

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. This book contains detailed instructions on building the F-16C Fighting Falcon (Block 25/32) ANG 1/48 scale model aircraft from Tamiya. I take the model kit instructions from Tamiya 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 BIG4908 in with Tamiya'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 F-16, 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 is huge and contains 1069 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 Tamiya'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. Main Wheel Well
3. Fuselage
4. Wings
5. Nose Gear Wheel Well
6. Engine Intake
7. Nose Cone
8. Prime and Paint Fuselage and Wings
9. Engine Exhaust
10. Wheel Well Photo Etch
11. Main Landing Gear
12. Nose Landing Gear
13. Bomb and Missile Racks
14. Bombs and Missiles
15. Decals (Underside)
16. Attach Bomb and Missile Racks
17. Decals (Top and Sides)
18. Wings Flaps and Tail Assembly
19. Instrument Panel, Seat, and Pilot
20. Canopy and Antennas
21. Remove Before Flight Tags

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. It took me over 4 months to write the first cut of this book then another 3.5 months to do the actual build to test my instructions. I make tweaks to improve the instructions and add the photos. I did a lot of research

and didn't see anything this detailed about a model build. Most articles or videos concentrate on parts of their build or just give a summary review. I wanted to go down to the piece level and take you thru the whole build. Anyway, I hope you find this book useful. See a 16 page sample along with photos of finished models and other books at [glennhoovermodels.com](http://glennhoovermodels.com).