

Bringing a Little Order to the Building Board

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For those who pre-cut longerons, uprights and cross pieces before they start to assemble a fuselage, the building board gets a little busy and the parts are easily lost. Yet, if you don't pre-cut your pieces so that each side is precisely the same, you are almost surely destined to have some excitement when you try to figure out why the fuselage looks so strange. There is one easy solution to the problem of bringing order to this process. Take a piece of bond paper and place a strip of double stick tape across the bottom and across the top, then two more strips across the paper in between. When you cut the longerons, you simply tack the bottom ones to the bottom strip, the top ones to the top strip, and uprights to one of the middle strips and the cross pieces to the other middle cross strip. Now, if you'll only keep your elbow out of the tape before you get the fuselage built!!

I got this idea from the EasyBuilt Models website <http://www.easybuiltmodels.com/tips.htm>. There are a lot of good ideas there.