

This book contains detailed instructions on building the FFG-7 USS Oliver Hazard Perry 1/350 scale model ship from Academy.

I've broken down the kit's instruction to individual steps for each piece. I've also integrated the instructions for the aftermarket kit from Pontos (35019F1). This book provides a little history of the Frigate, a detailed list of tools that I used to build this model, along with a list of paints. The actual instruction section contains 1268 steps and 185 plus figures over 243 pages that tell you what to dry fit, glue, and/or paint for each individual piece. Each step instruction shows the source (i.e., either Academy or Pontos) along with a block to mark that you completed the step. The steps for the Pontos kit are colored gray making it easy to skip if you just have the kit. The major instruction sequence for this model is

1. Hull Assembly Paint & Decals
2. Main Deck Paint & Decals
3. Screw & Rudder
4. Aft Deck
5. Bow Deck
6. Missile Launcher
7. Top Deck
8. Bridge Base
9. Hanger Door Area
10. Boat Launch Deck
11. Top Deck Misc. Components
12. Main Deck Railings
13. Bridge
14. CAS Antenna
15. SPS-49 Radar
16. Main Mast
17. SATCom Antenna
18. Engine Stack
19. 76mm Gun
20. Phalanx CIWS
21. Boat
22. Life Rafts
23. Whip Antennas
24. Chaff
25. SPG-60 STIR Radar
26. Top Deck Railings
27. Helicopter
28. Mast Stabilizers
29. Stand & Name Plate
30. Weathering

There are several pages of in-process photos with assembly tips and the final photos of my build for reference. 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. I hope you find this book useful. See a 16-page sample along with photos of finished models and other books at glennhoovermodels.com.