



# HO Structure Kit SPLIT-LEVEL HOUSE

933-3794

Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone kit. All molded parts are styrene plastic, so use compatible paint and glue to finish and assemble your model. You may find it easier to assemble larger parts as subassemblies before painting, and paint smaller parts on the sprues, touching up after removal and assembly. PLEASE NOTE: As builders typically used a standard plan throughout a subdivision and added variety with different doors windows and smaller details, this kit includes optional parts for easy customizing as noted in the instructions. These can be mixed and matched as desired: keep any remaining parts for future projects, or discard.

Fast-growing families and subdivisions of the 1950s and 60s transformed the Split-Level House into an American icon. While they shared the same clean lines as the popular Ranch-style, the addition of a second story at one end created a more modern look and a much different floor plan well suited to modern families. A typical split-level had the entranceway, kitchen and living room on the main level, where partial staircases then connected to quieter upstairs bedrooms, and a family/play room for noisier activities downstairs. Homebuyers got a lot of bang for their buck with a larger house on a typical lot (which made them appear even more impressive), that actually cost a bit less to build as there was no need for a full basement. Located at the far end of or outside existing city limits, cars and lawn care equipment were necessities, and builders quickly responded to demand by including an attached garage on the main level. While they looked much different from traditional homes, many of the same materials were used in construction, with combinations of brick accents and wood lap siding especially popular. Older decorations such as shutters and brick fireplaces with exterior chimneys were common, although an oil- or natural gas-fired furnace would also be installed in a crawl space in colder areas. One of the most popular designs in the postwar era, the split-level symbolized the American dream for baby boomers and their parents, and some achieved star status, such as the California home used for exterior scenes on TV's "The Brady Bunch." With modern touches and updates, entire neighborhoods of the originals are still sought out by homebuyers with growing families today. Your new model is perfect as part of a brand-new subdivision or an older residential area on a contemporary layout. Additional figures, vehicles and other period homes such as the Brick Ranch (#933-3777) and Framed Ranch Tract House (#933-3775), Cape Cod homes in both Brick (#933-3774) and wood (#933-3776) or the Four-unit Brick Apartment Building (#933-3781) can all be combined to model a complete suburban scene for your era. Visit your local hobby shop, or see the current Walther's Model Railroad Reference Book, and [walthercornerstone.com](http://walthercornerstone.com) for additional ideas.

## 1) Doors & Windows

Align windows and doors on inset areas on backs of all Walls, and glue where parts meet. Acetate is provided for window glass; cut slightly larger than Windows and Doors and glue in place with white glue. If desired, this is a good time to install the window curtains, which can be secured with tape or a bit of white glue.

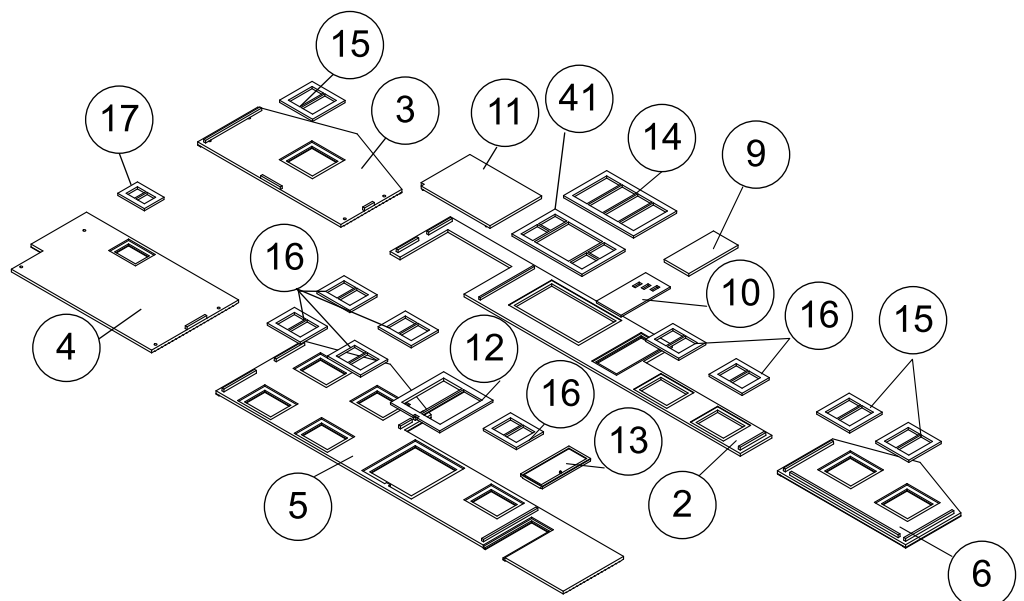
Upper Front Wood Wall (6): Large Windows (2x 15)

Lower Front Brick Wall (2): Medium Windows (2x 16), Front Door (choose one: 10 three-window - or - 9 six-panel), Picture Window (choose one: 41 five-pane - or - 14 four-pane), Overhead Garage Door (11).

Rear Wall (5): Medium Windows (5x 16), Garage Back 4-Panel Door (13), Patio Door (12).

