

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR

# U.S.S. CONSTITUTION

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### FOR BEST RESULTS. READ THIS FIRST

- 1. Since this kit is molded of styrene plastic. use only styrene type cement, DO NOT LET CEMENT TOUCH YOUR EYES. FURNITURE OR CLOTHING.
- 2. Apply cement sparingly, Excess cement may run and damage the details on your

Carefully trim any excess plastic from parts before assembling. This will result in parts fitting together perfectly, and also enable moving parts to move freely.

#### THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

- 4. All parts are numbered for easy identification, or the numbers are engraved on the runner next to the Part, Carefully remove each Part from runner only when that part is to be used.
- 5. Carefully follow the written instructions in

- each assembly step, "L" indicates LEFT SIDE. "R" indicates RIGHT SIDE.
- 6. Paint all the parts where indicated with a flag Cand allow to dry before assem-
- 7. Carefully follow these numbered steps, for ease in building your model.
- 8. Tools and materials recommended for the easiest assembly of this model are as follows:

MODEL BUILDERS

KNIFE & BLADES . . . . scraping & trimming

SMALL FILES . . . . . finishing & fitting FINE SANDPAPER & STEEL WOOL ..... finishing & fitting

BEESWAX .

SMALL PAINT BRUSHES . . painting & cement TWEEZERS ..... assembly & rigging SCISSORS ..... rigging DRILL 1/32 Dia. cleaning holes & rigging CLOTHES PINS . . . . . . . . . . . clamping

MASKING TAPE ..... holding & painting

TURPENTINE . . . . . . cleanup & antiquing

## **HULL PAINTING**

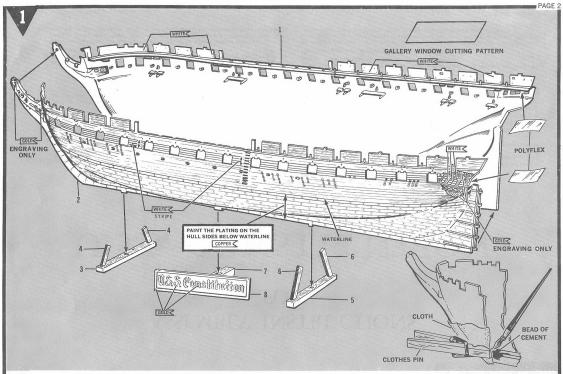
To obtain the maximum in appearance for your model follow these suggestions for painting the hull halves. Apply masking tape to the hull sides above the water line (the top row of engraved plates) and paint the bottom copper. Let dry for 24 hours.

If you wish to antique the hull use leaf green and white enamel thinned with turpentine. Use tissue to stroke each "wash" downward towards keel to create a "Corroded" look. Apply colors at random and blend doing the entire hull half at the same time. Allow both sides to

dry thoroughly. Then make a thin "wash" of black enamel and turpentine and lightly dab the exterior. Allow hull sides to dry completely before assembly.

The following procedure is suggested to antique the Decks:

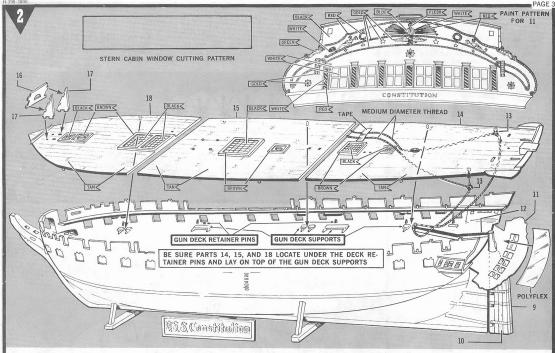
Paint with a thin coat of black enamel. When dry (24 hours), paint with thin coat of wood tan color. A small dab of green should be added to wood tan, When thoroughly dry, use 600 grit carborundum paper to lightly sand top of wood grain engraving until black shows.



