



N Structure Kit MERCHANTS ROW I 933-3850

Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone® kit. Please read these instructions and study the drawings before starting construction. All parts are plastic, so use compatible glue and paint to complete your model. PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to paint your model, brick structures are usually natural “earth” colors, with light or dark mortar between each course of bricks. Many were painted a solid color in later years. Wooden windows and doors were painted various trim colors, while decorative accents on the front wall and roofline (carved wood covered with sheet metal) were often painted to look like stone.

Although wood was the building material of choice for much of early America, disastrous fires led many communities to build replacement structures, especially in business districts, from sturdy brick made by local suppliers or shipped in by rail. As available space in these areas outweighed demand, property owners built tightly packed blocks of adjacent buildings separated only by interior firewalls. Two- or three-story designs were common, as most people didn’t care to climb long flights of stairs. The ground floor was home to all kinds of businesses, each with its own entrance and larger display windows to showcase products and let in plenty of light. Upper floors might serve as living quarters for the business owner and family, but were just as often divided into apartments or professional office space, with separate entrances provided at the rear or side of the building. At the time most were built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it was common practice to add a variety of architectural decorations on the highly visible front wall, including ornate cornices with dentils at the roofline and additional trim around windows. Corner buildings typically included such trim on both street sides, where it could be seen by passers-by. Today, owners in many small towns and city historic districts have renovated these buildings to match their as-built appearance. With its left-hand corner structure, your new model is perfect for the business block of a small town, or the anchor of a larger commercial district in a city scene built with additional businesses, each sold separately. With appropriate signs, figures and vehicles, your new model fits all popular eras from the 1880s to the present. See your local hobby dealer and the latest Walthers Reference Book or visit walthers.com for additional accessories to complete your model.

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish, we suggest painting your model and the various molded details before starting construction; scrape paint away from surfaces where parts will be glued.

