

WING-DING TIP ON WING TIPS

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Several years ago I decided to build Ed Lidgard's Eugene II. I wrote him and he suggested that Eugene might be a better flying ship. He offered me the use of his plans and templates. I accepted.

What popped out of the mailbox several weeks later was a package containing more templates than plans. The only wing-tip information in the bunch was a piece of light cardboard with a wing-tip shaped cutout in it. Hmmm . . .

For years I had been carefully — and inaccurately — cutting out funny crescent-shaped pieces and gluing them together to form wing tips. Sometimes — but most times not — they even resembled the original intent of the designer. With Lidgard's templates you just glue up some oversized pieces of triangular shaped sheet stock, without worrying too much about the locations of the glue joints. Slap on the template, carefully trace around the edges of the hole with a sharp blade. . . Presto! Finished tips. *[And the genius of Ed Lidgard (now departed) visits us yet again.-Ed.]*