BLACK 2. HULL, STBD. HALF
BLACK 2. HULL, PORT HALF
BROWN 3. FWD. STAND BASE
BROWN 4. HVD. STAND BASE
BROWN 5. REAR STAND BASE
BROWN 7. CENTER STAND BASE
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Carefully cut from sheet of clear polyflex and to the pattern provided, two sets of Gallery windows. Apply cement to the insides of Gallery walls and window frames of Parts 1 and 2 and cement windows in place as shown. Next, cement together Parts 1 and 2 using clothes pins or paper clamps for clamping as shown in

small drawing. Now, into Part 3 cement (2) Parts, 4, into Part 5, (2) Parts 6 and to Part 7, Part 8. Cement these assemblies in position on the Hull. Finally, run a bead of cement along the joint line on the inside of the Hull. Set aside to dry.



BLACK 9. RUDDER STBD. HALF
BLACK 10. RUDDER PORT HALF
BLACK 11. GALLERY STERN
BLACK 12. ILLER
BLACK 13. EYEBOLTS (150)
WHITE 14. GUN DECK, AFT
WHITE 14. GUN DECK, AMIDSHIP
BROWN 16. BOWSPRIT LOCATOR
BROWN 17. BOWSPRIT LOCATOR
BROWN 17. BOWSPRIT LOCATOR SIDES (2)
WHITE 18. GUN DECK, FOR

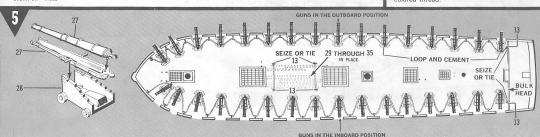
Check Parts 9 and 10 for freedom of movement around the Hull Rudder Hinge Pin, Now cement Part 9 to Part 10, trapping between them the Hull Rudder Hinge Pin, Be careful to keep cement away from Hinge Pin or your rudder will not turn, Now cut to the pattern and cement in position on Part 11 your Stern Cabin Windows. Place, Do NOT CEMENT Part 11 over Rudder then cement in position Part 12. Next cement (2) Parts 13 to the underside of Part 14, To rig your rudder, take a 24" length

of the medium size tan colored thread and halfway along, tie securely through the hole in the tiller. Now thread each end through the eyebolts and holes in Part 14 and tape to deck as shown. Next, carefully spring your Hull halves apart and snap, DO NOT CEMENT, Part 14 into position. Now snap, DO NOT CEMENT, ent 15 Cement (2) Parts 17 to 18. Cement (6 to 17. Carefully snap this deck into place.



BLACK 26. GUNPORT COVERS (32)

Cement (32) Parts 26 in either the open or closed position. See Gun Deck Plan View below for Gun positions. Rig Gun Port Covers as shown, using the medium size diameter tan colored thread.



Cement (66) Parts 27 together to give you a total of 33 Gun

EYEBOLT

GUN BARREL HALVE GUN CARRIAGE (32)

STUDDING SAIL YARDS (2)

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BLACK 27. BROWN 28.

BROWN 29

BROWN 30.

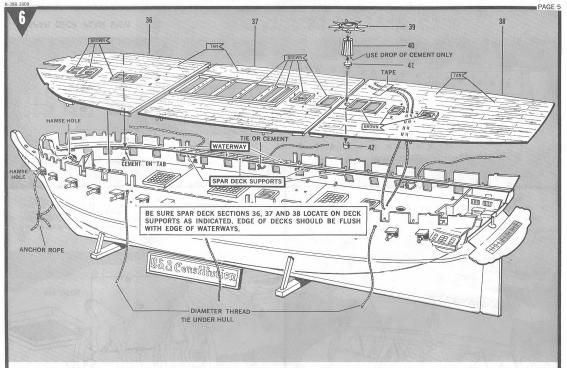
BROWN 32

BROWN 35.