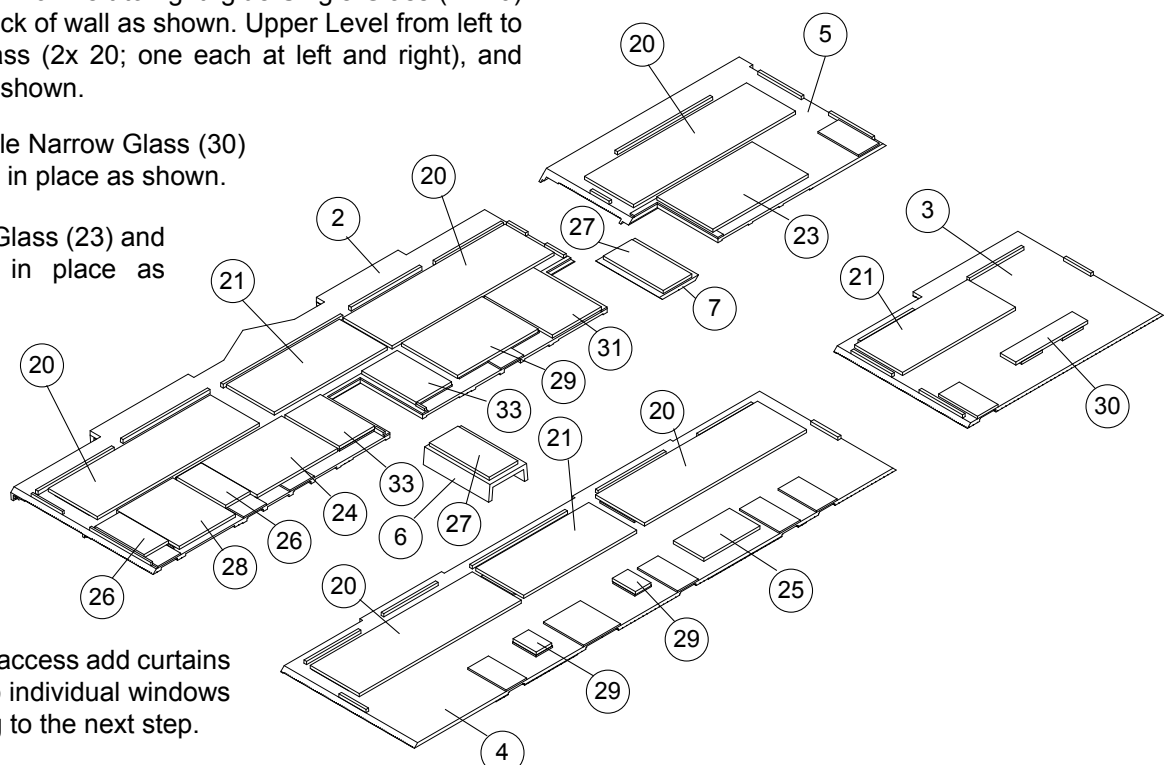
Doors & Windows

1) Front Wall (2), Lower Level from left to right: glue Door & Transom Glass (26), Double-Window Glass (28), Door & Transom Glass (26), Large Entry & Window Glass (24), Large Single Pane Glass (2x 33; one each at left and right), Large Entry & Window Glass (29) and Large Display Window Glass (31) to back of wall as shown. Upper Level from left to right: glue Large Upper Glass (2x 20; one each at left and right), and Center Upper Glass (21) as shown. Glue Glass (27) to back of Inset Door (6). Glue Corner Glass (27) to back of Corner Door (7). Doors will be installed in a later step.

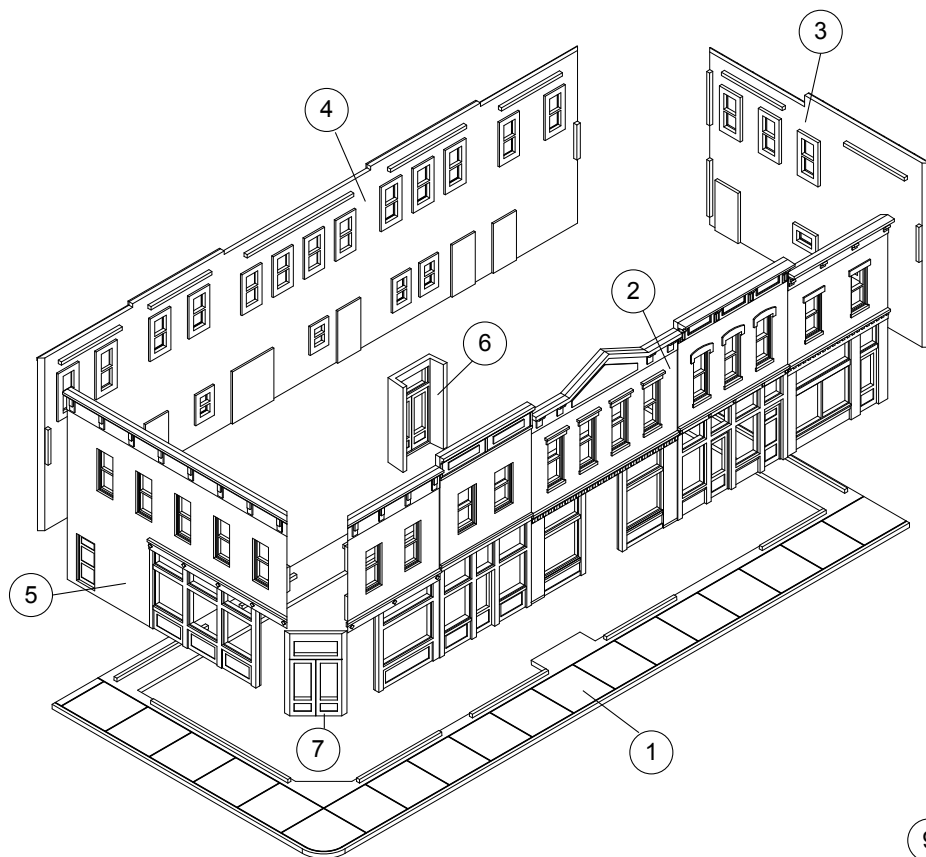
2) Rear Wall (4) Lower Level from left to right: glue Single Glass (2x 29) and Double Glass (25) to back of wall as shown. Upper Level from left to right: glue Large Upper Glass (2x 20; one each at left and right), and Center Upper Glass (21) as shown.

3) Right Wall (3): glue Double Narrow Glass (30) and Large Upper Glass (20) in place as shown.

4) Left Wall (5): glue Triple Glass (23) and Large Upper Glass (20) in place as shown.



