

Scratch Building Model Railway Tank Locomotives: The Tilbury

Scratch building model railway locomotives is a challenging but rewarding hobby. It allows you to create a unique and personalized locomotive that is sure to stand out on your layout. In this article, we will take a look at the process of scratch building a model railway tank locomotive, using the Tilbury as an example.

The Tilbury

The Tilbury was a class of 0-6-0 tank locomotives built by the Great Eastern Railway (GER) in England. They were used for suburban passenger and freight services in the London area. The Tilbury was a successful locomotive, and over 200 were built between 1884 and 1901.



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The Tilbury is a good choice for scratch builders because it is a relatively simple locomotive to build. It has a straightforward design, and there are plenty of reference materials available. Additionally, the Tilbury is a popular locomotive, so there is a large community of builders who can offer help and advice.

Getting Started

The first step in scratch building a model railway locomotive is to gather your materials. You will need:

- Styrene sheet
- Brass rod and tube
- Solder
- Paint
- Tools (such as a saw, file, and drill)

Once you have gathered your materials, you can begin by creating the frame of the locomotive. The frame is the foundation of the locomotive, and it will support the rest of the components. The frame can be made from styrene sheet, brass rod, or a combination of both.

Once the frame is complete, you can begin to add the other components of the locomotive. These components include the boiler, cab, tender, and wheels. The boiler is the heart of the locomotive, and it houses the firebox and tubes. The cab is where the driver sits, and it provides protection from the elements. The tender is where the coal and water are stored. The wheels are what allow the locomotive to move.

When you are assembling the locomotive, it is important to be patient and take your time. Rushing the process can lead to mistakes, and mistakes can be difficult to fix. It is also important to use reference materials to ensure that your locomotive is accurate.

Painting and Detailing

Once the locomotive is assembled, you can begin to paint and detail it. The paint scheme should be accurate for the prototype locomotive. You can also add details such as smokebox door handles, whistle, and bell.

When you are painting and detailing the locomotive, it is important to use high-quality materials. Good quality paint will give your locomotive a professional finish. Additionally, high-quality details will make your locomotive look more realistic.

Scratch building a model railway locomotive is a challenging but rewarding hobby. It allows you to create a unique and personalized locomotive that is sure to stand out on your layout. If you are interested in scratch building, I encourage you to give it a try. With a little patience and effort, you can create a beautiful and realistic model railway locomotive.

Additional Resources

- [Scratchbuilding a Tilbury 0-6-0T](#)
- [Tilbury Tank](#)
- [G E R Tilbury Class 0-6-0 Tank](#)

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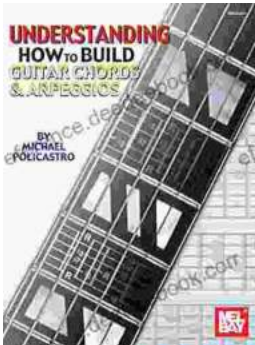
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