BROWN

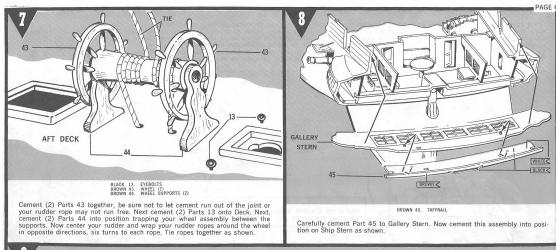
Barrels. Set one Barrel aside for Bow Chase assembly later. Cement the other to (32) Parts 28. Now, cement (6) Parts 13 in place as shown. For rigging Guns, use a 60 inch piece of LARGE DIAMETER TAN THREAD and rig one end to each Part 13 at the rear Bulkhead. See the back page for rigging information, seizing, etc. Next, place adrop of cement on the Gun Carriage Wheels and

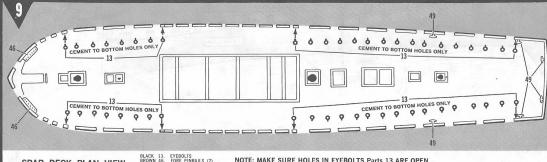
cement your guns in the positions you desire. Loop the Thread around back of the Gun Barrel and tie at the pin on the Ship's Hull. Cement Thread to pin, then continue around the next gun, etc. On completion of one side, repeat this procedure along the other side of the ship. When not in use, the spare Studding Sail Yards Parts 29 through 35 were usually lashed to the Gun Deck as shown.



WHITE 36. SPAR DECK, FORE WHITE 37. SPAR DECK, AMIDSHIP WHITE 38. SPAR DECK, AFT BROWN 39. CAPSTAN TOP BROWN 40. CAPSTAN PIN BROWN 41. CAPSTAN PIN BROWN 42. CAPSTAN CAP

Cut six 24 inch lengths, three for Starboard side and three for Port side, of the large diameter tan thread. Thread through sheave holes in Hull and tie and cement to pin on inside of Hull as shown. Loose ends tie out of the way underneath Hull. Now thread the 12 inch length of anchor rope through hawse holes passing around Bowsprit locator on Gun Deck, Tie loose ends as before. Next cement in position Parts 36 and 37. Before cementing Part 38, into place, cement together Parts 39, 40 and 41, insert the pin of this assembly through the hole in the deck and cement on Part 42, Do not let cement touch the deck or Capstan will not turn. Now thread the rudder ropes through the holes in the deck and cement Part 38 into place.





SPAR DECK PLAN VIEW

BROWN 49. CLEATS (10)

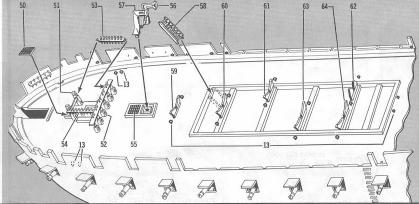
NOTE: MAKE SURE HOLES IN EYEBOLTS Parts 13 ARE OPEN

Cement into place as shown (48) Parts 13, (2) Parts 46, and (6) Parts 49.



BROWN 52. FORE FIFERALL
BROWN 53. STARBOARD FIFE PINRAIL
BROWN 54. STARBOARD FIFE PINRAIL
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BROWN 54. STARBOARD HALF
BLACK 56. GALLEY FUNNEL STARBOARD HALF
BLACK 57. GALLEY FUNNEL FORT HALF
BLACK 56. GALLEY FUNNEL FORT HALF
BLACK 57. GALLEY FUNNEL

Cement into place (17) Parts 13, Parts 50, 51 and 52. Carefully cement rear locator tabs of Parts 53 and 54 into Fiferail and then cement forward ends into position on the Fore Crossrail. Now cement into deck Part 55, then Parts 56 and 57 to each other. Cement into place funnel assembly, (1) Part 58 and Parts 59 through 64 as shown.

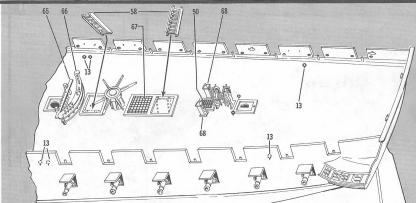


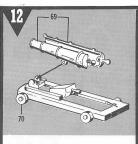
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BLACK 13. EYEBOLTS
BROWN 58. LADDERS
BROWN 65. MONKEY RAIL
BROWN 66. MAIN FIFERAIL
BLACK 67. GRATING
BLACK 50. GRATING
BLACK 50. BINNACLES (2)

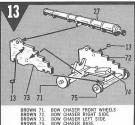
Cement in place as shown (6) Parts 13, (2) Parts 58, Parts 65, 66, 67, 50, and (2) Parts 68.





