FRIGATE USS UNITED STATES

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In 1794, the Congress of the United States passed an act authorizing the construction of six frigates and provided funds for their equipment and crews. Three of the new ships would have 36 guns (later raised to 38), and the other three were somewhat larger and rated as 46 gun frigates. Although rated as 36's and 44's, these ships had space and gunports provided for up to 56 and 60 guns respectively.

The purpose for which these vessels were intended was the protection of American merchant vessels from the Barbary pirates, particularly those operating through the instigation of the Dey of Algiers. The construction proceeded in anything but a smooth fashion. Delays caused by lack of materials, lack of suitable timber, and constantly changing specifications combined to slow construction to an extremely slow pace. Thus it was that in 1795 when a peace treaty was signed with Algiers that all work was stopped on the ships. Another act permitted the three most complete of the frieates, two 44's and a 38. to be finished.

Two years later the first of the 44's was launched. On May 10, 1797, the UNITED STATES slid down the ways at Philadelphia and into the water. The ways were so steen, however, that

she was damaged by coming off them too fast.

While fitting out, much latitude was given her first captain who sparred, rigged, and gunned her as he saw fit. He also built a 'round-house' on her afterdeck to house himself and his wife while in port. Captain John Barry's weighty addition to the stern of the UNITED STATES not only set her apart from her sister ships CONSTITUTION and PRESIDENT but nearly ruined her handling qualities and trim as well.

Her first actions were in 1798 when, during the 'Quasi-War' with France, she was dispatched to the West Indies to attack French bases and destroy provisions. She returned after capturing

two French privateers but accomplished little else.

However, during the War of 1812, on October 25, she met the British Frigate MACEDONIAN, a crack ship just out of overhaul and spoiling for battle. Captain John Carden, in the MACEDONIAN, first thought the UNITED STATES to be the smaller ESSEX, of only short range armament, so be endeavored to keep some distance between the ships and fought at long range. Captain Stephen Decatur found this style of fighting much to his liking and proceeded to dissame between the AGEDONIAN with two hours of excellent Yankee gunnery practice. He even selected just what pieces of the MACEDONIAN were to be shot away so that her value as a prize would not be impaired! This victory provided as great a morale boost to the American people as it shocked the British public and was a factor in firmly establishing the U.S. Navy as one of the forces to be reckoned with among the world's sea powers.

The UNITED STATES served on with the Navy and, like her contemporary the CONSTITU-ION, might have been rebuilt and preserved except for an unfortunate circumstance. Eight days after the beginning of the American Civil War she was at the Norfolk, Virginia, Navy Yard in a very decayed condition and had to be sunk to prevent her use by the Confederates. Raised in 1865, she was in such bad condition that in 1866 she was finally broken up for scrap.

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The following procedure is suggested to antique the Decks:

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.
- Apply cement sparingly. Excess cement may run and damage the details on your model.
- Carefully trim any excess plastic from parts and check fits before assembling. This will result in parts fitting together perfectly, and also enable moving parts to move freely.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

- 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.
- 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 and allow to dry before assembling.
- Carefully follow these numbered steps, for ease in building your model.
- 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 | rigging |
| SMALL PAINT BRUSHES . | . painting & cement |
| TWEEZERS | assembly & rigging |
| SCISSORS | rigging |
| DRILL 1/32 Dia clear | ning holes & rigging |
| CLOTHES PINS | clamping |
| MASKING TAPE | .holding & painting |
| TURPENTINE | cleanup & antiquing |

