

This book contains detailed instructions on building the P-38J Lightning 1/48 scale model aircraft from Tamiya (Kit 61123).

In addition to the kit's instructions, the book also includes Eduard's set BIG ED 49349 that consists of 491294 Cockpit, FE1295 Seatbelts, and EX883 Mask. Can you imagine merging these instructions? Well, I've done that for you and more. I take the model kit instructions from Tamiya along with the Eduard set 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 Lightning, a detailed list of tools that I used to build this model, along with a list of paints. The actual instruction section contains 844 steps and 137 plus figures over 184 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.

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 multi-page sample along with photos of finished models and other books at glennhoovermodels.com.

P-38J Lightning Model: How to build the P-38J Lightning Model from Tamiya (A Glenn Hoover Model Build Instruction Series)