

This book contains detailed instructions on building the DD445 USS Fletcher 1/350 scale model ship from Tamiya.

In addition to the kit's instructions, there is Eduard's 53003 set. Can you imagine merging all of these instructions? Well, I've done that for you and more. I take the model kit instructions from Tamiya along with the Eduard AM sets and break them up into individual steps.

The aftermarket steps are colored gray making them easy to skip if you just have the basic model. This book provides a little history of the Fletcher, photos of the aftermarket kit, a detailed list of tools that I used to build this model, along with a list of paints. The actual instruction section contains 569 steps and 82 plus figures over 103 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 Tamiya or AM) along with a block to mark that you completed the step.

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 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](http://glennhoovermodels.com).