HULL PAINTING

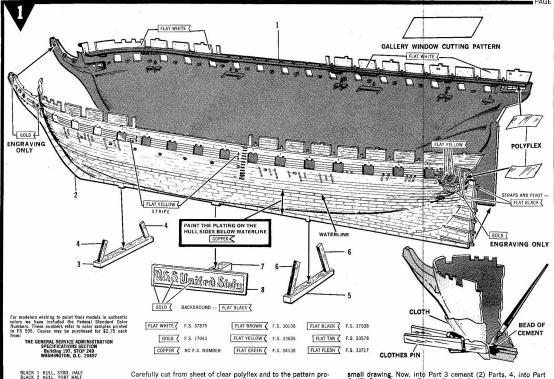
GENERAL INFORMATION *

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

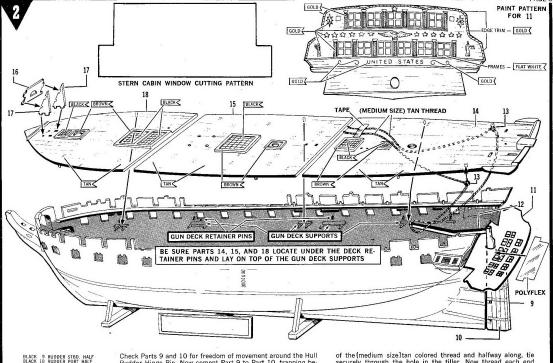
dry thoroughly. Then make a thin "wash" of black enamel and turpentine and lightly dab the exterior. Allow hull sides to dry completely before assembly.

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 1 HULL, STBD. HALF
BLACK 2 HULL, PORT HALF
BLOWN 1 A FRANCE AND HALF
BROWN 5 FRANCE STAND BASE
BROWN 6 FRANCE STAND BASE
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BROWN 6 FRANCE STAND BASE
2 Using clothes pin.

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.

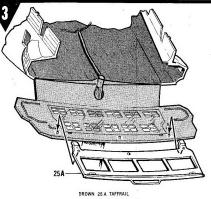


BLACK 13 NUDUER FOR THAP
BLACK 12 RILLER STERN
BLACK 12 RILLER
BLACK 12 EYEBOUTS (2)
LIGHT BROWN 15 GUN DECK, APT
LIGHT BROWN 15 GUN DECK, APT
BROWN 15 GUN SECK, APT
BROWN 17 BOWSPRIT LOCATOR SIDES (2)
LIGHT BROWN 17 BOWSPRIT LOCATOR SIDES (2)
LIGHT BROWN 18 GUN DECK, FORE

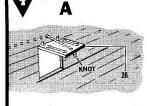
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Check Parts 9 and 10 for freedom of movement around the Hull Rudder Hinge Pin, Now cement Part 9 to Part 10, trapping between them the Hull Rudder Hinge Pin. Be careful to keep cement away from Hinge Pin or your rudder will not turn. Now cut to the pattern and cement in position on Part 11 your Stern Cabin Windows, Place, Do NOT CEMENT Part 11 your Stern Cabin Windows, Place, Do NOT CEMENT Part 11 your Rudder then cement in position Part 12. Next cement (2) Parts 13 to the underside of Part 14. To riz your rudder, take 2 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, into position Part 15. Cement (2) Parts 17 to 18. Cement (16 to 17. Carefully snap this deck into place.

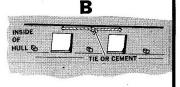


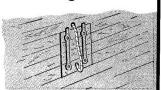
Cement Part 25-A to Gallery Stern Part 11 as shown.

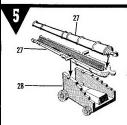


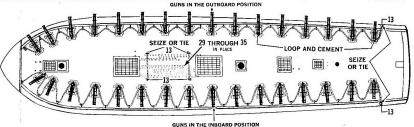
BLACK 26 GUNPORT COVERS (32)

Cement thirty-two parts 26 to HULL in either an OPEN or CLOSED position. Drawing A above shows Gunport OPEN, C shows Gunport CLOSED, and B shows two gunport lines tied together. Refer to Step 5 for Gun positions. Use(medium size)diameter tan colored thread to rig Gunport Covers.





