



## **Building a Model Boat**

*So, you are thinking about building a model boat then let's start at the beginning. Perhaps you have never built a model ever before or have done in the distant past. Firstly you need to decide what boat you want to build:*

*Do you favour working boats, Naval craft or perhaps sail boats? Whatever you choose there are a huge choice out there! My personal choice is working boats including Tugs, Fishing Boats, Fast Patrol boats.*

*If you decide that you want to build from scratch, you can purchase plans ranging from simple easy build to museum quality depending on your skills. Then there are ARTR kits (Almost Ready to Run) again a wide selection out there and are partially built requiring a small amount of work to complete. RTR (Ready to Run) as the name suggests it is a case of charge the batteries and "just add water". In my opinion is unless you spend a lot these can be very disappointing.*

*Secondly you need to source a supplier for your choice of model.*

*The monthly magazine "Model Boats" has a wealth of articles and more importantly some of the best suppliers advertise their wares. Search online for model boats and designs. I will give a short list of my favourite suppliers and you've guessed it I do not guarantee that you will find what you're looking for. But your Club Committee are there to offer help and point you in the right direction.*

*Ok lets stop the chatter and get down to work. I am NOT the best boat builder in the club or even in my street, but I can make a boat that I am proud off and it gives me pleasure in construction and doing a little research into the prototypes.*

*A lifetime ago I built a kit I purchased at one of the many model shows there used to be. This model lasted up to forty years. I decided that I would build another of the same boat. So, I ordered a Krick "Antje" (Fishing Boat) from the supplier Cornwall Models.*

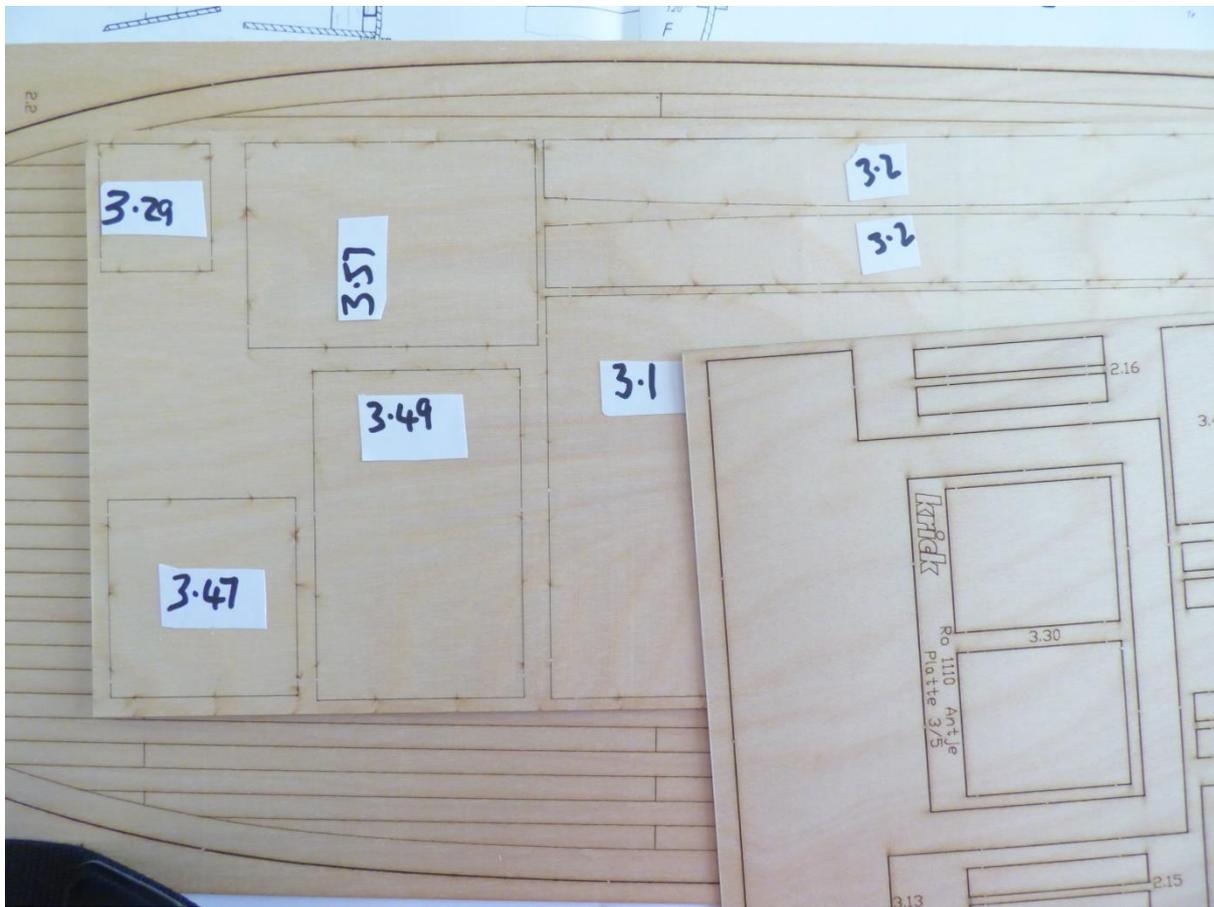
*This arrived next day. From here on I will assume that this is only an example of whatever you may select to build but will give hints and tips along the way. Over the years I have made most if not all mistakes possible. So do follow the build of My Fishing boat.*

