

Sunrise Feed Mill

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Sometime ago I built the plastic, Sunrise Feed Mill structure. I painted it a light gray and put it on the layout. I was never happy with the way it looked and after watching a video on how to make a plastic structure look like a wooden structure, decided to give it a try.

Ideally, you want to do most of the work before putting the kit together, but I didn't have that option. First step is to rough it up with sandpaper (150 grit), scrapping with a razor blade over each clapboard, and using a wire brush (if in pieces, wash and dry before painting). You want to prime everything but since mine was painted, I omitted that step. I selected 5-6 colors and randomly painted each clapboard (or part of one), often mixing the colors. A wash was applied (in my case a Hunter stain) to bring everything together. A final step was to dry brush with a few colors. A tarpaper roof was laid over the existing plastic roof. Certain parts were rusted using AMMO rust acrylics. Signs and accessories were added to give character.