BLACK 69. GUN BARREL HALVES (44) BROWN 70. FORECASTLE GUN CARRIAGES (6)

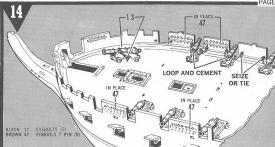
Cement (12) Parts 69 together to give you (6) Gun Barrels. Snap these into place in (6) Parts 70. Set aside.



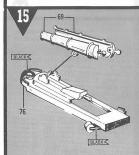
Cement Parts 71 through 75 together as shown, trapping between the side pieces the Gun Barrel which you assembled in Step 5. Now cement (2) Parts 13 in place.

BOW CHASER REAR WHEELS BOW CHASER GUN BARREL

BROWN 75.

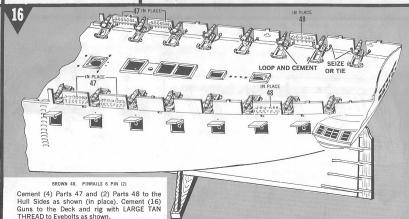


Cement (2) Parts 13 into place on the Main Deck. Cement (3) Forecastle Guns to pins on each side of the Main Deck. Using the LARGE DIAMETER TAN THREAD and rig the (6) Guns to the Eyebolts in the Hull Sides as shown. Cement the Bow Chaser Gun, from Step 13 to the Deck and rig as shown with LARGE TAN THREAD. Cement (4) Parts 47 to the Hull sides as shown (in place).



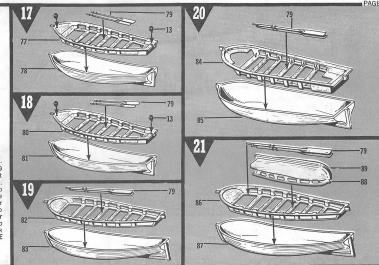
BLACK 69. GUN BARREL HALVES BROWN 76. QUARTERDECK GUN CARRIAGES (16)

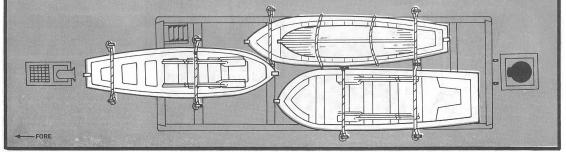
Cement (32) Parts 69 together, giving you 16 Gun Barrels. Snap these into place in (16) Parts 76.



BLACK 13. EYEBOLTS BLACK 13.
BROWN 77.
WHITE 78.
BROWN 80.
WHITE 81.
BROWN 82.
WHITE 83.
BROWN 84.
WHITE 85.
BROWN 86.
WHITE 87. CUTTER SEATS CUTTER HULL JOLLYBOAT SEATS (2) JOLLYBOAT HULL (2) CUTTER SEATS 23 FT. 23 FT. 28 FT. 28 FT. 30 FT. 30 FT. 30 FT. 20 FT. 20 FT. CUTTER HULL LAUNCH SEATS LAUNCH HULL CUTTER SEATS CUTTER HULL DINGHY SEATS DINGHY HULL

Cement Part 77 into Part 78, then into this assembly (2) Parts 13 as shown in Step 17. Parts 79 share amongst small boats as you wish. We suggest that you cement and lash these to the boat seats. Now cement (2) Parts 80 to (2) Parts 81 and into each of these assemblies, (2) Parts 13. These three boat assemblies set aside until the rigging of your boat davits. Next cement Parts 82 into 83, 84 into 85, 86 into 87, and 88 into 89. Follow Step 21 for dinghy placement. Now lash remaining boats into position on the Amidship section of the Spar Deck as shown in diagram below. NOTE: USE SMALL JUTE THREAD FOR RIGGING.

