

N Structure Kit SUNRISE FEED MILL

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Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone kit. All parts are styrene plastic, so use compatible paint and glue to assemble and finish your model. Please study the drawings and read these instructions before starting construction. If you wish to paint any parts, you may find it easier to do so before starting construction.

When Americans relied on horses instead of horsepower, the local feed mill was a vital business in rural areas and large cities. Here, locally grown grain could be brought in, or delivered by the boxcar load, and ground for use as animal feed; some grains could be fed directly, others like corn, required the hard outer hull be cracked or ground so animals could digest them. Once ground, mills would also bag feed so it could easily be handled and stored. The actual grinding machinery was located below ground, and gravity did most of the hard work of unloading wagons or boxcars by hand. Inside the mill building itself, numerous chutes directed ground grain into bins and bagging machinery. The slow decline of the feed mill began during WWI, but with the shift to an industrial economy, farming became a more specialized operation, using better blends of feed and minerals to increase production of meat, eggs and milk. Today¹s feed mill is still commonly found in rural and suburban areas, offering specialty pet foods, horse supplies, bird food and various lawn and garden products. Based on a prototype in Richfield, Wisconsin, that¹s still going strong in 2015, your new model fits almost any time period. The actual operation is a freestanding structure, but mills like this were often part of a larger trackside business that included a grain elevator, farm supply store, and ice, coal or oil sales.

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MAIN BUILDING

1) Begin by gluing Glass to window openings on back of each Wall as shown:

Front Wall (6): Large Window Glass (2x 53), Small Window Glass (52)

Left Wall (5): Large Window Glass (3x 53) Right Wall (3): Large Window Glass (3x 53) Tall Rear Wall (4): Small Window Glass (52)



