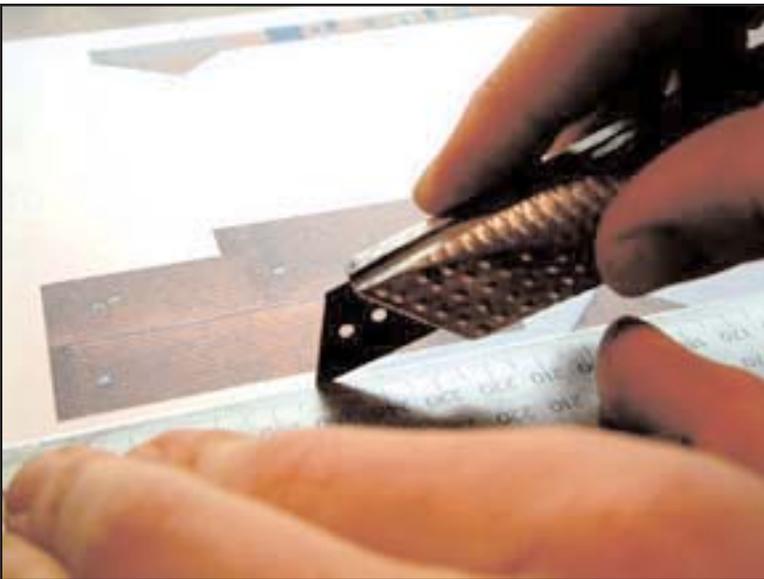


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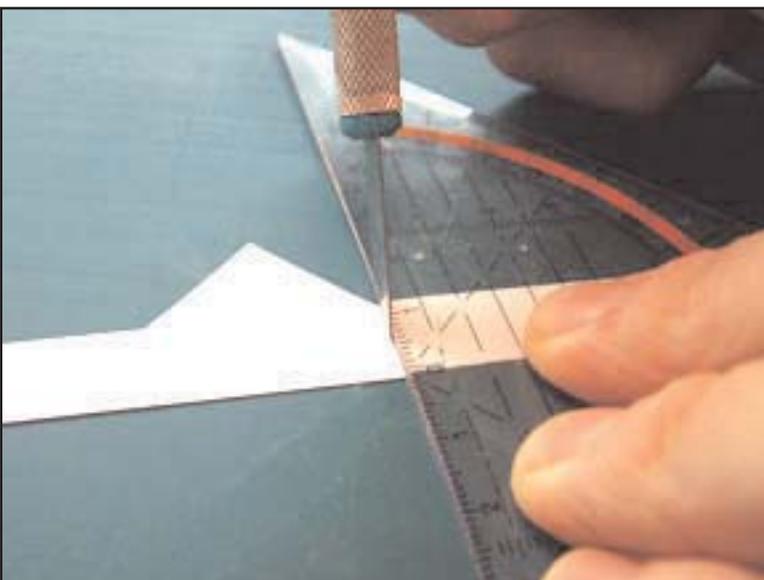


Print file on heavy paper (e.g. 125 lb. or 200 g/m²). Allow to dry.



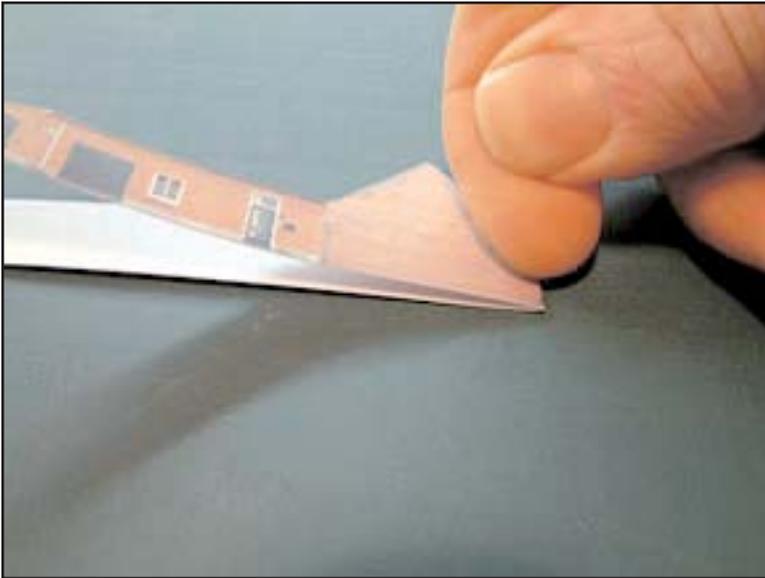
Cut out building parts with a sharp hobby knife. Use a metal ruler to cut along the straight lines.