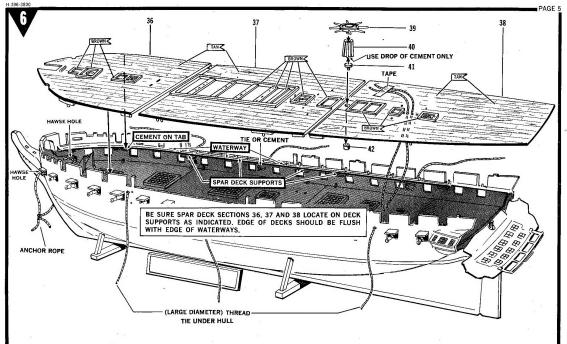




BLACK 27 (UN BARREL HALVES (66) BROWN 28 (UN BARREL HALVES (66) BROWN 28 STUDDING SAIL YARDS (6) BROWN 30 STUDDING SAIL YARDS (6) BROWN 30 STUDDING SAIL YARDS (2) BROWN 32 STUDDING SAIL YARDS (2) BROWN 32 STUDDING SAIL YARDS (2) BROWN 34 STUDDING SAIL YARDS (2) BROWN 35 STUDDING SAIL YARDS (2) BROWN 35 STUDDING SAIL YARDS (4)

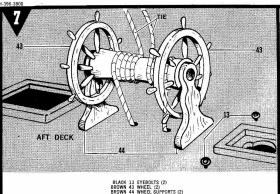
Cement (66) Parts 27 together to give you a total of 33 Gun Barrels. Set one Barrel aside for Bow chase assembly later. Cement the other to (32) Parts 28. Now, cement (6) Parts 13 in place as shown. For rigging Guns, use a 60 inch piece of (LARGE DIAMETER) TAN THREAD and rig one end to each Part 13 at the rear. See the back page for rigging information, seizing, etc. Next, place a drop 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 Sall Yards Parts 29 through 35 were usually lashed to the Gun Deck as shown.

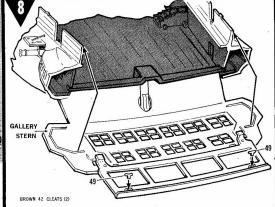


LIGHT BROWN 36 SPAR DECK, FORE LIGHT BROWN 37 SPAR DECK, AMIDSHIP LIGHT BROWN 38 SPAR DECK, AFT BROWN 39 CAPSTAN TOP BROWN 40 CAPSTAN TOP BROWN 41 CAPSTAN PIN BROWN 41 CAPSTAN PIN

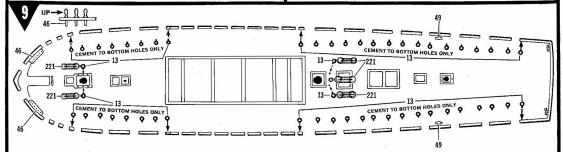
Cut six 24 inch lengths, three for Starboard side and three for Port side, of the large diameter tan thread. Thread through sheave holes in Hull and tie and cement to pin on inside of Hull as shown. Loose ends tie out of the way underneath Hull. Now thread the 12 inch length of anchor rope through hawse 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.



Cement (2) Parts 43 together, be sure not to let cement run out of the joint or your rudder rope may not run free. Next cement (2) Parts 13 onto Deck. Next, cement (2) Parts 44 into position trapping your wheel assembly between the supports. Now center your rudder and wrap your rudder ropes around the wheel in opposite directions, six turns to each rope. Tie ropes together as shown,



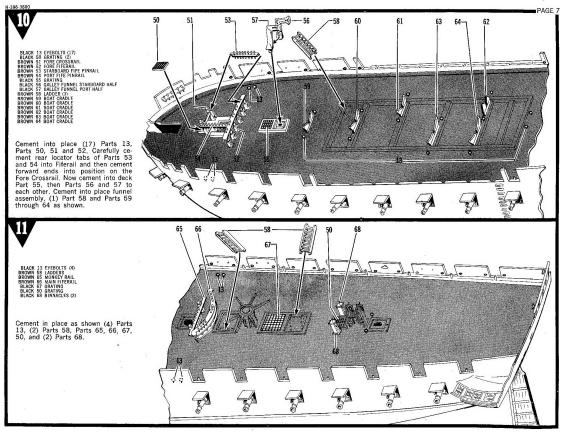
Carefully cement Gallery Stern assembly into position on Ship Stern as shown. Cement (2) Parts 49 to the Taff Rail as shown.



