Latest style Taco Bell Restaurant kit in HO scale



Parking lot base and cars not included



This kit includes all building parts milled in white styrene plastic, clear window glazing, Plastruct brick siding, and logo & poster self adhesive decals. All parts fit together but may need light sanding in joints for cosmetic reasons. The model needs painting.

Good model building and painting skills are required.

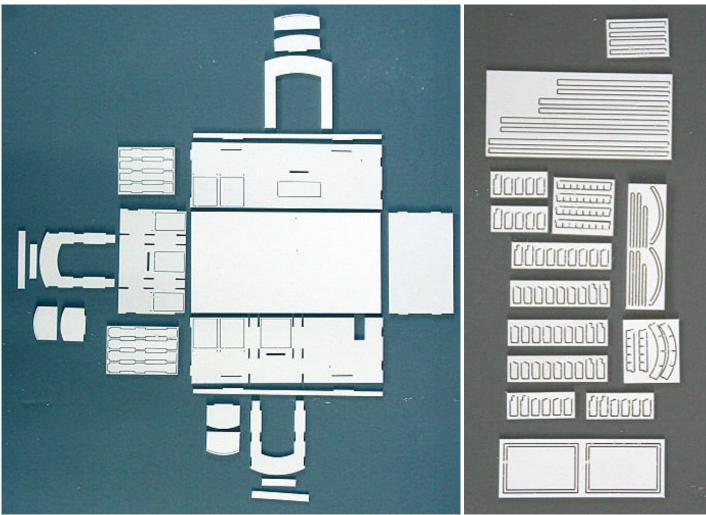


Assembly instructions for Taco Bell Restaurant

Thank you for buying this Taco Bell Restaurant kit. Please take some time to read these instructions before you begin assembling.

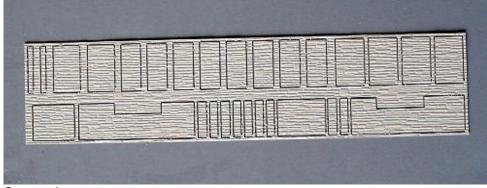
This kit is milled in styrene plastic and is very easy to glue together using Plastruct Plastic Weld or similar glue products. The wall parts are tabbed and slotted for easier assembly.

Take your time to identify all parts, lay them out and clean them for any burrs before gluing them together.

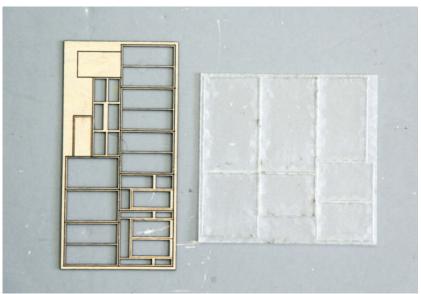


Base and wall parts overview

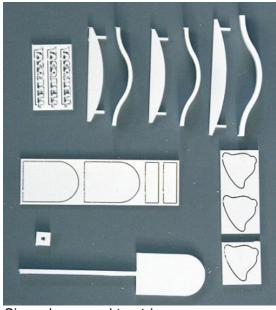
Trim parts overview



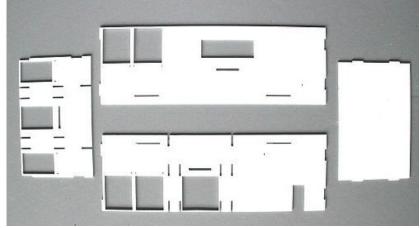
Stone trim



Windows and doors (self-adhesive wood) and glazing

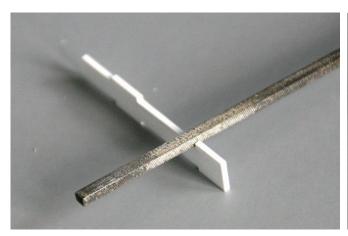


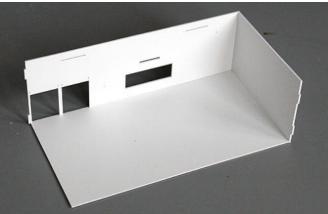
Signs, logos and top trim



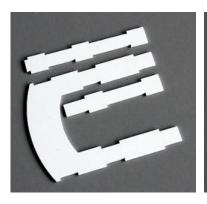
Remove all the "fillings" from the window openings and cut/file away the burrs.

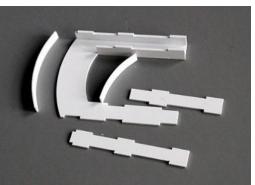
Assembly

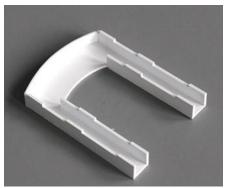




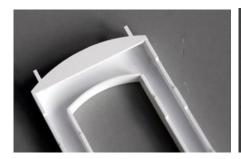
Start by filing the corners of the tabs with a square or triangular file to insure a good fit. Do the same to the window openings. Glue the walls to the SIDE of the base plate.







