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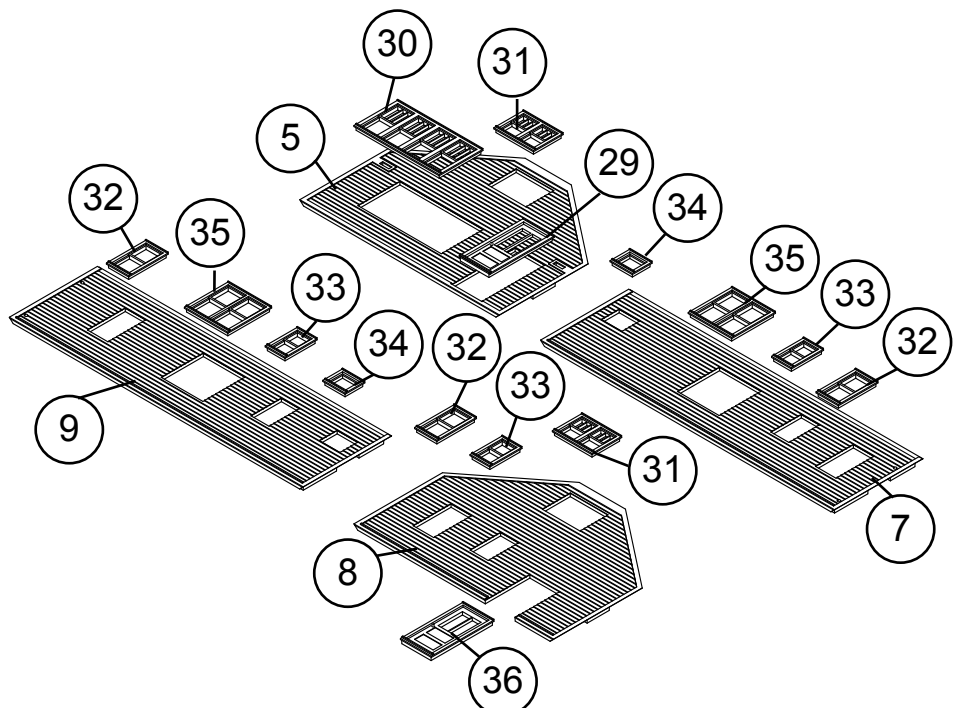
Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone kit. All molded parts are styrene plastic, so use compatible glue and paint to complete your model. You may find it easier to build some subassemblies before painting if desired, and smaller items can be painted before removing them from the sprues.

The years before WWI brought sweeping changes to American neighborhoods as the new middle class created demand for simpler home styles. From roughly 1910 to 1940, one of the most popular was the "bungalow." This generic name was (and still is) applied to all types of small homes built in the shape of a square or rectangle that fit comfortably into a typical city lot and still allowed space for a yard. While there were many variations and regional styles, the influence of the Arts and Crafts Movement resulted in clean designs with common features like low-pitched gabled or hipped roofs, large overhanging eaves with exposed rafters or decorative brackets and much simpler exterior trim. One of the few elements retained from earlier homes however was the front porch. As the most visible portion of the home, it often incorporated simple decorative elements such as columns and railings, while providing outdoor living space and additional shade for the front rooms. As many potential buyers were familiar with the efficiencies of apartment living, features such as open floor plans and convenient built-in storage and closets were adapted to the bungalow. Single-story designs were popular with a large living room, kitchen, bathroom and bedrooms on the same floor (a major selling point with the lady of the house as it simplified housekeeping) but 1-1/2 story designs with upstairs bedrooms were also popular for those who needed a bit more living space. While many were built by experienced carpenters, design firms big and small sold sets of plans for do-it-yourselfers, and many also offered complete kits that could be ordered direct and shipped anywhere by train. While bungalows were often appeared in the new "streetcar suburbs" outside established residential areas, many large companies were also building new plants well beyond the city limits and had to provide company-owned housing to attract new employees. Cheap to build and modern in all respects, many simply ordered dozens of the ready-to-build bungalow kits, creating several blocks of nearly identical homes. As the practice of providing company housing gradually ended in the 1930s the homes were often sold to employees, but as many of these once remote locations had grown into desirable suburbs, realtors and developers soon bought up large numbers for resale. Gradual changes came over the years, but many are still in excellent condition and have been modernized to provide convenient comfortable homes today.