SPAR DECK PLAN VIEW

BLACK 13 EYEBOLTS (53) BROWN 46 FORE PINRAILS (2) BROWN 49 CLEATS (10) BLACK 221 LARGE BULLSEYE (5)

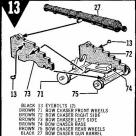
NOTE: MAKE SURE HOLES IN EYEBOLTS Parts 13 ARE OPEN Cement into place as shown (48) Parts 13, (2) Parts 46, and (2) Parts 49, Tie (5) Parts 13 to (5) Parts 221 and cement Parts 13 to Deck.



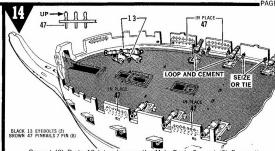


BLACK 69 GUN BARREL HALVES (44) BROWN 70 FORECASTLE GUN CARRIAGES (6)

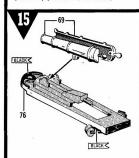
Cement (12) Parts 69 together to give you (6) Gun Barrels. Snap these into place in (6) Parts 70. Set aside.



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.

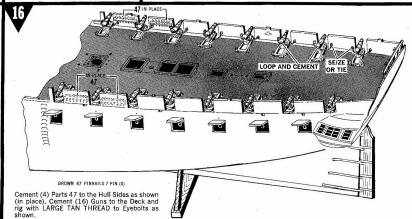


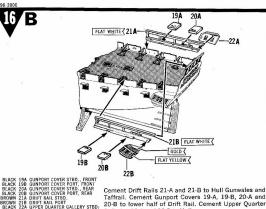
Cement (2) Parts 13 into place on the Main Deck. Cement (3) Forecastle Guns to pins on each side of the Main Deck. Using the LARGE DIAMETER TAN THREAD and rig the (6) Guns to the Eyebolts in the Hull Sides as shown. Cement the Bow Chaser Gun, from Step 13 to the Deck and rig as shown with LARGE TAN THREAD.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

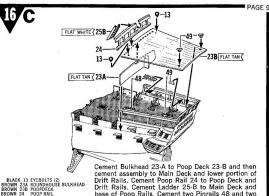


BLACK 69 GUN BARREL HALVES BROWN 76 QUARTERDECK GUN CARRIAGES (16)

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







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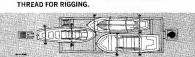
BROWN 24 POOP RAIL BROWN 25B LADDER

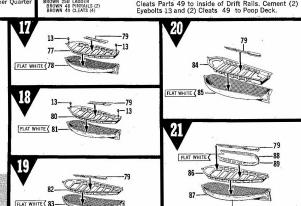
BLACK 13 EYEBOLTS (6) BROWN 77 23 FT. CUTTER SEATS BROWN 78 23 FT. CUTTER HULL BROWN 79 OARS (34) LIGHT BROWN 83 28 FT, CUTTER HULL BROWN 86 30 FT. CUTTER SEATS LIGHT BROWN 87 30 FT. CUTTER HULL BROWN 88 20 FT. DINGHY SEATS BROWN 80 23 FT. JOLLYBOAT SEATS (2) LIGHT BROWN 81 23 FT. JOLLYBOAT HULL (2) BROWN 82 28 FT, CUTTER SEATS LIGHT BROWN 89 20 FT. DINGHY HULL