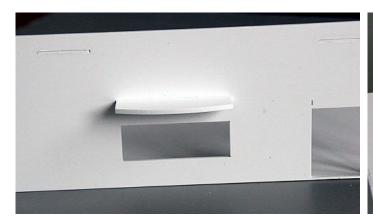
Assemble the doorways as shown (2 pieces) and glue these to the front and side wall.





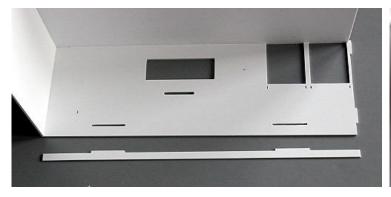


Glue the 2 pieces of the 3 entrance awnings together with the groove facing up, then glue them into the slots on the wall. The groove is for mounting the logo letters (the very last step of assembly).



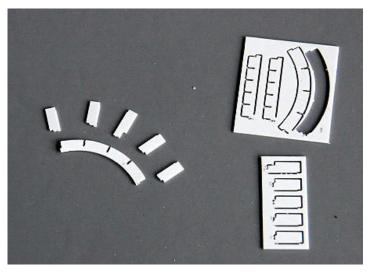


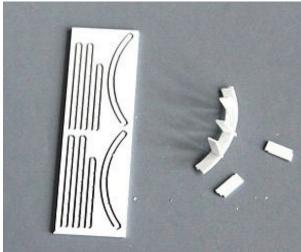
Glue the roof support strip inside the walls. Assemble all the walls. You may need to fill and sand some of the joints to make the walls smooth.





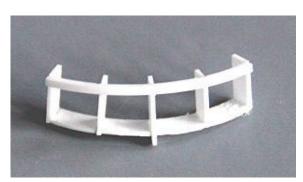
The window awning trim is pretty small and you may need to use tweezers to assemble them. You can choose to either assemble them and paint them before mounting on the wall (this makes the painting process somewhat easier) or you can glue them to the walls in the assembly process, this makes assembly easier but makes masking and painting a little more complicated.

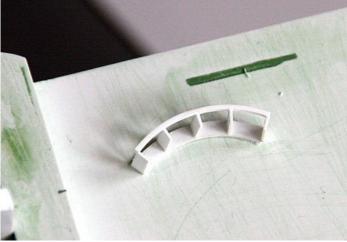




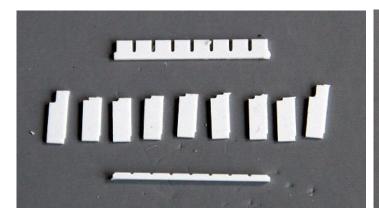
The rounded awnings have the middle piece with a longer tab and this tab fits in a hole in the wall.

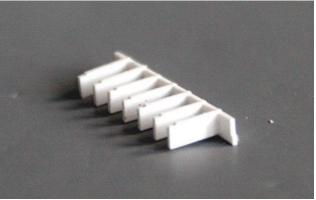
Glue them together as shown in the pictures.

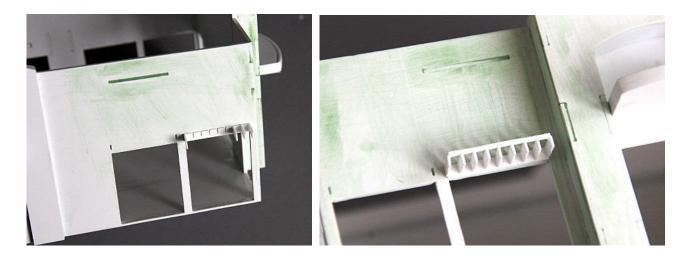




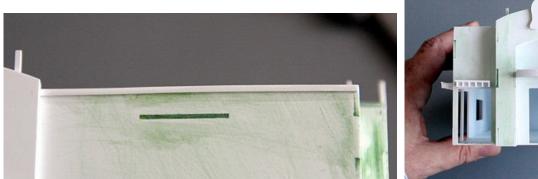
Assemble the 6 straight awnings as shown. The pieces with the longer tabs goes on the ends and match holes in the walls.

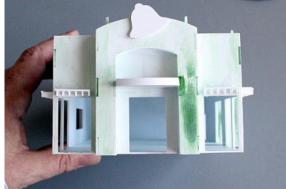






Glue the narrowest trim strips along the top edge of the walls. You can glue the bells on the walls before painting or you can paint and decal them before mounting (recommended)

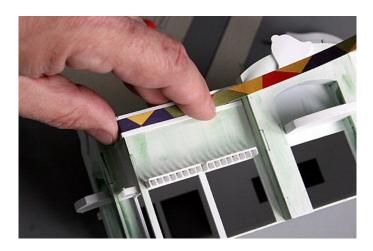




Before you handle the decal sheet you should spray a coat of Krylon Clear Acrylic of Testors Dull



Cote on it to protect the print. When the paint is dry, cut out the top trim with a sharp hobby knife and cut out the bells with a pair of scissors. Leave the sign logos for later.



