

Building the Italeri Elco PT Boat 1:35 Scale: Part Two

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The rest of this build is straightforward and close attention to the instructions will save any mistakes. I did not marry the deck and hull until the camouflage was complete as this is a large model and it is easy to handle the parts separately.

For the colour scheme I used the following paints and as you can see by the photos seem to harmonise pretty well. The camouflage was Tamiya unless stated. Over the already painted hull and cabins I used:

XF26 Deep Green

XF 1 Flat Black

XF 67 Nato Green for weapons

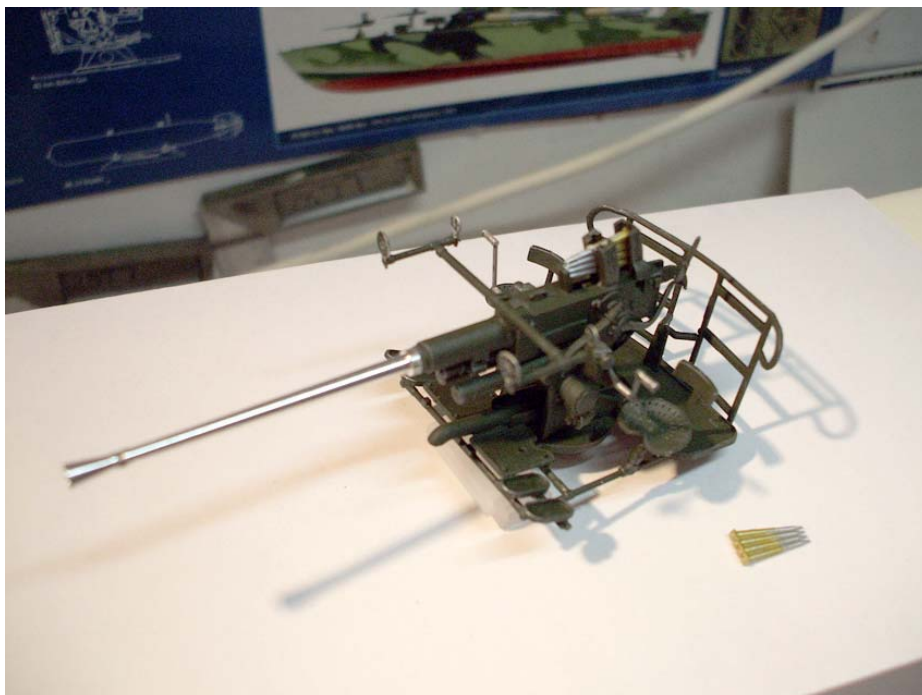
XF Gold Leaf

Dulux Silversheen Torpedoes

Humbrol 53 Deck hardware and weapons.

So as to help your build I am listing the points that I found to be important as I progressed and am sure that if you follow them your build will be easier.

- 1 When you drill the deck holes make sure you do not miss any.
- 2 Install windows with Future Floor Polish as well as transfers.
- 3 Use brass rings (small) for the through hull fittings. The supplied photo etch is inadequate. Super glue to hull then drill out.
- 4 Antifouling (I used Holts Centre Red) do this before installing the exhaust system this way you will get a nice straight line on the stern.
- 5 When painting is complete i.e. deck hull and cabins... join it together with screws and spray the model with matt varnish. I used Wattyl Estapol. This will protect it from marking.
- 6 Paint as much of the deck hardware and fittings as possible whilst on the sprue and touch up later.
- 7 Assemble the mast and all its fittings before you install it. Also remove the halyards and replace with cotton. Looks better.
- 8 Complete the torpedoes and marry them to their racks and use light cord to hold them. Do not use the wire supplied as it too heavy and breaks the eyelets.
- 9 Also check that the torpedo racks fit in the holes you have drilled. I had to enlarge mine to get a snap fit.
- 10 If you intend to leave a hatch open the glue a piece of cardboard on the underside of the deck before you screw it together.



The weapons have great detail.



Picking out the ammunition in gold and silver makes it realistic.



Finally ready for assembly.



Assembled on the workbench awaiting final matt varnish.



This is a great build and I did it in about 70 hours. What would I change? Pity that the deck was not made to look as if it was wooden planked. It looks ridiculous the way they have the anchor with a bit of rope to the bow ring. 80 ft long, weighing 60 ton, with a little Danforth and no winch? As I live on the coast of the Pacific Ocean I know how mean it can be. Some figures would also be great considering the price. I am making my own from some left over from the Italeri Landing Craft.



This is the finished model.



Crew member altered from another kit.



And this is where it was built.



Let me know how you progress with your Elco.

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