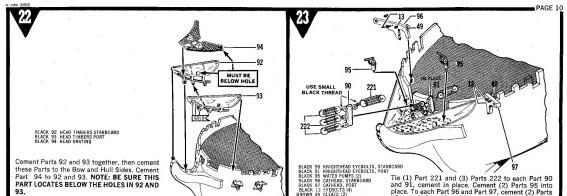
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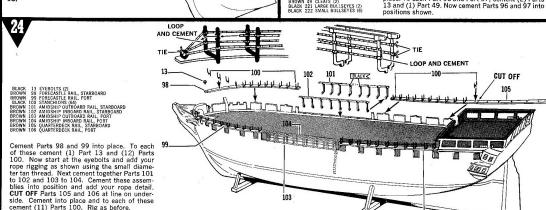
BLACK 22B UPPER QUARTER GALLERY PORT

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 TAN



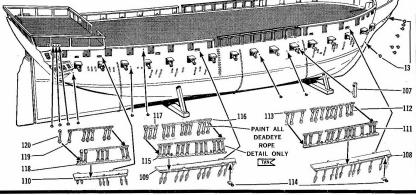






BLACK 13 EVERBOLTS (16)
BLACK 100 FORE CHANNEL, STARBOAD
BLACK 100 MAIN STARBOAD
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BLACK 110 MAIN STARBOAD
BLACK 111 FORE CHANNEL, STARBOAD OUTSIDE HALF
BLACK 112 FORE DEADEYES, STARBOADD NISIDE
BLACK 113 FORE DEADEYES, STARBOADD NISIDE
BLACK 114 GHANNEL STARBOADD NISIDE EAR
BLACK 115 MAIN DEADEYES, STARBOADD NISIDE HALF
BLACK 115 MAIN DEADEYES, STARBOADD NISIDE BLACK
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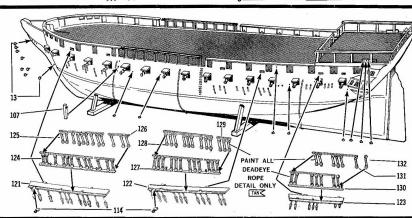
Cement into place (16) Parts 13 and Part 107. Thread rope from the sheave hole, through the hole in the Chesstree and retie beneath Hull. Now cement into position Parts 108, 109 and 110. Next cement together Parts 111, 112 and 113, being careful to keep cement away from the slots in the top rail through 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.

