

Rick's Tips Lantern April, 2016: My tip this month is tools that make modeling a little easier. First thing if you don't already have a SCALE RULER, then you need to purchase one. When building anything for your layout you need to keep in scale. Another tool that is a must is knives. I like using the X-acto Knives and single edge razor blades. Working with wood, razor blades make clean and precise cuts. X-acto blades work well with wood or plastic. Gluing tips can also be a good investment. They put the glue in the exact location and you can control the amount of glue that you need. I also would recommend an assortment of files. Files are important when smoothing the edge before gluing or painting. These tools are great for beginning and as you advance you will find needs for other tools. A good source of tools is your local hobby shop, train shows and mail order companies like Micro Mark.