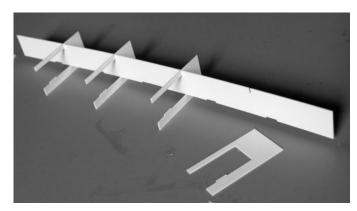


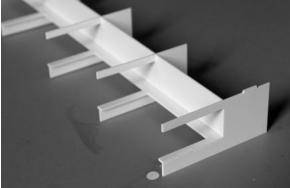
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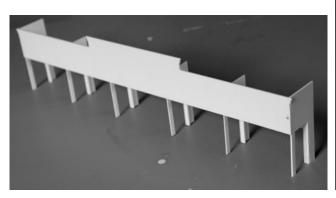
Start by assembling the two halves of the roof pieces and the front wall frame as shown, then secure the joint of the 2 roof pieces with the small rectangular piece.



Attach the column frames to the arcade ceiling, then mount the storefront wall and the end walls, fitting the tabs and slots.

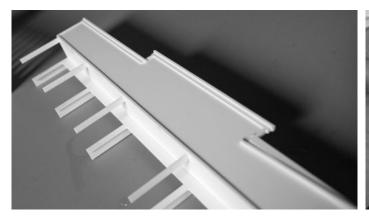








Glue on the front wall and the trim pieces around the edges. On top of the upper trim piece, glue on the trim strips as shown below, aligning with the top edges.





On the 4 middle columns, glue the 0.08" strips on both sides of the column, making it square. On the 2 outer columns, glue one 0.06" and one 0.08" strip on the inside of the column.





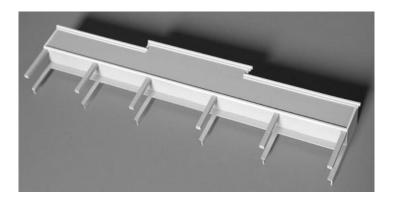
Glue on the roof as shown. For best result, sand the columns to hide the joints.

Painting

You can paint this strip mall any colors you like. For this demonstration model I used Floquil Antique White as the base color and Reefer White as the accent trim color. The roof is Grimy Black.

Break the small connectors in the middle of each end of the logo sprues and VERY CAREFULLY wiggle the logos out. The acrylic is very brittle.

You may want to glue the logos on the wall before painting, this way they are much easier to handle, but a little harder to paint the logo color.

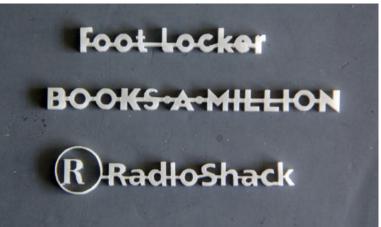


If you chose to paint the building before mounting the logos, paint the logos the base color to help hide the connecting strip.

Paint the window & door frames black.

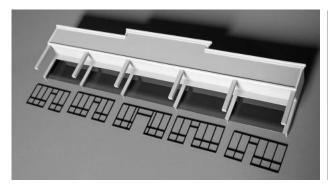
Once dried, carefully sand the top surface of the letters to remove the paint. Use extreme caution not to break the connecting strip. Carefully brush the right letter color on with paint or apply it with a permanent Sharpie marker.

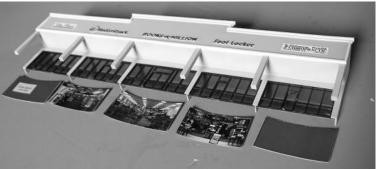




Final assembly

Mount the window glazing from behind. The window glazing is clear. If you want it tinted as on this demonstration model, you can apply some car window film. This you can buy in any auto parts store.





Mount the self-adhesive wood window frames by peeling off the backing paper and stick it to the glass. Be VERY careful to position the frame correctly in the first attempt, once the glue sticks you can't get the part off without destroying it.

Finally mount the interior pictures behind the glass.

Enjoy your Strip Mall on your layout.

You can use this strip mall as a stand-alone building or you can combine it with ML-002 Strip Mall backdrop building #2 and make an L-shaped mall or a longer mall.





You can even add the ML-003 Office Depot backdrop building between the strip malls and make a long mall complex.

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#CJ-001 Carl's Jr. Restaurant

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Mall complex



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