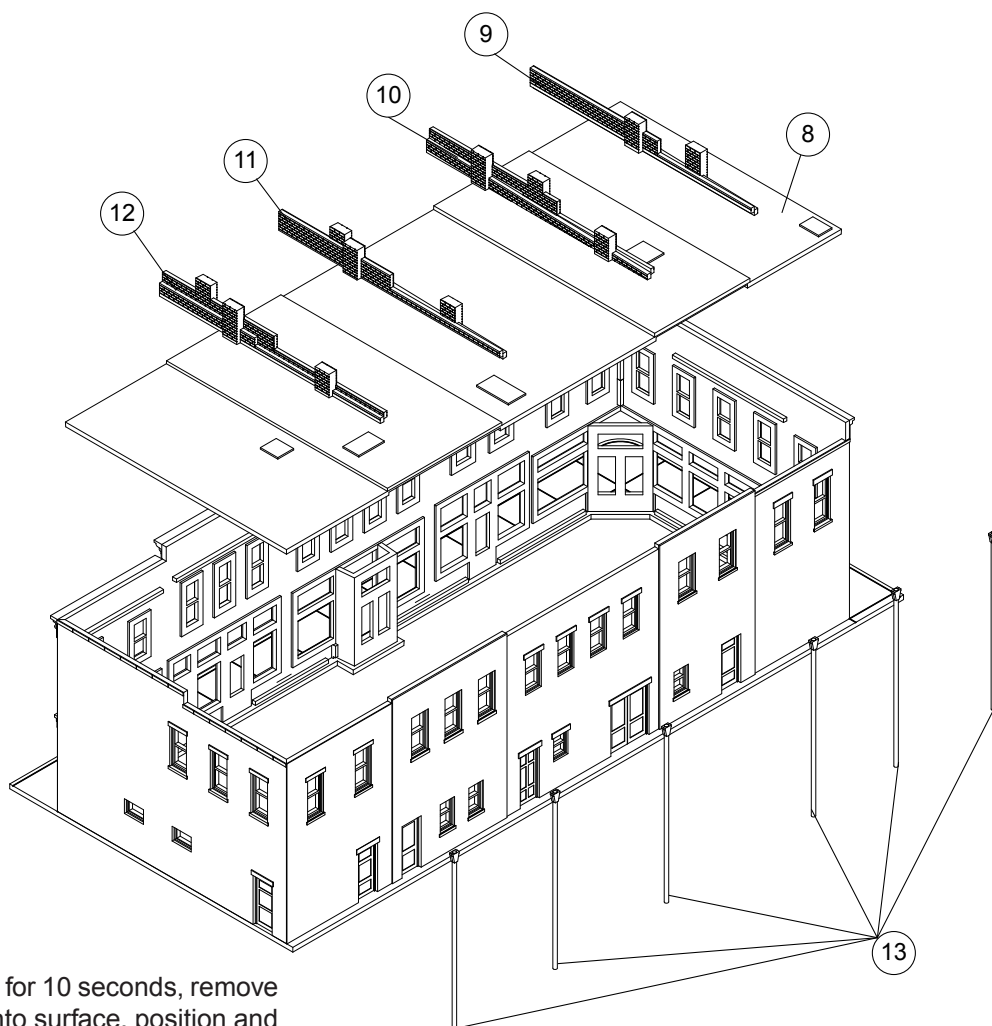
PLEASE NOTE: For easier access add curtains or signs (sold separately) to individual windows if desired before proceeding to the next step.



5) Using the raised ridges on the Base (1) to align parts, glue Walls (2, 3, 4, & 5) to Base and at inside edges where parts meet. Glue Inset Entry Door (6) to opening in Front Wall, and Corner Door to angled opening between Front and Right Walls.

6) Roof (8) may be set in place if you wish to add lights or details (sold separately), or glued in place. Glue Fire Walls (9, 10, 11, 12) to Roof as shown.

7) Glue a Scupper and Downspout (6x 13) to each corner and between each building wall on Rear Wall.



DECALING

1. After cutting out the decal, dip in water for 10 seconds, remove and let stand for 1 minute. Slide decal onto surface, position and then blot off any excess water.
2. Lightly brush Micro Sol® on top. This will soften the decal allowing it to conform to irregular surfaces. DO NOT TOUCH DECAL while wet!
3. When the decal is thoroughly dry, check for any trapped air bubbles. Prick them with the point of a small pin or hobby knife blade and apply more Micro Sol®.