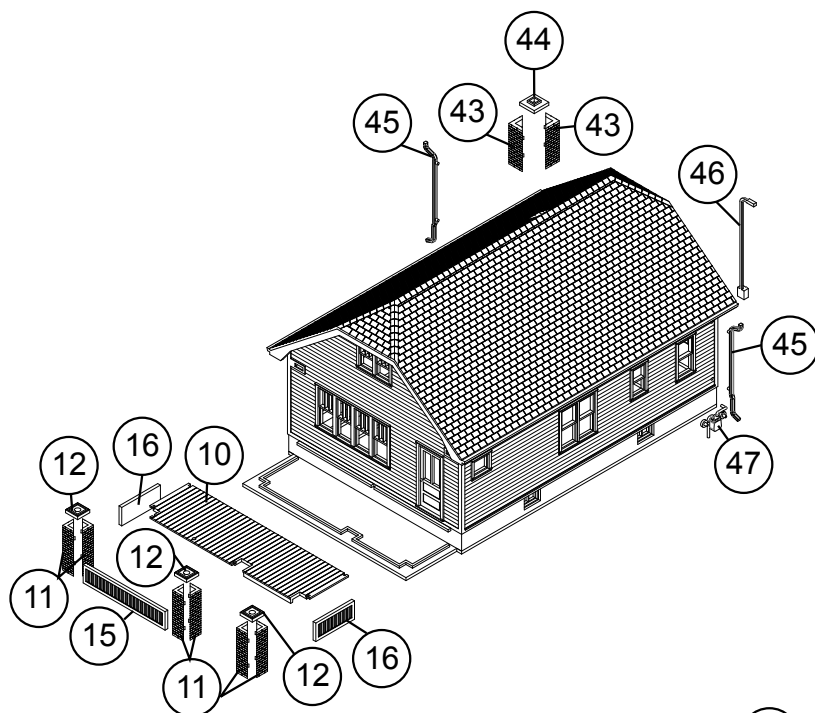
Windows and Doors

Individual windows and doors can be painted before assembly if desired. Acetate is included for "glass;" cut each piece slightly larger than each window and door, and glue to the back using white glue. PLEASE NOTE: Before completing each wall assembly, you may wish to add the printed-paper curtains; trim from sheet and attach to the back of the "glass" on any window with a small piece of tape or white glue.

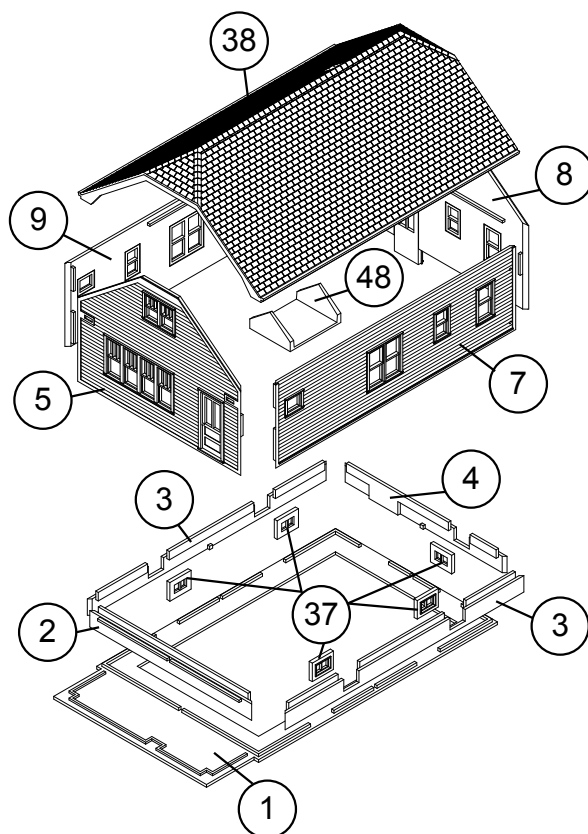
Front Wall (5): Large Front Window (30), Small Double Window (31), Door (29).
Rear Wall (8): Large Single Window (32), Medium Single Window (33), Small Double Window (31), Door (36).
Right Wall (7): Small Single Pane Window (34), Large Double Window (35), Medium Single Window (33), Large Single Window (32).
Left Wall (9): Small Single Pane Window (34), Large Double Window (35), Medium Single Window (33), Large Single Window (32).
Basement Windows (5x 37): Cut and glue acetate to inside of each window.



4) Glue Porch Sidewalls (2x 16) to left and right side, and Porch Front Wall (15) to Base as shown. Insert alignment tabs on the bottom of both Side (2x 23) and Front Porch Railings (22) into the mounting points on Porch Floor (10) and glue from underside. Make sure the inset areas on the underside of Porch Floor rest on top of each Porch Wall, and glue at inside edges, and to Front Wall (5) where parts meet. Glue the three completed Columns to inset areas on Base and Porch Floor as shown.



8) PLEASE NOTE: Roof (38) may be set in place to add lighting or interior details (sold separately), or glued in place as desired. The optional Lighting Mount (48) can be glued in place as shown for a convenient attachment point for a bulb or LED (sold separately). Align pins and mounting points on Chimney Halves (2x 43) and glue at inside edges where parts meet. Be sure the small opening faces upward as shown: insert large square on underside of Chimney Cap (44) to top of completed Chimney and glue in place. Glue completed Chimney to inset area on side of Roof.



6) Align Stair Support (17) with back edge of Stair Pad (50) and glue where parts meet. Make sure the edges overhang evenly, and glue Stair Treads (3x 18) to Support. Align this assembly with the front porch, and glue in place as shown. PLEASE NOTE: The small tabs on the outside edge of the Right (19) and Left (20) Stair Railings are the top; glue the lower end of each Railing to the top of the first Stair Tread, and the top end alongside the columns and to the floor.

