

# Radical Flats Backdrop Buildings by KingMill

Modelers want city scenes but don't have the space or budget. Radical Flats are a fast and easy, low-cost solution, featuring photo-realistic, multi-story, commercial and retail buildings in brick, stone and block.

Radical Flats backdrop buildings are digitally printed on high quality 80 lb. cover stock. Simply cut them out and glue them on your backdrop for an instant city.

## **Radical Flats:**

- easy to use
- economical
- arrange to fit your layout
- no weathering required
- they look real because they are real
- great for shelf and multi-level layouts
- easily enhanced with detail parts

## **Suggested Uses:**

Cut and place directly on backdrop.

Glue to foam board and mount in front of backdrop.

Folded edges in to form a 3-sided building (requires support from behind).

Individual buildings can be cut and rearranged to fit your layout.

Layer buildings to force perspective and add more depth.

Smaller scale buildings imply greater depth.

Jefferson St. Buildings - foreground buildings with front & sides

Jefferson St. Buildings are printed to scale in sharp focus and are best used as foreground buildings mounted on black foam board. Building sides can be trimmed to lessen depth and fit smaller spaces.

Commerce St. Buildings – straight view of one building elevation

Commerce St. Buildings are best used flat against a backdrop, behind dimensional building flats such as the Jefferson St. Series noted above.

## **Tools:**

- Hobby knife with sharp fresh blades or sharp scissors
- Metal straight edge
- Mounting board - black foam board or any flat, rigid sheet material such as wood, plastic or hardboard
- Adhesive - white rubber cement or spray adhesive **DO NOT USE WHITE GLUE**
- Felt tip marker or water based paint

## **Mounting**

Cut building from sheet using hobby knife or scissors. If using a hobby knife, be sure to use a straight edge for a clean accurate cut.

Roof mounted air conditioners, chimneys and railings can be cut off to backdate the model to an earlier time period.

Color the "white" edges of each cut using a marker or paint. Be careful not to get paint or marker on the front of the sheet by coloring the cut edge from behind with the tip pointing toward the front.

If your Radical Flats product is three sided, mark the fold lines on the back with a pencil and lightly score the fold line using a straight edge. Fold the sheet against the metal straight edge for a clean straight fold.

Cut the mounting board (foam core, wood, etc), test fit the sheets to them and secure the support pieces to a base. Allow for overlap at the corners. The base can be foam board, wood or other rigid sheet material.

## **TEST FIT ALL PIECES BEFORE GLUING.**

Apply adhesive to the back of the sheet and apply the sheet to the mounting board and place on layout. Optionally spray with dull coat if building is too shiny.

Congratulations and thank you for purchasing Radical Flats backdrops.

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