*I know there are exhaustive YOUTUBE tutorials about "opening the box" one even takes 14 minutes taking the outer packaging off. This is not going to happen here.*

*You have the box in front of you fully open:*



*So here is the most important bit. THE MANUAL -find it and read it **before** you take another step. My current model has 4 pages of part numbers, so I slowly identify each component and place a small sticker on the back of the major items to coincide with the plan included in the kit and the manual.*

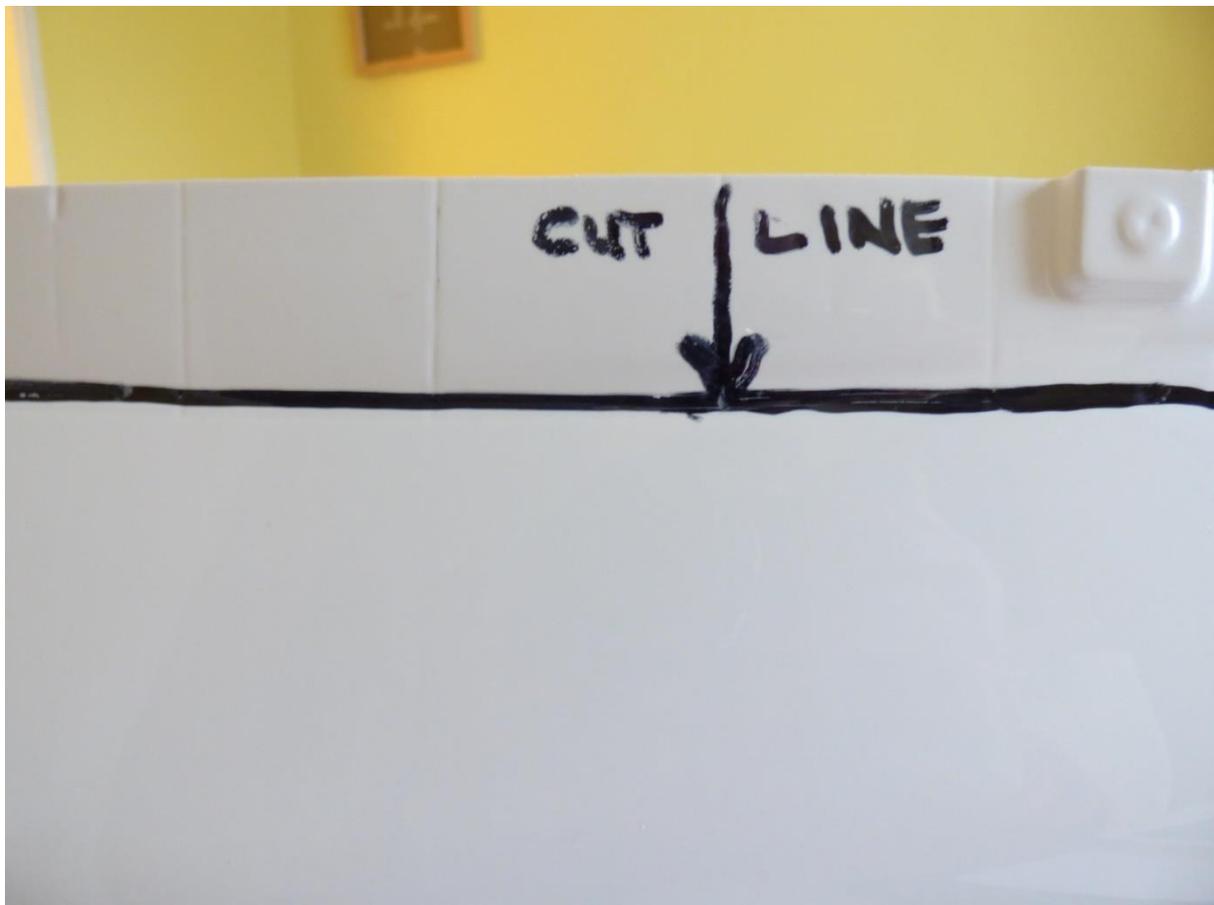


*Why? because once you start removing the parts you leave the part number on the main sheet and some parts are very similar in size. Missing parts? They will not take kindly if you have had it 6 months and then find that something is missing. Check everything now.*

*To summarise the start: Read the manual, identify ALL the parts and follow the build sequence. Someone has taken the trouble to put together a workable plan of action for you.*

*You should make sure that you have the correct adhesives as recommended and suitable tools with new blades in the cutters, check the plan to see if they recommend certain tools. I know some are saying this is all what I already know but someone may be a true beginner and need to know.*

*Ready to start? Rights lets go.... Full size plan, manual and tools all in place on a clear workspace. Identify and build the stand, very important as a support for marking hull lines.*



*Cutline to remove surplus material*

*From this point on if you take your time and follow the instruction book. Your chosen model may have a different sequence to my boat. If you keep to the script you should make good progress. I will update the pictures from time to time. Why not post your own pictures on our Members Page we would all enjoy seeing your progress?*

*HAPPY BUILDING AND BOATING*

*Derek*



As promised a basic list of suppliers:

**Model Boat** Monthly Magazine

Cornwall Model Boats online warehouse

**Sussex Model Centre** Worthing Shop and online

**Howes Models** Shop & online

**Component Shop** online Batteries chargers etc

**Model Boat Mayhem** enthusiast's site with many suppliers listed and various forum