Some of the building parts have white tabs added which may make gluing the pieces together easier. Just trim them off if you find it easier to work without them.



Mark the folding lines on the blank sides of the building faces.

Use the hobby knife to make light grooves (score) along the lines.



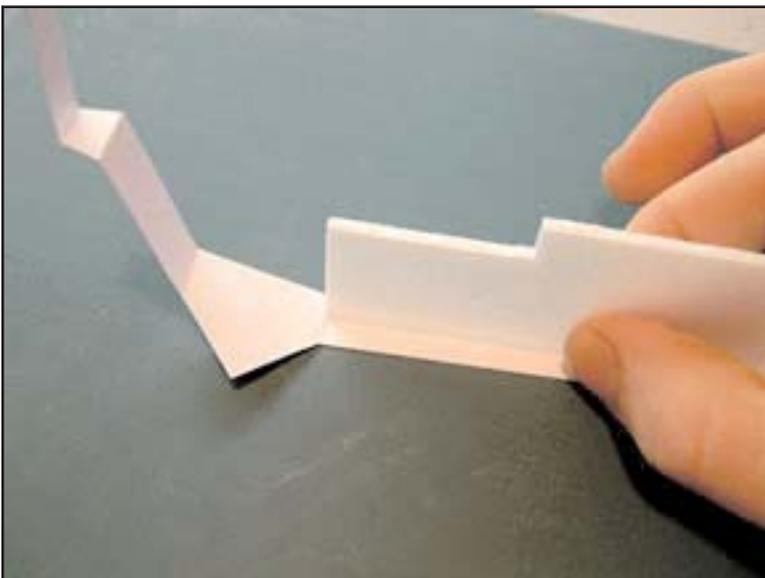
Fold the building walls using your fingernail to make sharp folds.

Make the corners square.

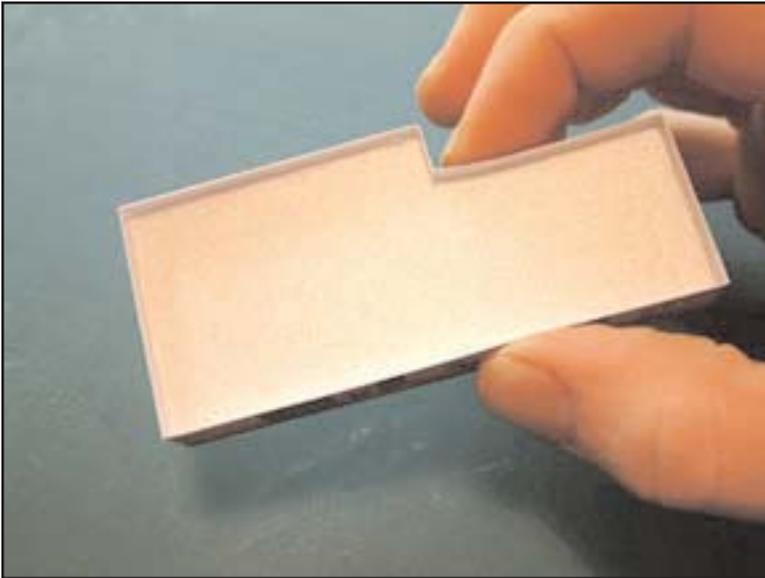
Fit the building together to see how it looks.



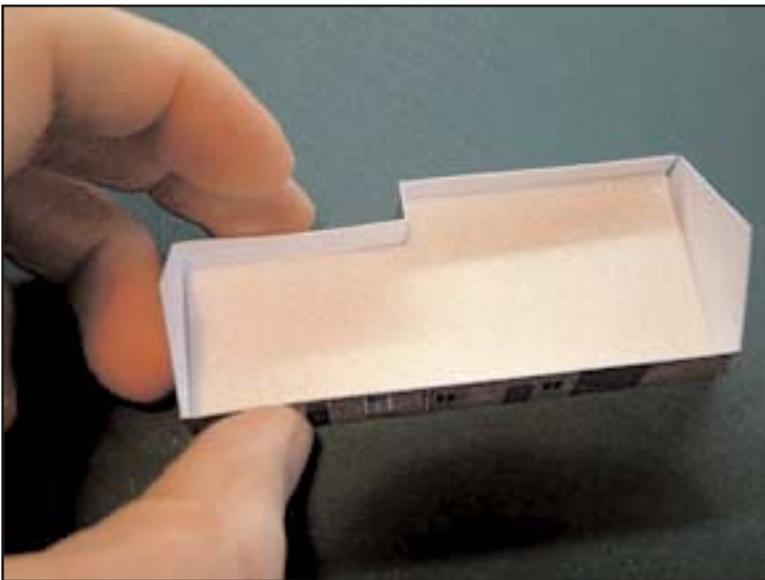
Cut the base out of cardboard or styrofoam.