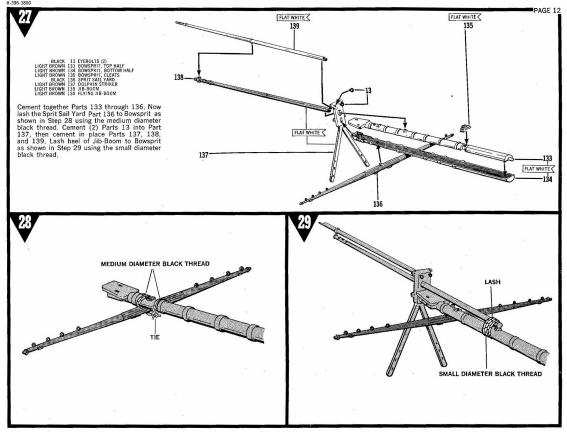


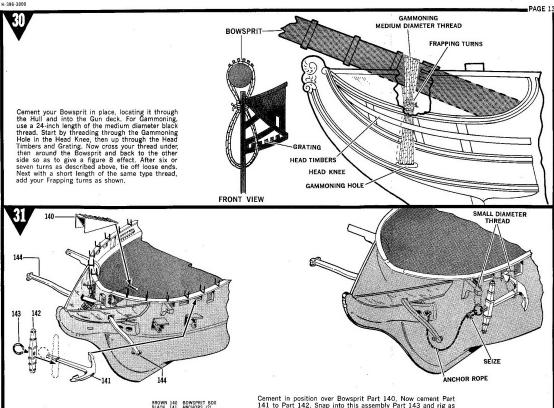
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BLACK 13 EYEBÜLT (16)
BLACK 107 CHESSTREE
BLACK 127 DER CHAMMEL PORT
BLACK 125 DER CHAMMEL PORT
BLACK 125 MUZZER CHAMMEL PORT
BLACK 125 MUZZER CHAMMEL PORT
BLACK 125 MUZZER CHAMMEL PORT OUTSIDE HALF
BLACK 125 PORE DEADEYE, PORT OUTSIDE HALF
BLACK 126 MUR DEADEYE, PORT INSIDE EAR
BLACK 127 MUR DEADEYE, PORT INSIDE EAR
BLACK 127 MUR DEADEYE, PORT INSIDE
BLACK 128 MUR DEADEYE, PORT INSIDE
BLACK 138 MUZZER DEADEYE, PORT OUTSIDE HALF
BLACK 131 MUZZER DEADEYE, PORT INSIDE

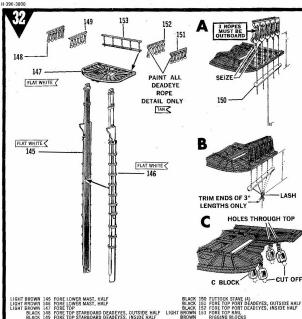
Cement in place (16) Parts 13 and Part 107. Thread rope from the sheave hole through Chesstree and then ratie underneath Hull. Next cement in position Part 121, Part 122, and Part 123. Now assemble and cement in position, being careful to keep cement away from the slots in the top rail, Parts 124 through 132 & (2) Parts 114.







WSPRIT BOX CHORS (2) CHOR STOCKS (2) CHOR SHACKLES (2) Cement in position over Bowsprit Part 140. Now cement Part 141 to Part 142. Snap into this assembly Part 143 and rig as shown using the small diameter tan thread. Repeat for remaining Parts 141, 142, and 143. Cement in position (2) Parts 144.

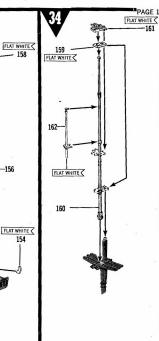


any loose thread through your lashing until all the threads have equal tension. Cement lashings and when dry, cut and trim away the ends of the short threads. Only leave long thread for use in a later assembly. Repeat in the same manner for Parts 151, 152, and 150 Now remove one of the eyes from each 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 Deadeve assemblies to the Top and the 12" Threads to the Mast until the

Ratline installation later.

LIGHT BROWN 154 MAST CLEATS (2) LIGHT BROWN 155 FORE TOPMAST, HALF LIGHT BROWN 156 FORE TOPMAST, HALF LIGHT BROWN 157 FORE CAP LIGHT BROWN 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.

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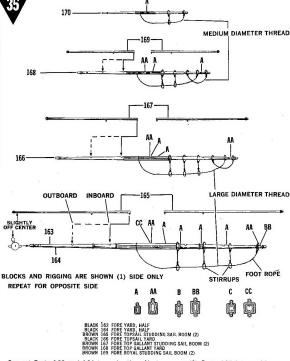
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LIGHT BROWN 159 FORE TOPMAST CAP LIGHT BROWN 160 FORE TOP GALLANT MAST LIGHT BROWN 161 FORE TOP GALLANT CROSSTREE LIGHT BROWN 162 FORE ROYAL MAST

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.

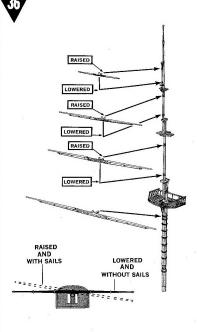
Cement together Parts 145 and 146, Before cementing Part 147 to the mast, attach to it your Deadeyes in the following manner, First, carefully cement to each other. Part 148 and Part 149, (See the small diagram A.) Now pass around the lower center deadeve one end of a 12" length of the medium diameter black thread and with the small diameter black thread, seize underneath. Other lower Deadeves 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 Deadeyes down onto the Top and Lash threads together one inch be-

