



N Structure Kit **MODERN SHOPPING CENTER I** 933-3891

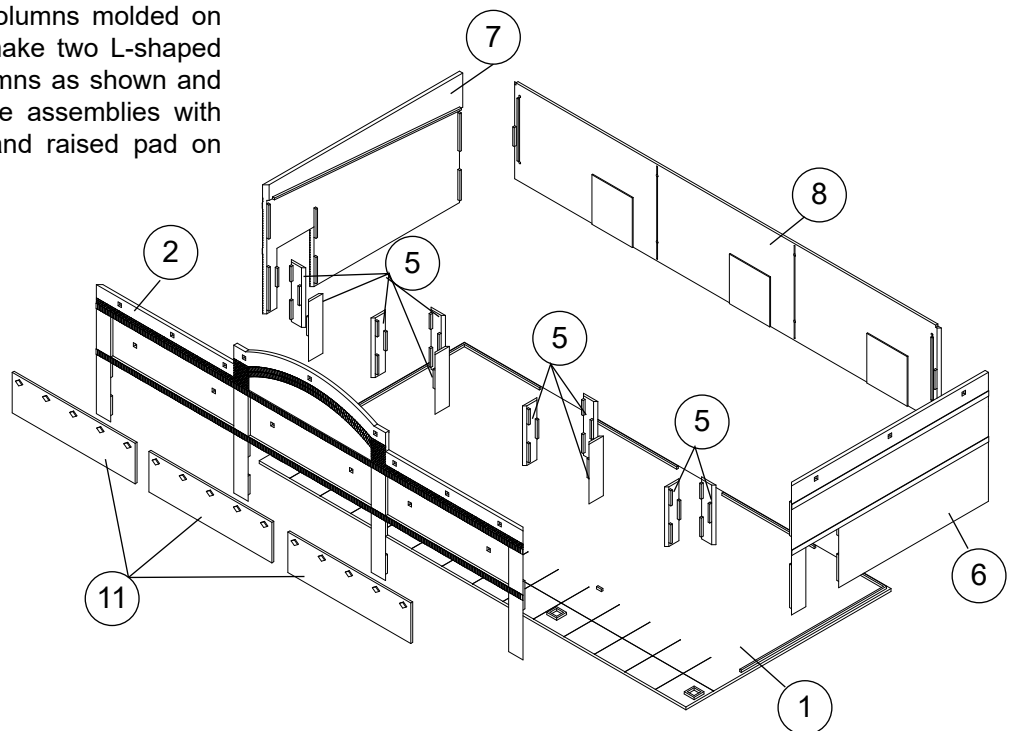
Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone kit. All parts are styrene plastic, so use compatible glue and paint to assemble and finish your model. Please take a few minutes to read these instructions and study the drawings before beginning. PLEASE NOTE: Your new model can be built as a freestanding structure, however molded cut lines are provided so it can be enlarged by combining additional kits each sold separately, for ease of assembly, you may wish to have these on hand before starting. Because of the many possible variations, these instructions cover only the basic assembly.

Following WWII, farm fields that had been miles from nearby cities mushroomed into subdivisions and housing developments. Sleepy rural roads shifted into busy thoroughfares as residents made the twice daily drive to the nearest train station, or stayed on the highway to reach their jobs in town. Cars were now a necessity, and many families found they needed a second so the lady of the house could drive into town for groceries and other essentials. Enterprising businessmen soon began buying up less desirable lots directly alongside these roads, transforming them into outlying businesses catering directly to people traveling by car. Along with auto dealerships, drive-in restaurants and filling stations, the shopping center soon became a fixture of these commercial strips, offering convenient access to such necessities as a super market, drug store and Laundromat, but also providing space for other small businesses. By the 1970s, these older shopping centers were facing stiff competition from fully enclosed malls (especially in colder parts of the US), and many retailers had also moved on, building newer and larger freestanding buildings. While many were torn down, by the early 2000s the shopping center was once more gaining in popularity, both with local residents as well as businesses looking to increase sales and cut costs. Older facilities were updated and new ones built that provided each storefront with a clean, modern appearance, as well as convenient parking and landscaping. Today, you'll find them as freestanding groups of stores both large and small, as well as in the out lots of malls and other large anchor stores. Typical of shopping centers built from 2000 on, your new model will be right at home in any modern small town or big city scene. Other contemporary kits such as the Modern Suburban Station (#933-3887), Modern Gas Station (#933-3885), Modern Water Tower (#933-3814) and DQ Grill & Chill® (#933-3486) will look great alongside your finished model. For additional signs, figures, vehicles and scenery materials, see your local hobby shop, check out the latest Walthers Model Railroad Reference Book or visit us online at walthers.com.