Right Side/Garage Wood Wall (3): Large Window (16)

Left Side Wood Wall (4): Small Window (17)



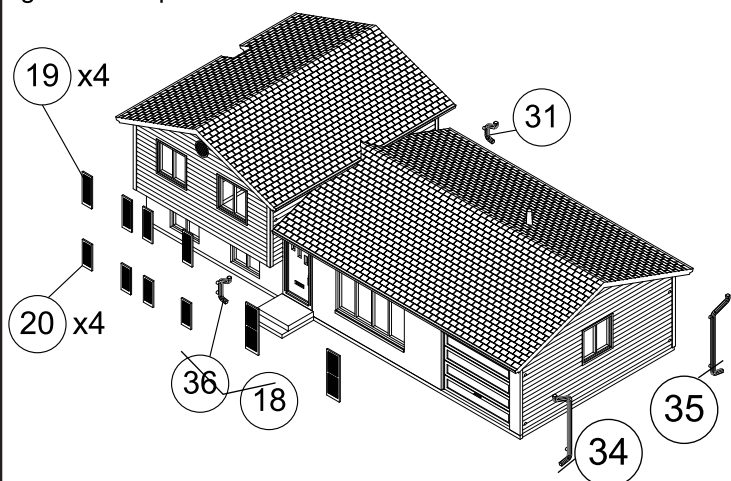
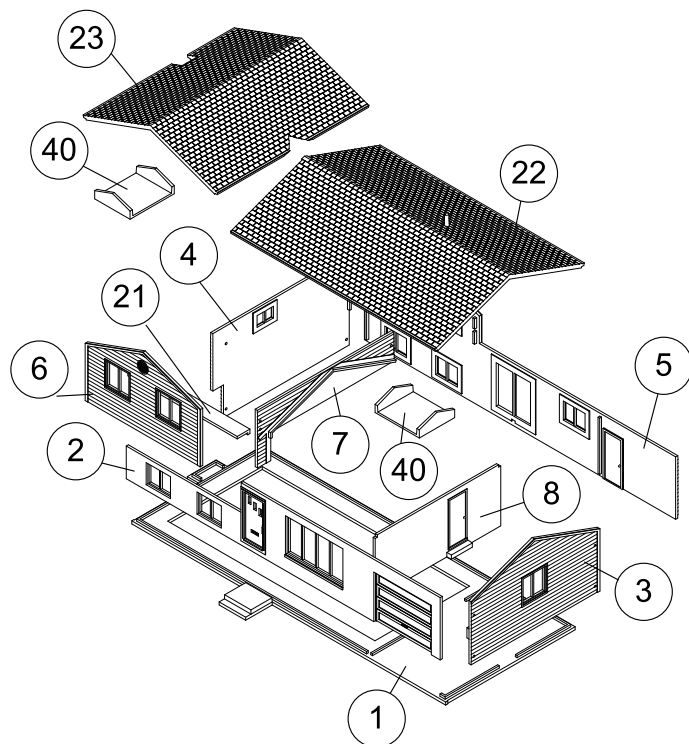
1) Align raised ridges on Base (1) and inside edges of Lower Brick Front (2), Right (3), Rear (5) and Left Side (4) Wood Walls and glue at inside corners where parts meet.

2) Note Floor (21) is L-shaped; align and glue to top of Lower Brick Front Wall as shown. Align tab on outside left front of Upper Side Wood Wall (7) with inside edge of Lower Brick Front Wall, and tabs on inside of Rear Wall, and glue where parts meet.

4) With tab on lower edge resting on Floor (21), align raised ridges on Upper Front Wood Wall (6) with Upper Side Wood Wall (7) and Left Side Wall (4), and glue at inside edges where parts meet. Align Inside Garage Wall (8 with raised ridges on Front and Rear Walls and glue at inside edges where parts meet. If desired, this is a good time to add scratchbuilt floors or interior walls (not included).

5) Glue Light Mounting Pads (2x 40) to center of Right (23) and Left (22) Roofs; these are a convenient mounting point for most types of interior lighting (sold separately). Roofs can be set in place to add interior details (sold separately), or glued in place.

6) PLEASE NOTE: Optional Small (4x 20), Medium (4x 19) and Large (2x 20) Shutters are included for easy customizing and can be installed alongside the outside edge of window frames as shown, if desired. Align pins on back of Left (36; two pins) and Right (31; one pin) Drain Pipes with openings in Upper Side Wood Wall (7) and glue where parts meet. Align pins on backs of Left (34) and Right (35) Small Downspouts with openings in Garage Wall (3) and glue where parts meet.



7) Align angled edges and tabs on inside of Right (25) and Left (27) Exterior Chimney Side Walls with Front Wall (28) and glue where parts meet. Align openings at top of angled, inside edges of Short Chimney Wall (29) with small pins on Exterior Chimney Side Walls and glue at inside edges. Align angled edges on inside of Right (25) and Left (27) Fireplace Side Walls with Front Wall (30) and glue where parts meet. With the angled/top edge of Cap Walls (2x 30) against the side of the Exterior Chimney Walls, align tab on Cap Wall bottom with opening in top of Fireplace and glue where parts meet. Glue tab on bottom of Chimney Cap (32) to opening in top of Chimney as shown. With the bottom resting on the pad of the Base, align Exterior Chimney/Fireplace assembly with raised ridge on Left Side Wood Wall (4) and carefully glue where parts meet.

8) Align pins on backs of Long Downspouts (2x 33) with openings in Side Wall and glue where parts meet. PLEASE NOTE: The bottom of the Electric Meter (39) should be about 1/2" (1.2cm) above the bottom edge of the Rear Wall, not including the base; Gas Meter (37) and may be glued at any convenient location on side or rear walls. A typical installation is shown. As many subdivisions were originally outside city limits and lacked sidewalks, these areas were designated as motor carrier routes by the Post Office, and homeowners were obliged to provide a standard rural mailbox facing the street. Still used in many areas, this optional detail can be modeled using part #38 as desired.