Use the printed trim as a guide for placing the wider trim strip below

Glue on the random stone pieces along the bottom of the wall. I can be quite a puzzle to find the right ones, but they all fit perfectly. The pieces on the front of the entrance walls overlap the side pieces.



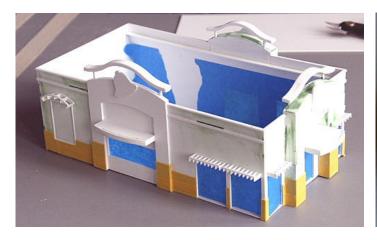


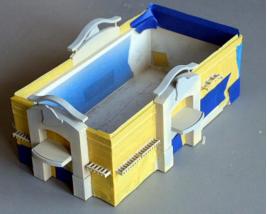




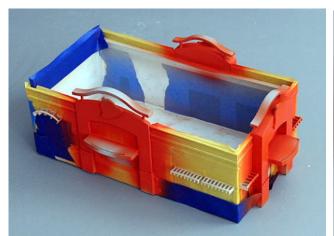
The top trim on the entrance walls can be glued on before painting, but it is easier to paint the complete building and put the trim on last.

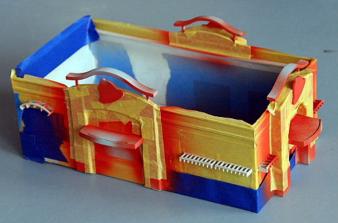
Painting



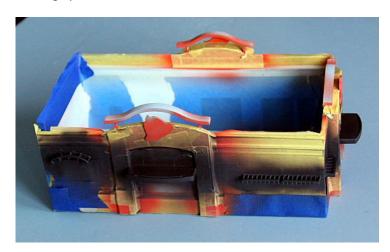


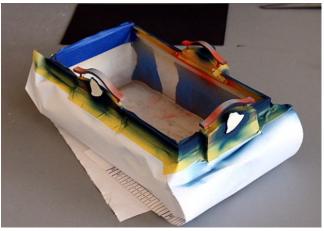
Cover the window openings on the inside and cover the random stone trim with masking tape. I recommend Tamaya masking tape, it makes a perfect edge and is very easy use. Paint the entire building with gray primer. When the primer is dry, paint the walls light brown (Testors Sand).





Wait a day or two to mask off the brown walls and paint the doorways orange (Floquil BNSF Orange)





Let the paint dry for another day or two, then mask off the orange and paint the window and door awnings dark brown. When the brown is dry paint the top trim strip and the bells on the wall dark

blue. And finally paint the lower trim strips and the frames around the side decorations earth color.



Brush paint the stones a variety of shades and colors of gray, brown, red, tan and black in a random pattern.

Mix a gray wash of Polyscale L&N Gray (or similar acrylic paint) with 1 part paint and 4 parts rubbing alcohol.

Apply several washes until it looks right. The wash will make the mortar lines gray and dull the other colors to look like stone.





Apply the self-adhesive decoration decals on the walls





Leave the windows and doors on the sprue and paint them black.



Paint the top trim over the bell white.

Carefully cut out the bell decals with a pair of scissors and mount them on the bells.

Installing the windows and doors

Remove the protective paper from the window glazing and install it on the inside of the wall with just a drop of cement along the edges.

Cut the painted windows and doors from the sprue. Peel the backing paper off and stick them onto the glass. Be very careful to position them correct in the first attempt, once the glue stick you can't get it off without destroying the part.



Glue the two small thin rectangular pieces onto the sign, aligning with the lower edge. Paint the sign dark blue.

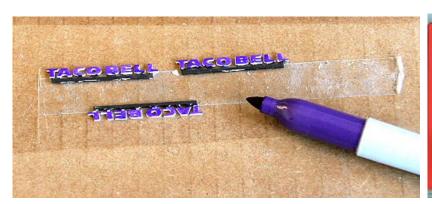
Use the sprue as a template for cutting out the sign.
Remove the backing paper and carefully put in place on the faceplate. At last glue the faceplates to both sides of the sign.



The street sign is dark blue (Testors 1772) Paint the roof flat black or dark gray.

Cut out the posters from the decal sheet and install them on the windows as shown

The final step: CAREFULLY mount the logo letters on a piece of cardboard with double-sided tape, they are **VERY FRAGILE!!** ONLY ATTACH THE BOTTOM BAR and paint it brown. Carefully apply the purple color to the letter faces with a Sharpie marker





Very carefully slip the bottom bar into the groove on top of the entrance awnings. It is not easy – but it can be done. So be very patient with it and use a pair of tweezers to press the bar into the groove.

If you want to detail the roof with vents and airconditioners, we recommend Walthers #933-3733 Roof Details Kit.

Colors used on this model: Testors Sand FS33531, Testors Burnt Umber 2005, Testors Blue Angel Blue 1772E, Floquil BNSF Heritage Orange F110180, Floquil Earth F110081, Floquil Reefer White F110011





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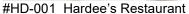


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