There are several notes I need to provide to aid you with the enclosed package. The original kits used 1/16" balsa. Since I wanted to print these directly on balsa sheet I developed the parts for 1/32" balsa sheet. My printer will handle up to 1/20" sheet, but I find 1/32" is a little easier to handle in the printer. As a result, some of the parts have been drawn to allow for cross grain laminations. The fuselage formers are a good example. The fin as also been drawn with a mirror image to allow for markings on both sides. This works fine as long as you are using 1/32" sheet stock.

Since the Ranger 21 does not use wing struts, 1/32" sheet wings are very marginal in strength for this model. As a result, I recommend that after printing the wings, you laminate a second layer to the bottom of each wing sheet before cutting out the parts. I have had good results with white glue that is spread very thin with a scrap of thin cardboard or a piece of balsa sheet. This will produce a much stronger wing with minimal weight gain. The wing halves are laminated flat. The wing camber is generated by the fuselage as was the case for the original kits.

This version of the parts templates has the fuselage sides divided into two parts. This was done to accommodate printers that cannot print sheets longer than a legal size (8.5" by 14"). The joint has been placed at the location of a main fuselage former. The former provides more than adequate reinforcement for the splice joint. The other features of the templates are the same as the package containing the fuselage drawn as a continuous length.

I like to use a removable nose for winding. The parts have been drawn with this in mind. An un-colored nose former has been drawn that is to be part of the fuselage structure. A colored nose piece has also been drawn. The piece when backed with a piece of 1/64" plywood becomes the removable part. The nose former is located to allow the removable piece to nestle inside the fuselage sheeting. I like to use a Peck thrust bearing for 1/32" prop shafts in the removable nose piece. Please see the diagram that comes just before the scanned kit plan in this package.

When using 1/32" sheet for the fuselage sides, I was concerned about the load of a fully wound motor on the rear motor peg. I like to use a piece of 3/32" aluminum tubing for the rear peg. Makes holding the model in a winding stooge very easy. To create a bit more strength at the rear peg, I apply a 3/8" diameter disk of plywood to the inside of each fuselage side at the peg location. This has proven to be more than adequate for a fully wound motor of 1/8" Tan II rubber. A piece of 3/32" OD aluminum tubing is used for the rear motor peg.

The kit Ranger 21 used a formed plastic nose to support the prop thrust bearing. I have drawn the reproduction to use a nose similar to the Top Flite Jigtime Rascal 18. Also, the kit Ranger 21 did not include a pilot figure. I like the pilot figures that were included in the Jigtime series, so I borrowed the pilot from the Rascal 18. It was scaled up in size to match the larger Ranger 21. It is included in the parts drawings should you want to add a pilot to your Ranger 21.

The original Goldberg kits did not have any color applied to the balsa. I have added color and markings in a manner similar to the old Top Flite Jigtime models. Carl Goldberg was responsible for the Jigtime series when he was with Top Flite. The colors chosen are based on the kit box art.

I do hope you build and enjoy a model from this plan package.

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