

If you are a new modeler who jumps right into the build without any prep work or if you are an experienced modeler who hates prep work and keeping track of the pieces and progress, this book can be a big help. See a 16 page sample along with photos of finished models and other books at glennhoovermodels.com. This book contains detailed instructions on building the P-3C Orion anti-submarine 1/72 scale model aircraft from Hasegawa. I take the model kit instructions from Hasegawa and break them up into individual steps. I reorder the steps so that the small pieces (antennas, etc.) are assembled last which reduces the risk of damage when building the model. The steps are organized to insert the paint and decal steps in the best spot. I also incorporate Eduard's Photo Etch set BIG7239 in with Hasegawa's instructions. As most modelers know, it can be tricky to go back and forth between the model kit instructions and the PE instructions. I took out the guess work and did that for you. The PE steps are colored in yellow making them easy to skip if you just have the basic model. This book provides a little history of the Orion, photos of the model kit contents including the photo etch frets, a detailed list of tools that I used to build this model, along with a list of paints. The actual instruction section contains 497 steps that tells you what to dry fit, glue, and/or paint for each individual piece. Each step instruction shows the source (i.e., either Hasegawa's or Eduard's instruction) along with a block for you to mark that you completed the step. If the last column contains an X, that means there's a photo in the back with more details about the step. The major instruction sequence for this model is

1. Cockpit
2. Initial Fuselage
3. Initial Wing Assembly
4. Bomb Bay Opening
5. Wing Pylons
6. Prime and Paint
7. Horizontal Stabilizer
8. Bomb Bay
9. Initial Wheel Wells
10. Decals
11. Windows
12. Nose
13. Wheel Struts, Tires, Wheel Well Covers
14. Bomb Bay Doors
15. Weapons and Bottom Antennas
16. Engine Exhausts
17. Top Antennas
18. Tail Boom and Propellers
19. Ladder
20. Horizontal Stabilizer
21. HF Antenna Wire

I provide an index of the individual sprue parts that show where in the book the part is mentioned. This index was a great way to make sure that no pieces were overlooked. Finally, there are several pages of in-process photos with assembly tips and the final photos of my build. This book is a great checklist to make your build go smoothly. Of course, you can feel free to use different tools, paint, weathering, etc. or even add your own diorama.