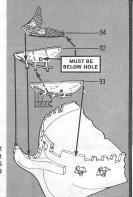






BLACK 92. HEAD TIMBERS STARBOARD HEAD TIMBERS PORT BLACK 93. HEAD GRATING

Cement Parts 92 and 93 together, then cement these Parts to the Bow and Hull Sides. Cement Part 94 to 92 and 93, NOTE: BE SURE THIS PART LOCATES BELOW THE HOLES IN 92 AND 93.



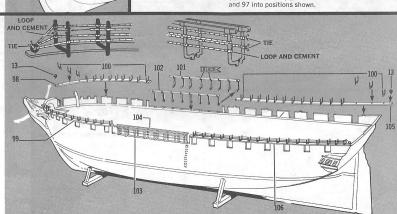
IN PLACE 90 91 KNIGHTHEAD EYEBOLTS, STARBOARD KNIGHTHEAD EYEBOLTS, PORT BLACK 90. BLACK 91. BLACK 96. L BLACK 97. BLACK 12 ROW WATER PUMPS (2) CATHEAD, STARBOARD CATHEAD, PORT Cement Parts 90 and 91 into place. Cement (2) Parts 95 into place. To each Part 96 and Part 97, cement EYEBOLTS CLEATS

(2) Parts 13 and (1) Part 49. Now cement Parts 96

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FORECASTLE RAIL, STARBOARD BROWN BROWN FORECASTLE RAIL, PORT STANCHIONS (64) BLACK BLACK **EYEBOLTS** AMIDSHIP OUTBOARD RAIL, STARBOARD AMIDSHIP INBOARD RAIL, STARBOARD BROWN BROWN 103. BROWN 104. BROWN 105. BROWN 106. AMIDSHIP INBOARD RAIL, PORT QUARTERDECK RAIL, STARBOARD QUARTERDECK RAIL, STARBOARD

Cement Parts 98 and 99 into place. To each of these cement (1) Part 13 and (12) Parts 100. Now start at the eyebolts and add your rope rigging as shown using the small diameter tan thread. Next cement together Parts 101 to 102 and 103 to 104, Cement these assemblies into position and add your rope detail. Now cement Parts 105 and 106 into place and to each of these (1) Part 13 and (17) Parts 100, Rig as before,



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■ BLACK I.3 EYEBOLTS
BLACK HAGN (7). CHESTREE (2)
BLACK HAGN (7). CHESTREE (2). CHANNEL STARBOARD
BLACK HAGN (7). CHESTREE (1). CHESTREE (2). CHANNEL STARBOARD ONTSIDE HALF
BLACK HAGNE (7). CHESTREE (2). CHES

CK 116. MAIN DEADEYE, STARBOARD INSIDE CK 117. MAIN DEADEYE, STARBOARD INSIDE REAR CK 118. MIZZEN DEADEYE, STARBOARD OUTSIDE HALF CK 119. MIZZEN DEADEYE, STARBOARD INSIDE CK 120. MIZZEN DEADEYE, STARBOARD INSIDE REAR

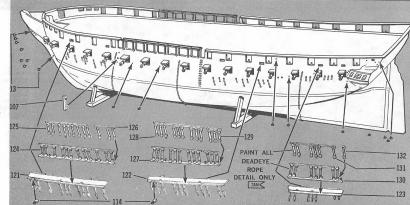
Cement into place (17) Parts 13 and Part 107. Thread rope from the sheave hole, through the hole in the Chesstree and retie beneath Hull. Now cement into position Parts 108, 109 and 110. Next cement together Parts 111, 112 and 113, being careful to keep cement away from the slots in the top rail through which you will later install your Shrouds and Ratlines. Cement this assembly to Part 108 and then cement in place Part 114. Assemble and cement in the same way, Parts 115, 116, 117, 114, 118, 119 and 120.

