



Figure 1: Small clusters of details and items that tell a story can add much depth to you modeling efforts. The guy sitting next to the girl has completely forgotten about that paper he brought along to read at the bus stop!

# Pressman's Radio and TV Repair Building

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Pressman's Radio and TV Repair is a new kit that FOS Scale Limited has put out on the market and wow, is it an eye catcher! This kit comes with all the signs, sidewalk and window details as shown in the photos. I only added the figures and the bus stop to the original kit.



Figure 2: Check out those new fangled TV's in the window. Wow, moving Black & White pictures with sound! What's the world coming too!

## Construction

I started construction by applying 1/8" sq. basswood bracing to the clapboard siding. Alcohol and India Ink stain (i.e. A&I) was applied to the clapboard once the bracing had dried. I then dry-brushed the yellow coloring onto the walls making sure that some of the A&I stain would show through the yellow wall paint. The window castings were painted red and once dried were filled with Gallery Glass. Walls were built flat on the workbench and then glued together using a 1/4" sq. grid paper to square up the walls. The roof was then installed and painted with a mixture of black & antique white paint.



Figure 3: The scene near the back door were made with small scraps of wood from the workbench. Just add a splash of color and a scrap becomes a detail!

Probably the most difficult item to build was the storefront window. It's made with a series of micro plywood layers and some 1/8" sq. pillars. One thing I would do differently next time would be to vary the colors a little bit on each layer of plywood that make up the storefront. The window box is simply a painted piece of folded cardboard with laser cut radio's and TV for the window display. Check out the window signs advertising the price of the TV's and radios!

## Details

The biggest thing that I added to the kit was the little bus stop scene. The park bench was built from scrap siding material (for the seat) and flat toothpicks (for the legs). I made the bench 6 feet long but 8 feet might have been better. The post is 10 feet high with a small bus stop sign on each side of a flat toothpick.

Other details including the figures, dog and the fire hydrant are from Woodland Scenics. The sidewalk was included in the kit and painted with the sandstone paint. I built a small extension to the sidewalk near the back door exit and I added some boards, boxes and paper details made from scraps on the workbench. Cracks on the sidewalk were simply drawn onto the sidewalks with a pencil (Thanks to Art Fahie of Bar Mills for this modeling tip). Pigeon Poop was added to the rooftop with a small brush and some white paint.

## Summary

This fun little kit took me about a week of evenings to build. I highly recommend the FOS scale model kits to anyone who wants to build an outstanding craftsman kit. You can do it and FOS scale makes it easy!

## Bill of Materials

### [FOS scale limited](#)

Pressman Radio Repair Product Code: QK23

### [Apple Barrel Paints](#)

- #20575 SandStone
- #20576 Toffee
- #20577 Barn Red
- #20760 Kings Gold &
- #2001 Antique White - Delta Creamcoat
- #20754 Hunter Green
- Black

### [Aleene's Tacky Glue](#)

### [Woodland Scenics](#)

- WS #A1821 Pedestrians
- WS #A1829 People Sitting
- WS #A1841 Dogs & Cats

### Misc

- Earth and gray toned weathering chalks
- 91% isopropyl alcohol and India Ink
- Testor's Dulcoat