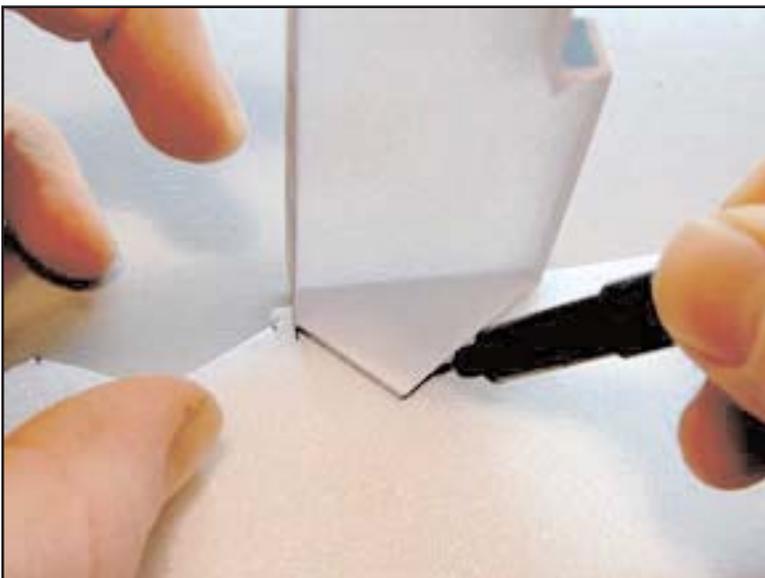
Glue the base 1 or 2 millimeters from the bottom edge of each of the walls.



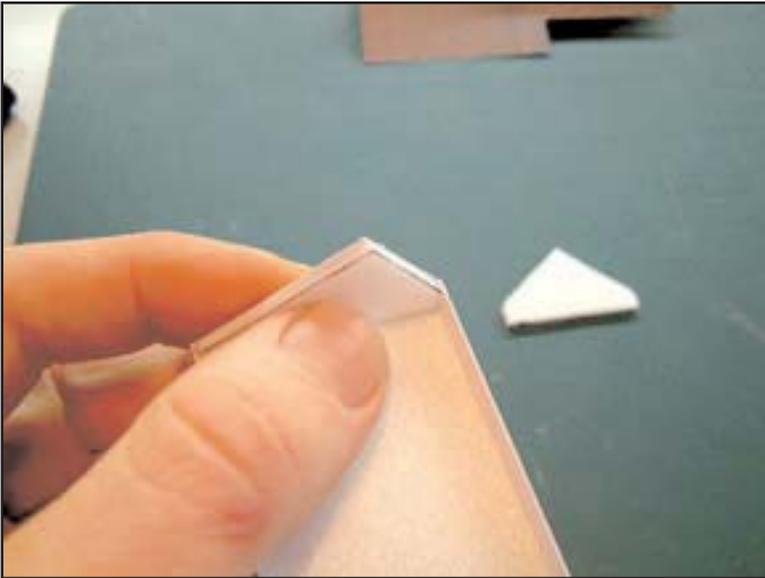
This view shows how with the base slightly raised inside the walls, the building will sit in your terrain rather than seeming to float on top of it.