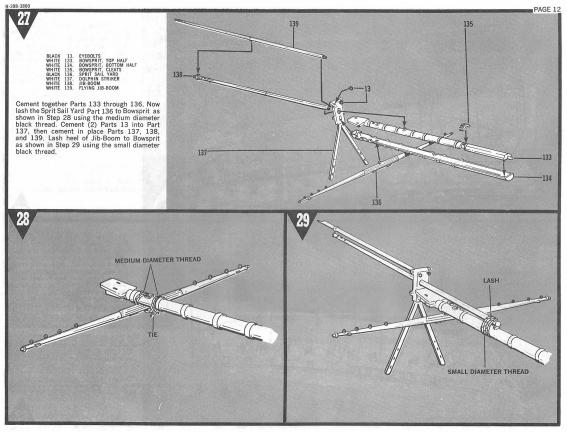
BLACK 13. EVEBOLT BLACK 107. CMESSTREE

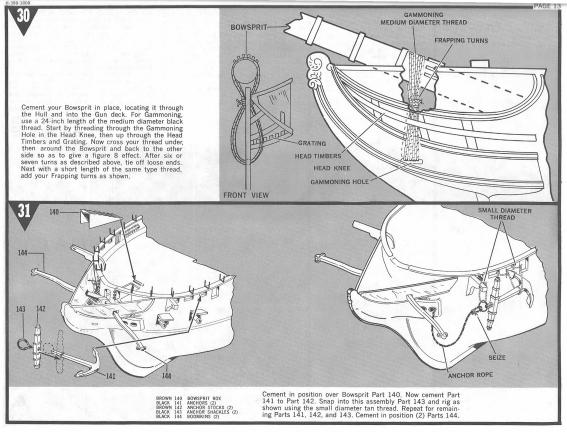
BLACK 12. EVEROLT BLACK 12. FVEROLT BLACK 12. FVER CHARLE, PORT BLACK 12. FORE CHANNEL, PORT BLACK 12. FVER CHARLE, PORT BLACK 12. FVER CHARLE, PORT OUTSIDE HALF BLACK 12. FORE DEADEY. FOR OUTSIDE HALF BLACK 12. FORE DEADEY. FOR INSIDE BLACK 12. FVER DEADEY. FORT INSIDE BLACK 12. FVER DEADEY. FORT INSIDE BLACK 12. FVER DEADEY. FORT INSIDE BLACK 12. MAIN DEADEY. FO

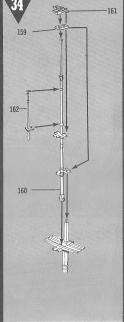
BIACR 13: MIZER DEADEYE, FORT INSIDE REAR BIACR 114. CHANNEL EYEBOUT PAD BIACR 13 and Part 107. Thread rope from the sheave hole through Chesstree and then retie underneath Hull. Next cement in position Part 121, Part 122,

sheave hole through Chesstree and then retie underneath Hull. Next cement in position Part 121, Part 122, and Part 123. Now assemble and cement in position, being careful to keep cement away from the slots in the top rail, Parts 124 through 132 & (2) Parts 114.









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FORE TOP STARBOARD DEADEYES, OUTSIDE HALF BLACK 149 FORE TOP STARBOARD DEADEYES, INSIDE HALF

Cement together Parts 145 and 146. Before cementing Part 147 to the mast, attach to it your Deadeves in the following manner, First, carefully cement to each other. Part 148 and Part 149. (See the small diagram A.) Now pass around the lower center deadeye one end of a 12" length of the medium diameter black thread and with the small diameter black thread, seize underneath. Other lower Deadeyes treat in the same manner with 3" lengths of thread. Next pass the ends of the threads through Part 147 and Part 150 as shown, in small diagram A. Pull the Deadeves down onto the Top and Lash threads together one inch below the Top as shown in diagram B. Now pull

FUTTOCK STAVE (4)
FORE TOP PORT DEADEYES, OUTSIDE HALF
FORE TOP PORT DEADEYES, INSIDE HALF WHITE 153 FORE TOP RAIL RIGGING BLOCKS BROWN

