

"VERY IMPORTANT"

PLEASE READ BEFORE STARTING YOUR MODEL OF THE SWIFT

1. We have improved the stern and bow blocks for the model. The blocks for the bow are triangle shaped and the point of this piece is glued to rib #1 and the false keel. The stern blocks are glued directly under the false stern deck length wise so that as you look from the stern to the bow of the model the blocks have a "V" shape to them. Finishing the bow and stern re-inforcing blocks is now a very simple task.
2. The use of the pin nails supplied with the kit have been over emphasized in the instructions causing many problems to the modeler. The pin nails are indeed important, but you do not use them for planking the deck as indicated in the instructions. They are certainly to be used to hold the false deck in place until the glue dries. They do not get driven all the way in. The pin nails are also used to hold the hull planking in place until the glue dries. The pins later get pulled out and used again. Remember, they are a tool and straight pins or push pins can be used just as well. Many modelers save the pins and use them as finishing tre-nails when the hull is complete.
3. A note here about the lumber supplied with the kit. The bundle of wood which is the thickest and widest is used for the first planking. The bundle with the dark thin wood is for the second planking. The bundle with the thin light wood is for the deck planking. The rest of the wood is used for other aspects of work that is explained and called for in the instructions.
4. Planking: The instructions call for the laying of two planks and then laying a "King Plank." We have found this not to be adviseable for the beginner. Your task will be considerably easier if you plank in a continuous line. Remember, of course, to taper each plank as needed and as explained in the instructions under A-5 Hull Planking.
5. Deck planking: We have improved the kit by pre-stamping deck stringers #19 and the side gunwale top #27. After removing these pre-stamped pieces, a slight sanding is recommended before gluing in place.

The above improvements in the kit have made building Her easier still. GOOD LUCK!!

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CUTTING GUN PORTS ON THE SWIFT

Supplemental Instructions to Follow A7, Page 6

After your bulwarks #20 have been glued into place and are rigid, measure 20mm from the end of the midship hatchway back to the stern. At that point mark off a 12mm box on your bulwark on both sides of the hull. Using your X-Acto knife, cut out the gun port and finish it with sandpaper. Now, continue with the work as described in A8.

We've enclosed a rigging plan for your cannon, if you wish to finish them rigged. The blocks and wire needed are available through our fittings catalog. The cord is available from your rigging line supplied with the kit.

You'll find later in the building that the barrel (cask) #21 must be moved to another location on deck. This of course, is easily done, according to your choice of placement.