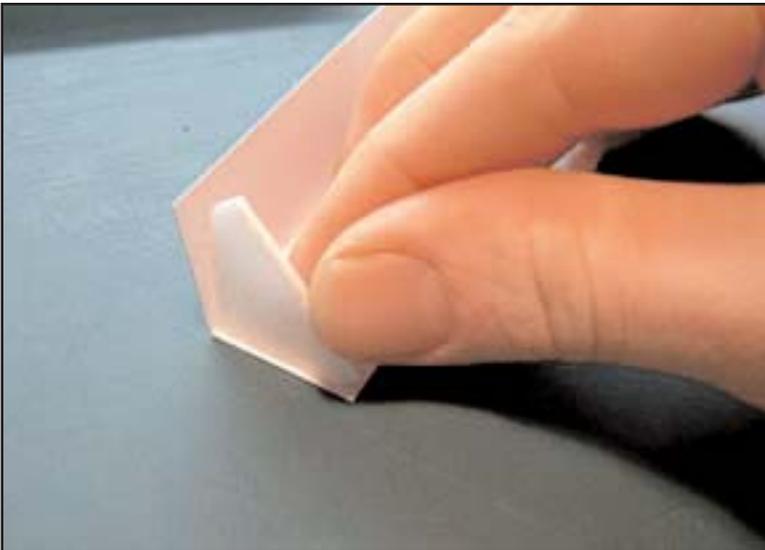
This is your basic building structure.



Use the short sides of the building to trace styrofoam roof supports.

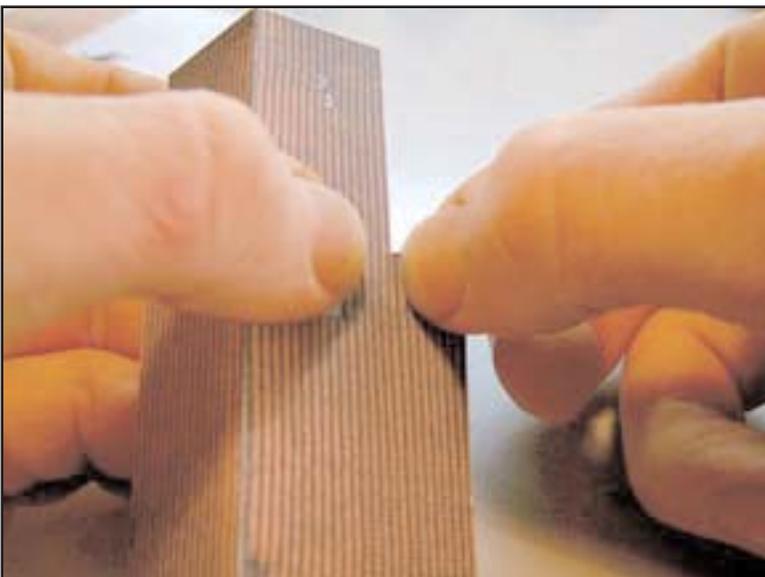


Make sure the supports will fit properly inside the building.



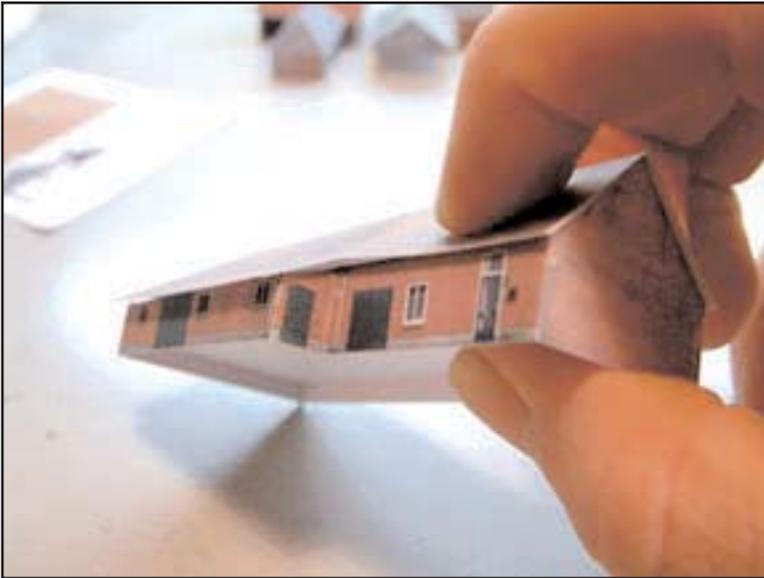
Check how the roof fits and fold it accordingly.

The roof should overhang the building a bit, so glue the supports 1 or 2 millimeters inside each end of the roof.



For odd shaped or very long roofs, you may want more than 2 roof supports.

Here the author is slightly bending the roof's edge to give it a more realistic look.



For a permanently attached roof, you may want to first glue the roof supports inside the building walls and then glue the roof down.

Add chimneys and other details.



You may wish to spray a protective matte varnish on your finished building.

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