



WEATHERING, PAINTING, ETC. OF STRUCTURES

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BACKGROUND

- Got the bug early in life – painted a plastic F-80 wing tanks with my sister’s fingernail polish.
- Since becoming an NMRA member, have kit-bashed and scratch-built structures for our HO layout:
 - Farmers’ Market
 - Burleson House
 - Bunge Plant
 - Daikin Plant
 - Nucor Steel
- Recently got into building plastic and wooden kits.





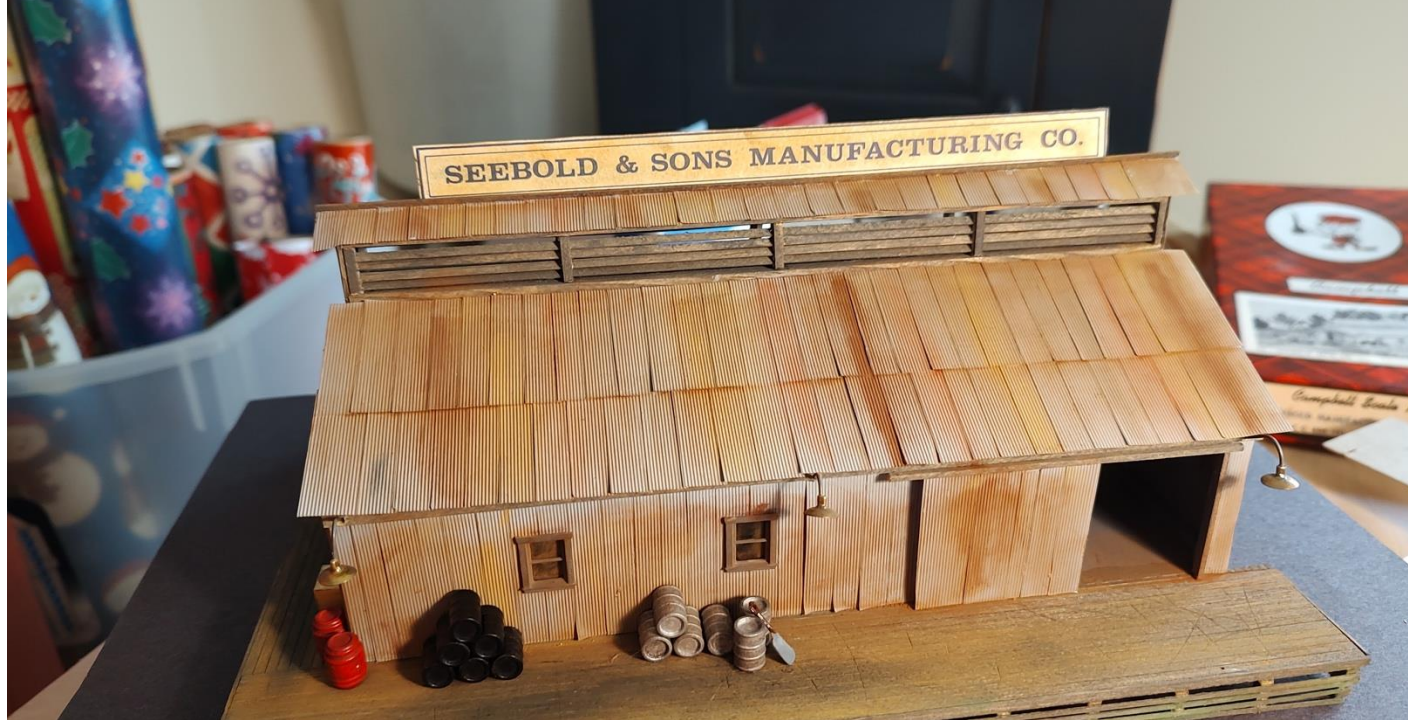
? BRICKS ?

- How do you do mortar?
- Try toothpaste??
- Lots of experimenting.
- Find red brick paint.
- Thin paint wash the best for me.
- Rub it on and then rub it off.

HINTS FROM KITS

- Campbells kits and paint recommendation – use Floquil Paint.
- Benefit of hanging around depot – old paint booklet.
- Water-base paints.
- Creosote formula – 3 TBSP India Ink in 16 oz. isopropyl alcohol.





WEATHERING POWDERS

- Works best with plastic on painted surfaces.
- Brush on and smooth out.

ETC. = GLUEING TIPS

- Types of glue
 - Wood glue
 - Tube glue
 - Window glue
- Applicators

Questions?

BRING ALONG



Weathering powders in box



Spray paints



Glues – 3 kinds plus applicators



Some structures



Plastic brick wall



Paints in bottles



Paint brushes