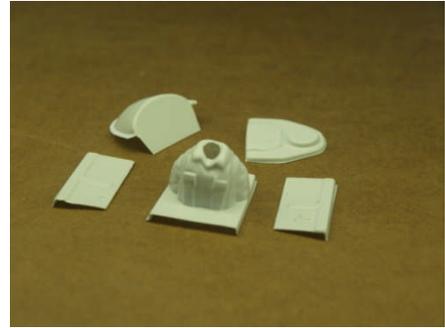


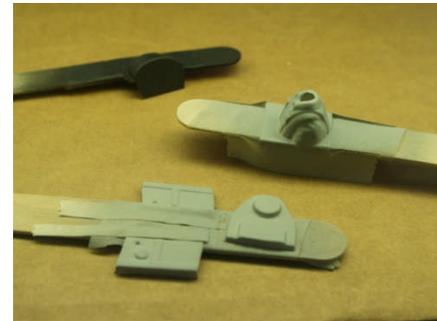
Trim the plastic parts from the parts sheet as shown. Note that a flange remains around the front of the instrument panel, along the sides of the pilots body and along the top of the cockpit side panels.



To trim the pilot head halves block sand the back with 180 grit sandpaper until the edges become thin. complete the cut with a hobby knife then bond the halves with model cement. This may be the hardest step, that is why two heads was included in the kit.



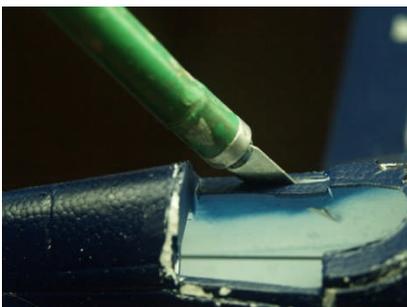
Wrap flat sticks with masking tape with the sticky side facing out and attach the parts for a light primer coat. Without a prime coat brush strokes will be hard to avoid due to the smooth plastic surface. Note that the bottom of the side panels have been masked as well as the cockpit floor flanges. Without this step the paint will have to be scraped away for a good bond.



There is a good tutorial on painting pilots under the instruction section of the web site. Just about any model paint is compatible with this plastic. After the painting is done bond the cockpit sides to the edges of the cockpit floor. Note that the front of the side panels are marked with a small dimple near the bottom.



After the model cement has dried, bend the side panels outward so you will not have to hold them against the fuselage sides. Apply the instrument panel sticker and set the cockpit parts aside. To remove the stock canopy. Cut very, very shallow around the canopy to prevent damaging paint job when the canopy is removed, lift the back corners and peel the canopy away.



Use a hobby knife to trim the foam away from the sides leaving a 1/16 lip. along the sides of the cockpit opening.

Bond the head rest in place, then push the pilot and cockpit into position, and the instrument panel last. The pilot and cockpit will go in easier if the forward end goes in first with the aft end tipped up.



The included canopy is slightly thicker so you can fly your model with an open cockpit as shown. Keep in mind that the stock canopy will fit over the cockpit details and will require no painting.

If you fly your model outdoors there is a chance that debris can ruin the servos mounted under the wing. The kit includes servo covers to protect them from the hazard. They are held in place with two sided tape (not included) or a dab of silicone. If you go with Silicone be careful not to foul the servo with it.

