

## Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by pdmccool - 19 Mar 2009 01:51

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Hi, Folks,

My name is Paul McCool and I've been seriously collecting and building paper models for about a year.

I was first introduced to paper models a few years ago through a friend of mine, David Okamura, a true artist in the medium.

My initial interest in paper models grew out of my frustrations at my skills in painting plastic kits, but I quickly found that I enjoyed learning the different skills required to transform a flat sheet of paper into a really cool model.

I'm looking forward to what the rest of you can share with us.

Paul M.

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by ModelCarFreak - 19 Mar 2009 04:54

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Welcome on board! While not having dabbled yet with paper models there is some cool stuff out there, see for example [these London Transport Kits](#) in the Member Blog area. You should put up gallery with your work!

Thomas

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by pdmccool - 19 Mar 2009 10:33

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I'll have to remember where I got it, but there is a paper model available of an old Routemaster double-decker bus, so you wouldn't even need to buy diecasts.

Paul M.

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by ModelCarFreak - 19 Mar 2009 11:47

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Maybe we should create a wiki resource with links to all sites that have paper models.

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by pdmccool - 19 Mar 2009 19:19

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I don't know about wiki links, but several people have already done much of the work for you. Try this site for starters: [www.3dpapermodel.com.tw/freedownload/dow...asp/link.asp?ID=free](http://www.3dpapermodel.com.tw/freedownload/dow...asp/link.asp?ID=free)

It has links to hundreds of paper models.

Paul M.

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by JPL - 20 Mar 2009 16:48

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Cool! Can you do some posts either here or in blogs on how you make these models, like what types of glue to use and what type of paper and stuff?

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by pdmccool - 20 Mar 2009 17:05

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For most of my models, I use 110 lb. cardstock, which is available at most office supply stores. Some modelers use 65 lb. stock as well, but the type of paper often depends on the model being built. Some models, such as sailing ships, will use different weights of paper within the same model.

As for glue, I tend to use Aleene's Tacky Glue. It is a thick white glue used for crafts, and comes in original and quick-dry. You can also use regular old Elmer's. Whatever glue you use, squeeze out a pearl sized drop on a piece of paper or card (I use old plastic hotel key cards) and apply it to the model with a toothpick or the tip of an unfolded paper clip.

If you would like to watch a tutorial video, go to [www.yamaha-motor.co.jp/global/entertainm...aft/howto/index.html](http://www.yamaha-motor.co.jp/global/entertainm...aft/howto/index.html)

Paul M.

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by Nobleco - 21 Mar 2009 01:14

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**I would also like to know more about these models. The shine is my question. Are they all printed on overhead projector film? What kind of printer do you need, laser or bubblejet?**

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by pdmccool - 21 Mar 2009 01:43

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The glossy finish on the model was achieved by using gloss photo paper. As for what type of printer is used, I print most of my paper models on a Brother MFC 240 All-In-One Inkjet. However, for a glossy finish, you should use a printer suited for printing photographs. My wife uses an HP C4480 PhotoSmart Ink Jet for her photos, and something similar should be fine for any model application.

Hope this helps!

Paul M.

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by Joschik - 21 Mar 2009 16:37

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I have created a wiki page for Paper Models [here](#) and added the first 20 download sites to it (many thanks to an earlier email from Paul). Please add to it.

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by JPL - 21 Mar 2009 17:30

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That's awesome pdmccool & joshik! Thanks for the vidlink and wiki page! 🙏

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by oldtruck56 - 06 Apr 2009 18:28

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OK, I'm willing to give it a go. Found several that I want to try. Thanks for the links, this will be interesting!

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by JPL - 09 Apr 2009 10:43

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Great! please show some pictures when youve made them!

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by Nobleco - 10 Apr 2009 03:10

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**That is great, thanks for the info. I have a good Epson Stylus CX3200 that will be great for the job. Also a Cannon Pixma IP 5200 I uses from time to time. I have lots to photo paper so will probably give this a try. I could glue it to heavier stock as the photo paper is thinner that what you are talking about for some models.**

**Nobleco**

### **pdmccool wrote:**

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## Re:Greetings, Paper Modelers!

Posted by GunnerJim - 10 Apr 2009 10:59

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That was a very interesting link easy to follow.

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