low the Top as shown in diagram B. Now pull

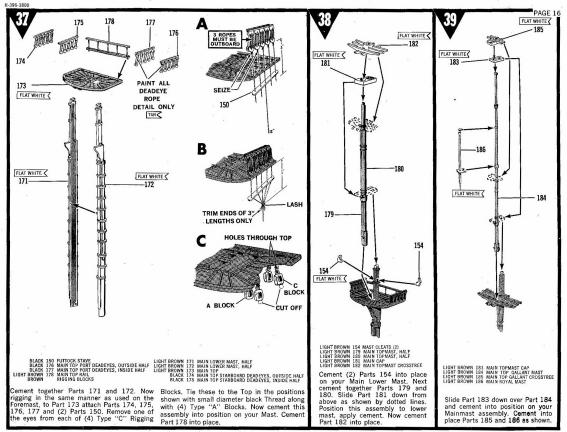


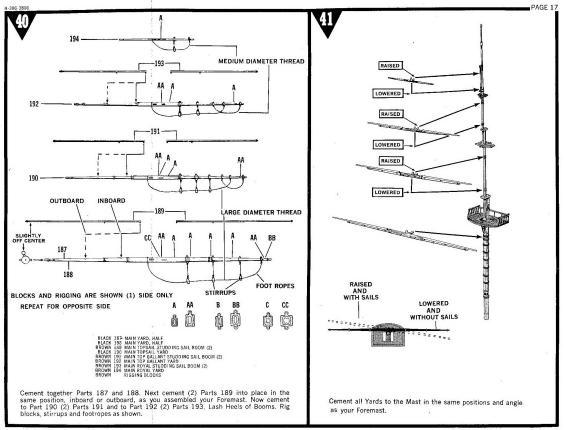
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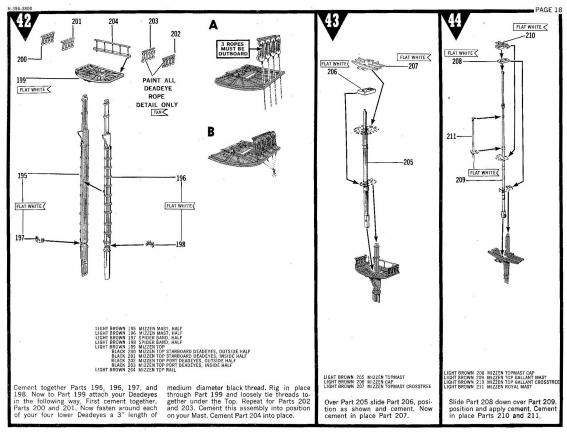
Cement Parts 163 and 164 to each other. Next, cement (2) Parts 165 into position. In port and without Sails, Studding Sail Booms would be in the inboard position. When at sea under full sail they would be in the outboard position. Now cement to Part 166, (2) Parts 167, and to Part 168, (2) Parts 169. 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.

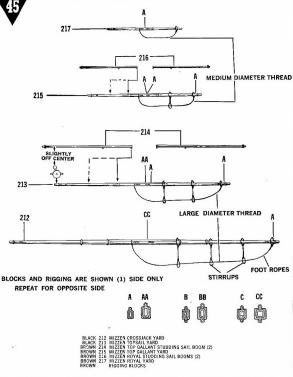


The three Upper Yards can be fixed in either the Raised or Lowered position. The Yards can also be set at an angle. When in port, and without sails, the Yards were usually set square to the ship' in the lowered position. However, a ship under full sail would have the Yards set at an angle, (See small 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.









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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.

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Attach all your Yards to the Mizzen Mast in the same positions and angle as your previous Masts.

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.

After you have completed your rigging and sail, paint the figures as shown on the side panels of your box. After figures have dried, cement the figures on the deck or in the rigging as you wish.

SEE STANDING RIGGING SHEFTS

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.

