

Novakoff Travel is there when you need to get away from here. You can escape to some of the most exotic and exciting places on earth. Book a flight or sail the seas in the best transportation at the lowest rates. Dave & Randi started by suggesting trips to family and friends. And quickly grew to a thriving business that gets you away from your business.

Novakoff Travel is a great kit that fits into any downtown street front. It can be built into the model we designed or use your imagination to see what you can come up with for your railroad!

### Tools & Supplies

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| ✓ Hobby knife, with a 11 Xacto Blade | ✓ 1-2-3 blocks (optional)  | ✓ Paints & Brushes |
| ✓ Fine File                          | ✓ Small magnets (optional) | ✓ Tweezers         |
| ✓ Square & Ruler                     | ✓ NWSL Chopper (optional)  | ✓ Patience         |
| ✓ Pounce tool or T-Pin/Needle        | ✓ PVA glue or wood glue    | ✓ Fun              |
|                                      | ✓ Cyanoacrylate glue (CA)  |                    |

### Pre-assembly

1. Inspect all sheets of laser cut materials against the diagrams provided in the instructions, checking for any missing pieces or damaged parts. Please reach out to us with any issue.
2. Before starting your model, read through these instructions completely to become familiar with the parts and assembly sequence.

### Bracing & Corner Molding

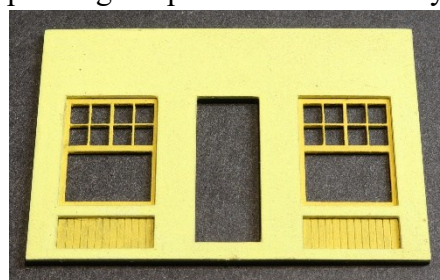
3. In the kit we provide 1/8"x1/8" stripwood (**RED** tip) to brace the backside of the clapboard pieces. Remove parts #1-2 from clapboard sheet. Cut the 1/8" stripwood to fit on the smooth side of the parts. Reference the parts list and schematics for bracing location.
4. We suggest you paint the walls and corner molding your desired color before adding the corner molding. Add the corner molding using the 1/16"x1/16" stripwood (**GREEN** tip) provided in the kit. The 4 corner moldings are glued to the sides of parts# 1,2. Cut the 1/16" corner molding about 1/8" longer than the edge of the wall that it will be glued to. Use 1-2-3 blocks or other squared weights to hold it in place while the glue dries. Trim the corner molding flush to top and bottom edges of walls.



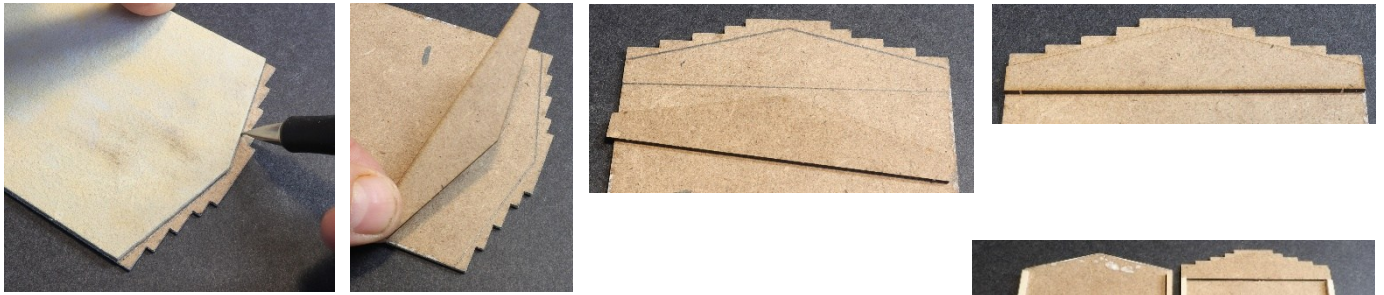
### Store Front Façade & Walls



5. The main building has a "masonry" first floor. Start by assembling the decorative store front. It is created by layering parts #3 & 4. We suggest painting the parts before assembly to achieve crisp lines. Glue #4 on top of #3. We suggest waiting to attach the decorative columns and door. Leaving the front smooth will make assembling and squaring up the wall easier.