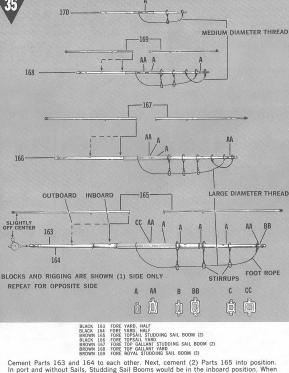
any loose thread through your lashing until all the threads have equal tension. Cement lashings and when dry, cut and trim away the ends of the short threads. Only leave long thread for use in a later assembly. Repeat in the same manner for Parts 151, 152, and 150, Now remove one of the eyes from each of (8) Type "C" Rigging Blocks. With the small diameter black thread, tie the (8) Blocks to the underside of the as shown in diagram C. Cement the Top into position on the Mast. Cement Part 153 into place. We suggest that you tape the loose Deadeye assemblies to the Top and the 12" Threads to the Mast until the Ratline installation later.

MAST CLEATS (4) FORE TOPMAST, HALF 154 WHITE WHITE 156 FORE TOPMAST, HALF WHITE 157 FORE CAP WHITE 158 FORE TOPMAST CROSSTREE

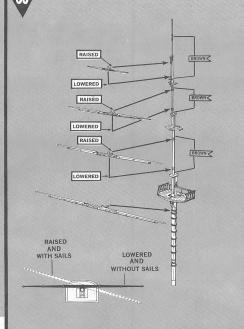
Cement (2) Parts 154 into Lower Mast assembly. Next, cement together Parts 155 and 156, Slide Part 157 down from above into place as shown with dotted lines. Position this assembly to Lower Mast, apply cement. Now cement into place Part 158.

FORE TOPMAST CAP WHITE 160 FORE TOP GALLAN WHITE 161 FORE TOP GALLAN WHITE 162 FORE ROYAL MAST TOP GALLANT MAST TOP GALLANT CROSSTREE

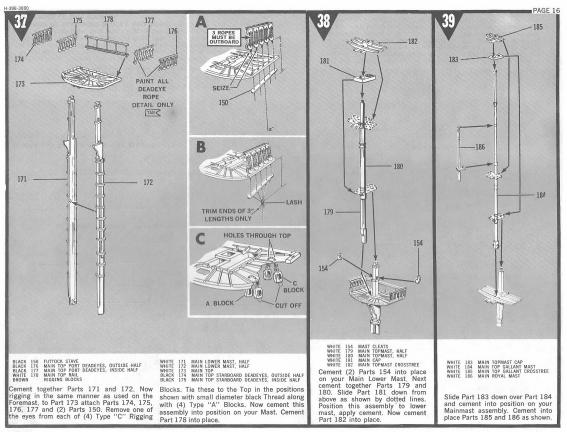
Slide Part 159 into place on Part 160, Position this assembly to Mast and Crosstree, then cement. Now cement Part 161 and Part 162 into place as shown.

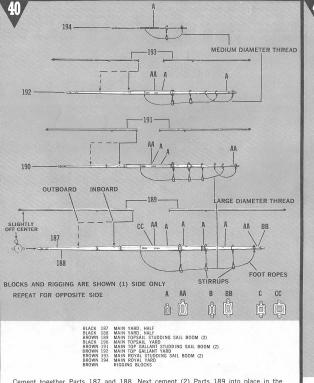


Cement Parts 163 and 164 to each other. Next, cement (2) Parts 165 into position. In port and without Sails, Studding Sail Booms would be in the inboard position. When at sea under full sail they would be in the outboard position. Now cement to Part 166, (2) Parts 167, and to Part 168, (2) Parts 169. Lash heels of booms as shown in drawing: "E" on back page. Next attach Rigging Blocks, Stirrups and Footropes as shown. FOR METHOD OF FASTENING BLOCKS AND STIRRUPS TO THE YARDS, REFER TO THE BACK PAGE OF THIS BOOKLET.