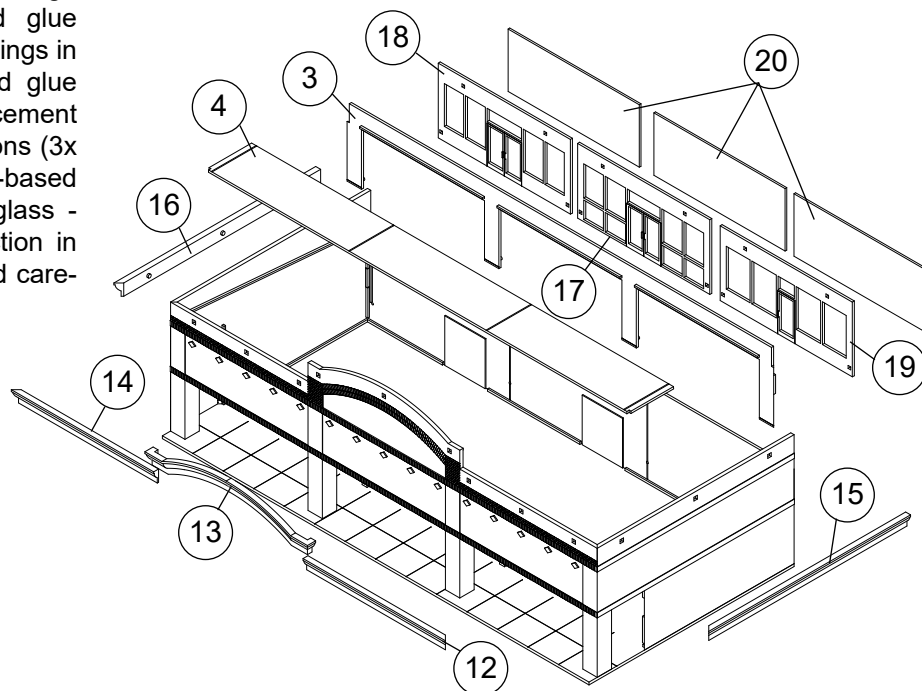
STANDARD ASSEMBLY

1) Using raised ridges, and wall tabs and slots to align parts, glue Front (2), Right (6), Left (7) and Rear (8) Walls to Base (1) and at inside edges where parts meet.

2) Note raised ridges and inset areas on back of Support Columns (10x 5) and columns molded on sidewalls (6, 7). Align parts to make two L-shaped and two U-shaped Support Columns as shown and glue at inside edges. Align these assemblies with ridges on inside wall columns and raised pad on Base and glue where parts meet.



3) Align pins on back of Front Entrance Wall (3) with openings in both outside edge Door/Window Frames (18, 19) and glue where parts meet. Align pins with openings in Center Door/Window Frame (17) and glue where parts meet. Note the correct placement of the Outside Door/Entry Glass sections (3x 20) - you may wish to use a water-based white glue to avoid damage to the glass - align raised areas of each glass section in openings on both sides of Frames and carefully glue where parts meet.



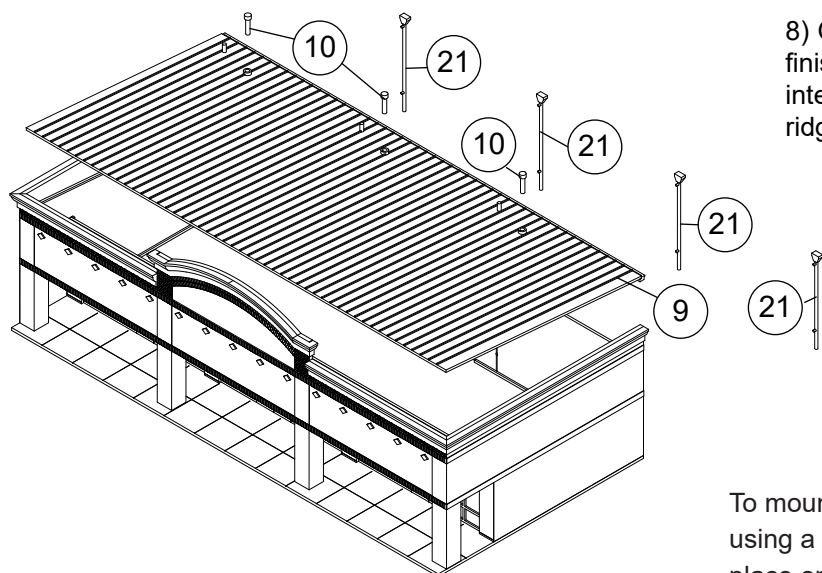
4) Insert completed Front Entrance (3) assembly ahead of raised ridges on side walls; align tabs with slots and glue Front Entrance to walls and base where parts meet.

5) With the notched edge facing the front, insert the Canopy Roof (4) between the Front Wall and Entrance Wall so it rests on the underside of the two raised ridges. Check the fit and glue at inside edges where parts meet.

6) Align pins on back of Right (15) and Left (16) Cornice with openings in side walls and glue at inside edge where parts meet. Align pins on back of Right (12), Center (13) and Left (14) Front Cornice pieces with openings in Front Wall and glue where parts meet.

7) Align pins on Scuppers and Downspouts (4x 21) with openings in Rear Wall and glue from inside.

8) Glue Vents (3x 10) to mounting point on Roof (9); finished roof may be set in place to add lighting or interior details (sold separately), or glued to raised ridges on inside edge of walls as desired.



SIGNS

To mount signs, simply cut the desired image and, using a small drop of white glue on the back, glue it in place on the structure.