

Decades ago I enjoyed putting together plastic models. Mostly cars and ships, I restarted now with planes though...



I first needed a work surface, finding this dinner tray with the fold up lid will make it perfect for doing paint by numbers later. Removing the legs and covering the bottom with cardboard made for a huge storage pocket under the lid. I slide it over onto my lap, fitting perfectly on the arms of my chair.



My first model in over 30 years, P-38 Lightning. Not as steady painting as I used to be, learned a lot about glue and paint techniques, but thoroughly enjoyed it and proud for a first effort..

One of the things about my hobbies, it's NOT in the finished item but in "the doing!" that I get the enjoyment. Once finished and displayed it is not as enjoyable. With the three kids moved back in, Tyler showed such an interest in what I was doing I ordered with him a Corvette model. Haley is doing scratch art and Vicki is going to do Tye-dye.



A gift from Sheri, (Thanks) only took three days to glue together,



but nearly a month to paint and two weeks for the decals (most can't be seen in the photos, too small). Sheri knew my penchant for all things Star Trek.



[Side story](#) on the best gift I ever received...

Though my favorite ST ship is actually the Klingon Bird of Prey, Voyager is a very elegant design for a small explorer ship, I like it better than all the bigger Federation ships.



My display area close at hand...



My next project, B17G Flying Fortress. Upper surfaces will be brown, lower silver. It's going to take quite a while with the interior details, shame as they won't be visible from the outside once finished.

As the B17G is going to take quite awhile not sure what will be next...



OK, after 3 months I finished it!



It is a shame that most of the details are hidden after putting the two hull halves together, but here's the pictures of the interior.



Write to Revell about It, and they suggested that they had made a half hull clear plastic, years ago.



I lost one upper window part, Revell has been exceptional on sending my replacement parts.



And here is the finished exterior.



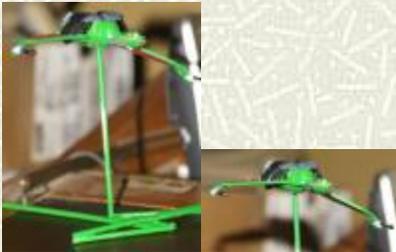
Off and on while working on the B17, I worked on this small Klingon Bird of Prey.



Actually had a lot of detail for such a small model. It was a two ship set but Ophye (Kathleen's) dog got to the Ferengi Maurader before I could work on it.



Had to hand make the display stand as it didn't come with one.



Accidentally opened my Christmas package from Sheri when it arrived, she got me the big version of this model (thank you very much), but, I'll probably do the auto transporter next.

I'll start a [second page](#) for my next projects.