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Propshaft Hole and rudder

first I drilled the propshaft hole and epoxied in the rudder tube.



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Deck Supports

The plastic deck support came in the kit and had to be epoxied to the edge of the hull.



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Motor Mount + Reciever shelf

Once the propshaft was in I lined up and glued in the motor mount and built a shelf for the reciever and speed controller. The motor in the picture is a 7.2V 400 size.





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Cabin Windows and Roof

I cut the cabin windows out using a stanley knife and file. All 16 windows took a few hours but the result was worth it. The cabin roofs were also built but not glued on and the hand rails were added.



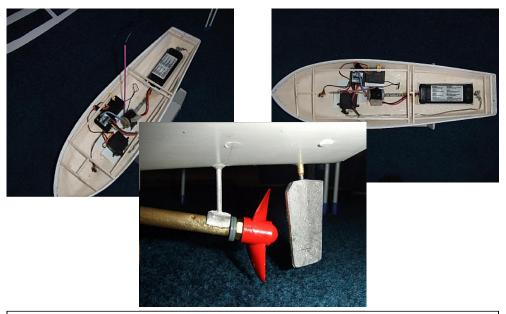
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Electronics + Deck supports

From the model shop I brought a 20 amp speed controler, 2 channel 27Mhz controler, a standard servo. The battery is a 1600Mah 7.2v from one of my cars. I also built a battery box. For now the servo is linked to the rudder with a piece of silver solder because the model shop didnt have any linkages long enough. The deck supports which came in the kit were to flimsy so I made some better ones from strips of balsa wood



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Deck

The next job was to fix the deck. The deck came printed on a piece of printed vinyl. (like most things in the kit) The deck was glued on with lots!!! of epoxy then sealed around the edges with filler. I think the boat looks great up to now and Im really pleased with it.



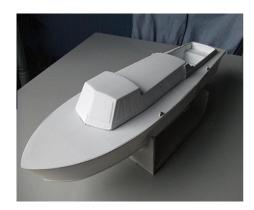
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Rear Well and Cabin

The boat is begining to take shape. The rear well fits tightly and shouldnt leak. I also built the tiller hatch.

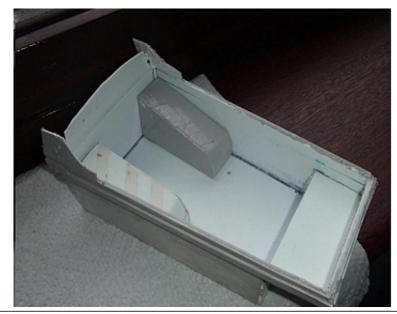




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Rear Well

This was one of the hardest parts of the boat to built. The instructions on how to build this weren't the best and in the end I added a few more pieces to add detail.



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On the water for the first time

I tested the boat on Bournville Boating lake in Birmingham. I wasn't expecting the boat to go as fast as it did. I will upload some videos soon. But after 15 mins the motor got upto 70 degrees celcius!! I need water cooling.





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Spray strip, Rubbing Strip and Coamings

The next job was to attatch the spray strip and rubbing strip. These pieces came in the kit as strips of plastic, they just needed to be cut to size and superglued on.

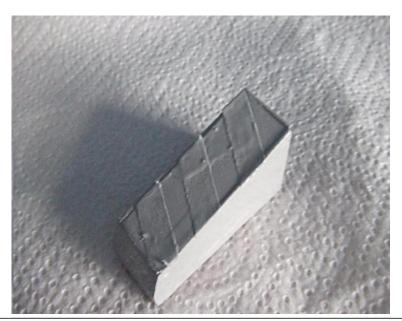


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Engine Covers

The outline for the engine covers came on the printed vinyl sheet, they just needed to be cut out and glued together.



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