The Station in 2017 as a Museum

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CNR Brookfield Station Kit for Model Railroads

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Introduction

This kit is a replica of Canadian National Railways (CNR) station in Brookfield, Nova Scotia. The station was built in 1938 and still stands today. In 1980 it was moved from it's original site to a nearby small park where it now serves as a museum.

The 2 piece kit is 3D printed in black plastic to make it opaque so that light does not bleed through the walls if it has a lighted interior.

Also included are laser printed shingles and signs. These have been sprayed with lacquer on both sides to make them water resistant.

A few comments on painting: The red with light gray trim the building is painted today is typical of the Inter-Colonial Railway (ICR) wooden stations of the Maritimes. The ICR was merged in the CNR in 1916. Since Brookfield station was not built until 1938 it was never a part of the ICR. I have been unable to find any photographs of the building in its early days (1930s or 40s) so I cannot say for certain if it ever wore that paint scheme as a working station. At various times, as confirmed by the photos on the right, the station was painted gray and later white.

At some point the original windows were covered by outer “storm” windows. These outer windows were removed when the building was converted to a museum to restore the look of the original 1938 station. Also the brick chimney was removed around the same time. This kit attempts to depict the station as it was first built.

WARNING

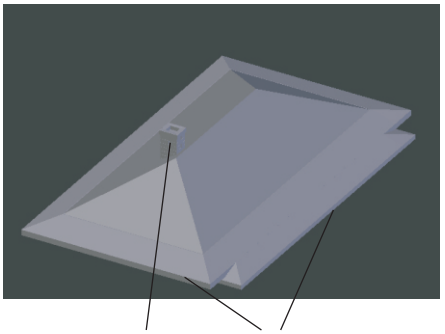
Note that these ARE NOT TOYS, AND ARE NOT INTENDED FOR USE BY CHILDREN UNDER AGE OF 14. These products are model railroad equipment and accessories intended for use by adults.

The Station in the 1960s

The Station in 1980

Preparing The Roof

Before applying the printed shingles to the roof you should paint the chimney (brick red) and the soffits and let these dry. Next carefully cut out the shingle sections. Prepare a mixture of 50% white canopy glue and 50% water. Apply the glue mixture with a brush and glue the sections to the roof. The shingles should overhang the edge of the roof just slightly.



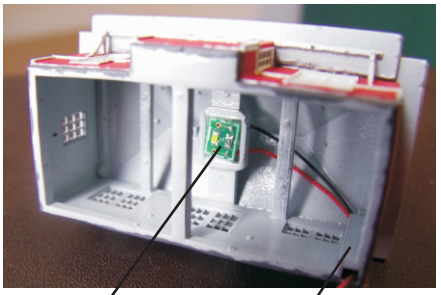
Step 1: Paint chimney and soffits before applying shingles

Painting The Lower Part

If you are planning to add lighting to the building you should paint the interior walls a light color to reflect the light, otherwise you can just leave the interior black. Then paint the exterior in the paint scheme of your choice and let dry.

Installing Lighting

If you are lighting the building you should install the illumination board into the holder under the roof before final assembly. (see photo below). You can use double sided tape or CA glue to attach the board to the holder. Also thread the wiring through the wiring conduit built into the lower part before final assembly. The conduit is provided to hide the wires from view.

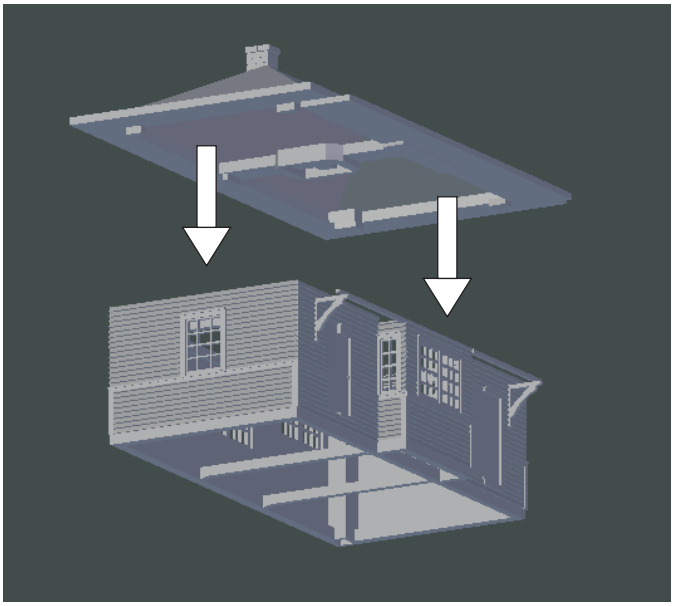


Lighting Board Holder

Wire Conduit

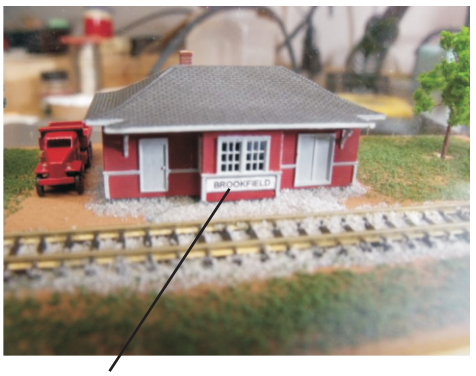
Final Assembly

Once everything has dried and any lighting has been installed (remember to thread the wires through the conduit), glue the roof to the lower part using a slow cure CA glue.



Attach The Sign

This is the final step. The sign can be glued on with canopy glue as shown below. There are 2 signs provided, the sign with the “CN” logo should be used only for the post-1960 era.



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