FIXIT WRIGHT

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SAY, FIXIT, LOOK AT THIS!

WIN $50.00!

$50.00 in cash will be awarded to the resident of this city who builds the best finished model from a 50c "Solid" model kit. Twenty-five additional p... $5.00 for runners-up... her will be eligible fo... tional prizes!

ET FULL DETAI... INSIDE!

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THAT'S THE ONLY RULE, BOYS! THE MODEL JUST MUST BE BUILT FROM ONE OF THE "SOLID" COMPANY'S 50¢ KITS.

SHUCK'S, I OUGHTA BE ABLE TO WIN! NOT MANY SOLID MODELERS AROUND HERE.

THE LOCAL JUDGING IS IN A MONTH.

LET ME HAVE AN F-80 KIT, PHIL!

ONE HERE, TOO.

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NEXT MORNING

ANY RULE AGAINST GIRLS ENTERING THIS CONTEST, PHIL?

NOPE!

WELL, LET ME HAVE AN F-80, ALSO

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AND SO, DOWNSTAIRS IN THEIR "DUNGEON" THE BOYS START ON THEIR MODELS, WHILE UPSTAIRS.....

WHEREVER DOES ONE BEGIN?

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BEAT IT, SIS!

TRACING OFF THE TOP AND SIDE VIEWS ONTO THE FUSELAGE BLOCK, BUNNY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, FIXIT?

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THEN WE SAW THE BLOCK TO SHAPE

BUNNY, WHY DON'T YOU GO SEW SOME DRESSES, HUH? QUIT ANNOYING US!

GROW UP, TAILSKID!

Y'KNOW WE'LL HAVE TO LOCK HER OUT!

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WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS FOR, FIXIT?

THEY'RE TEMPLATES, BUNNY! AS YOU CARVE AND SAND YOU CHECK THE CROSS-SECTION OF THE FUSELAGE WITH THEM, LIKE THIS.

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GOTTA GLUE IN THE DIHEDRAL ACCURATELY TOO, Y'KNOW.

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BALSA DUST AND DOPE MAKE THE FILLETS

YEAH, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THE FINISH! YA GOTTA SAND THAT MODEL SMOOTH BEFORE YA EVEN START.

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THAT'S RIGHT, BUNNY. THEN AT LEAST 6 TO 8 COATS OF WOOD FILLER TO SEAL THE GRAIN. I SAND LIGHTLY AFTER EVERY OTHER COAT AND WET SAND THE LAST ONE WITH #320 WET-OR-DRY PAPER AND WATER.

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THEN THE COLOR IS SPRAYED ON OR BRUSHED ON WITH A SABLE BRUSH. FOR SOLID MODELS—LIKE OURS—AUTOMOBILE LACQUER IS MOST DURABLE AND GIVES THE BEST GLOSS. THAT'S WHAT TAILSKID AND I ARE USING.

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SAME SANDING PROCEDURE FOR THE COLOR COATS AS FOR THE PRIMER. AFTER THE FINAL WET SANDING THE PAINT SHOULD BE SMOOTH THO DULL.

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THEN WE POLISH IT WITH FINE RUBBING COMPOUND, ADD DECALS, TRIM AND GUNS, THEN WAX.

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BUNNY BURNS THE MIDNIGHT OIL. BORROWING LIBERALLY FROM BROTHER TAILSKID'S SUPPLIES, SHE WORKS EVENINGS IN HER ROOM. EARRINGS MAKE SWELL SMALL C-CLAMPS, EYEBROW TWEEZERS HOLD TINY PARTS, WHILE TO APPLY THE FINISH SHE USES AN OLD...

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PERFUME ATOMIZER

1 MONTH LATER

THE WINNING MODEL—AN F-80 BY T-A-L-B-Y

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THAT'S ME!

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WILL MISS BUNNY TALBY STEP UP HERE PLEASE!

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