- Use wall #7 to draw a line along wall #8. This will allow you to align the roof support #9 onto #8. Align the bottoms of #7 & 8 to ensure the peaks are the same height.



- Add 1/8"x1/8" stripwood (RED tip) to brace the backside of walls #7 & 8 along the corner edges. This reinforces and aids in squaring up the structure. Reference the bracing schematic page
- For the 2 tall walls parts #7,8 and the back 1<sup>st</sup> floor wall #5. These parts have engraved brick pattern on them, and the rest is a smooth surface. We modeled this as an old, damaged stucco wall. Start by painting the brick areas and allow them to dry. Mask off the bricks with a painter's tape. To achieve the look of stucco we use textured spray paint by Rustoleum #239121 Caribbean Sand. Apply 1-2 coats of the texture paint. You can leave the color as is, but we dry brushed a tan over it to add more depth. Once dry, remove the tape to reveal the brick.



- Attach assembly #3/4 to the bottom of wall #2. And attach lower wall #5 to the bottom of wall #1. The 1/8" bracing will help strengthen the joints. (Left picture)
- Now with the four main walls painted & assembled, it is time to glue up. This is the time you want to use 1-2-3 blocks and small magnets to assure the walls are glued together square. Start with part #8 side wall laying "stucco" side down. Glue on the 2 front & back wall assemblies (parts #1/5, 2/3&4). Allow it to dry. Then lay down #7 side wall assembly, "stucco" side down. Flip over the assembly of the other 3 walls and glue the assembly to the edges of the front wall along the corner moldings. Again, square up walls using 1-2-3 blocks and magnets.



A neat product I use to create “Painted on signs” is a photo transfer solution from Rust-Oleum. You need a laser color printer, and you need to mirror the image you want to “paint” on the wall. In the signs sheet of the kit, I have included both versions of the POP Cola and Sacco Wheat signs if you want to try this for yourself.



## Roof

11. Add 1/8”x1/8” stripwood (**RED** tip) as a ridge beam to the peak of the roof. This helps support the two roof sheets parts #14, 15.



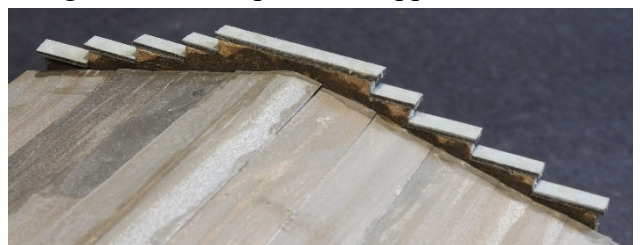
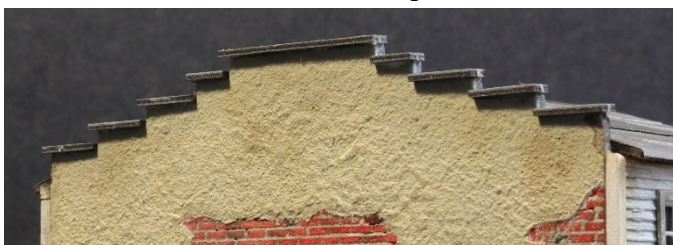
12. Glue on the two roof sheets parts #14, 15.
13. Paint the sheet of “Rolled Roofing”, white sticker sheet, provided in the kit. I usually use a light gray and grimy black to achieve the base roof color. You can add other weathering materials to get the look you like.



14. The rolled roof is a self-stick material, but you can add double stick tape or glue to strengthen the bond.



15. The roof trim is made with parts #16, 17, 18. They are glued on the top of the stepped wall #8.



16. The other trim on wall #7 is easily made with 1/32" x 1/16" stripwood (BLUE tip). Cut the ends to match the pitch of the roof and glue under the eaves.



17. The small roof overhang above the front door and windows is created with parts #11, 12, 13. Start by adding the four support columns, part #6, to the front facade. Then glue #11 on top of the four columns #6



18. Now add the four triangular supports #12 on top of #11. The two outside triangles should be even with the edges of #11. Then cover them with the roof sheet #13.



