Do you like our buildings, but are not sure how to get a decent looking paint job without painting the kids, the ceiling, and the dog at the same time. Try our method for good looking, fast paint job without taking it to Earl Scheib or having to buy an 80 horse air compressor and a 500 gallon a minute paint gun.

We recommend this method as a fast, sure way to get good results with minimum effort. We recognize that there are many other ways to get as good as or better results, but feel that is the best way for the beginning model painter to achieve presentable results without being overwhelmed.

As this procedure suggests the use of aerosol paints and sharp tools, we recommend that all work be performed in a well lite, well ventilated area and that children under the age of 16 not be present unless they are under the direct supervision of an adult, wear respirators, and be familiar with the use of the tools suggested. Everyone regardless of age should wear a respirator(or at least a paint mask of adequate capacity) during the painting process. **SAFETY FIRST.**

**What’s Needed**

Aerosol Paint (We like Krylon Fusion (see our “About our Kits” Section) or an airbrush of sufficient volume for the job and an airbrushable enamel (see our “About our Kits” Section) paint. Brushes will work but will take a long time.

1" wide 3M Blue Paint Edging(masking) tape

Razor knife

Respirators, gloves, any protective gear necessary to keep the paint off of you. **SAFETY FIRST.**

**How we do it**

**Read all Directions before proceeding.** Our kits are designed to be painted with the major siding painted one color and the trim a contrasting color. We accomplish this by first painting the building sides before assembly.

The building pieces to be painted should be completely washed with soapy water and dried to assure that any oils from the manufacturing process as well as fingerprints and mars from handling are removed. The trim is the first to be painted and is over sprayed by a considerable margin to assure complete coverage. Spray evenly and wipe up any excess paint. See the picture below.
Allow the over sprayed paint to dry completely before continuing.

The next step is to apply the 3M blue tape over the raised areas of the building side that we wish to keep as the trim color. Be careful to completely cover the raised area with the tape and overlap as shown to assure complete coverage. See the picture below.

![Image of 3M blue tape applied]

The third step is make sure that the 3M tape is firmly pressed to the raised area of the building side so that when the contrasting color is applied there is no chance the it will seep under the tape. See the picture below.

![Image of 3M tape pressed firmly]

The fourth step is to remove any excess tape so that there is a clean sharp edge between the covered trim color and the area which is to painted the contrasting color. See the picture below.

![Image of excess tape removed]
After all the tape over the raised areas of the building side is trimmed, and the excess tape is remove, go over it again with your finger to make sure that the tape has not come loose anywhere. When you are satisfied that the raised painted trim is protected as well as possible and seepage from the new coat will be minimal, go ahead and apply the contrasting coat of paint. Spray evenly and wipe up any excess paint. See the picture below. **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR FINAL CONTRASTING COAT OF PAINT TO DRY BEFORE GOING ON TO THE NEXT STEP.**

The final step is to, while the contrasting coat of paint is still tacky to the touch, slowly and carefully remove the tape. Removing the tape while the final coat of paint is still tacky will leave a smoother line between the contrasting coat and the original coat. Your final results should look like the pictures on the next page. Allow to dry completely before going any further. You may now assemble the building, but save a little of each color of paint for final touchup. *(Spray a little of any aerosol paint used in the cap if you need it)*.