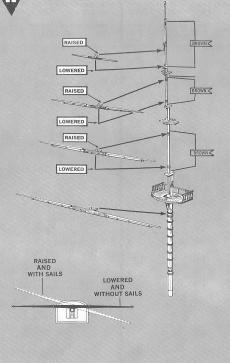


The three Upper Yards can be fixed in either the Raised or Lowered position. The Yards can also be set at an angle. When in port, and without sails, the Yards were usually set square to the ship in the lowered position. However, a ship under full sail would have the Yards set at an angle, (See small diagram.) and in the raised position. First cement to the Mast, and at the desired angle, your Lower Yard. Now line up your other Yards to the same angle and cement in place.

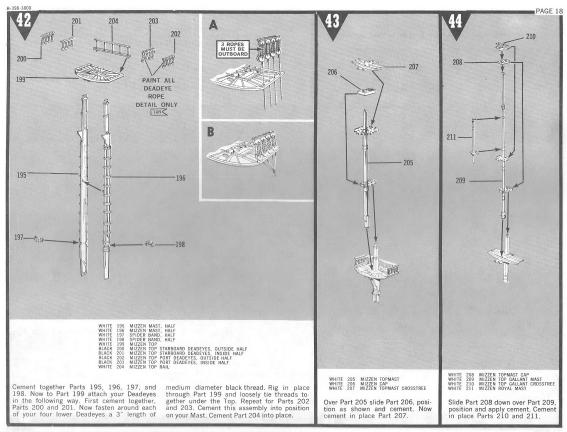


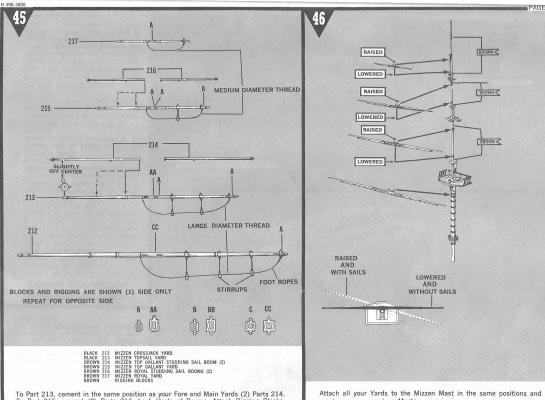


Cement together Parts 187 and 188. Next cement (2) Parts 189 into place in the same position, inboard or outboard, as you assembled your Foremast. Now cement to Part 190 (2) Parts 191 and to Part 192 (2) Parts 193, Lash Heels of Booms. Rig blocks, stirrups and footropes as shown.



Cement all Yards to the Mast in the same positions and angle as your Foremast.





To Part 213, cement in the same position as your Fore and Main Yards (2) Parts 214. To Part 215, cement (2) Parts 216. Lash Heels of Booms. Attach Rigging Blocks, Stirrups and Footropes as shown.

angle as your previous Masts.

#### WHITE 218 TRYSAIL MAST

Carefully cement your Fore and Main Mast assemblies into position. Now cement locator on Part 218 into place on underside of Mizzen Top. Cement Mizzen Mast into position along with your Trysail Mast.Now refer to Standing Rigging Sheet.

#### SEE STANDING RIGGING SHEETS

### RIGGING INFORMATION

A. SINGLE OR DOUBLE BLOCK, AT-TACHMENT TO YARD
Tie block to Yard with small diameter black Thread as shown.

B. DOUBLE SEIZE

Loop rigging thread through appropriate point of attachment and tie end in two places with small diameter thread. Use black or tan thread as designated in that step.

C. SINGLE SEIZE

Loop rigging thread through appropriate point of attachment and tie in one place with small diameter thread. Use black or tan thread as designated in that step.

D. EYEBOLT SEIZE

Eyebolt may be seized or tied as shown. For seizing see detail "C" on this page.

E. STUDDING BOOM LASHING

Position Studding Boom in appropriate set of holes in the Yard and wrap with small diameter tan rigging thread and tie as shown.

F. STIRRUP AND FOOTROPES

STIRRUP: Seize, see detail "C" this page, a two inch length of tan colored rigging thread to the yard as shown, then loop other end and seize. FOOT-ROPE: Insert indicated diameter tan rigging thread through each Stirrup and loop as shown. Seize each end of Footline as indicated in that portion of the instruction sheet.