On our website there is a Mine Mount Minute how-to on painting convincing shingle colors, easily and quickly.

19. You can use double stick tape or glue to attach the strips of shingles. I prefer the double stick tape method. Start at the bottom of #13 and place the first strip slightly overhanging the bottom edge. The next row of strip shingles overlaps the earlier row just above the vertical slots of each shingle. Keep the rows nice and straight (unless you want a worn and weathered roof).



## Windows & Doors

20. The windows are by Tichy Train Group. Just like any plastic kit, the plastic doors need to be washed off with mild dish detergent and warm water. Paint them with your desired color. There is a sheet of clear acetate that has the glazing for doors and windows already precut to the correct sizes.
21. Now just test fit them into the different openings, and glue them once happy with the fit. Use all the pictures provided to help with locations.
22. Also add the two large acetate cutouts for the large windows on the front facade.



23. Add the shutters part #19 (optional) to each side of the six front windows on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the front wall.

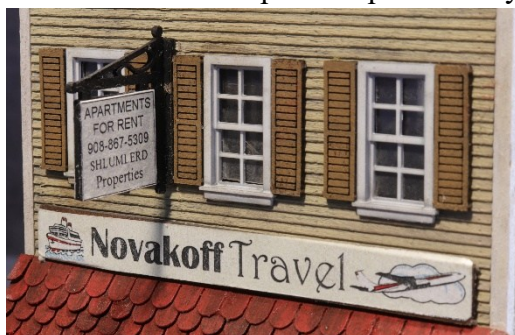
### 24. Sidewalks

25. The kit comes with a full base with sidewalks (part #10) to attach the structure to. We painted and weathered the sidewalks before permanently gluing the building in place. We suggest carefully adding weigh on top of the model so that it dries flat to the base.



### Signs & Details

26. The kit comes with a variety of signs that can add life to your model. There are no specific spots for any of the signs. Cut them out with a new sharp hobby blade and glue them to the walls.

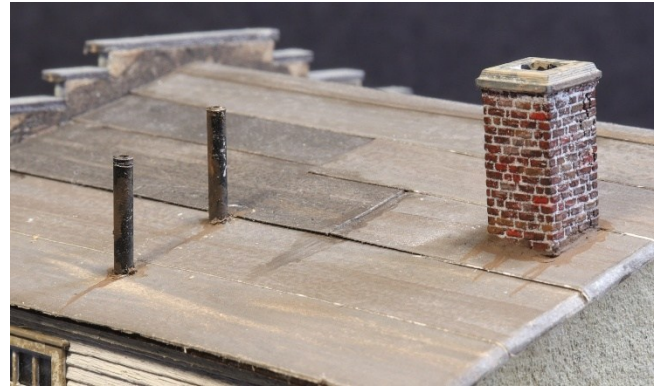


27. The APARTMENT sign is made from two parts #21, 22.

28. The long NOVAKOFF sign is mounted to part #16.



29. The resin detail parts should be rinsed off with warm soapy water and dried before painting. The straight roof vent and the brick chimney are installed by filing the bottoms to match the pitch of the roofs. Or you can drill or cut small holes for them to fit snugly in with glue. Glue them into the locations you like. Paint around the base with a grimy black color to simulate tar sealant. The trashcans, boxes, barrels and other resin details can be placed around the building and on the sidewalk where you see fit.



30. Other details we provide are a few Window Flower Boxes. Paint them then fill them with your favorite flower materials. We glue them under the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor windows. Do the same with the two Flower Pots. Glue the pots on the sidewalk, on each side of the door.



The model will be complete at this point. Add as many details as you would like. Create a wonderful scene on your model railroad or diorama. We want to thank you for enjoying the building of **Novakoff Travel Agency**

. Please share your finished build by sending good quality pictures to [info@MineMountModels.com](mailto:info@MineMountModels.com) and we will post them in the “Customer Build Gallery” section of our website. Also, check out our other products by visiting [www.MineMountModels.com](http://www.MineMountModels.com) .

**Thank you,  
Ron & Michelle**

