

Window Masking

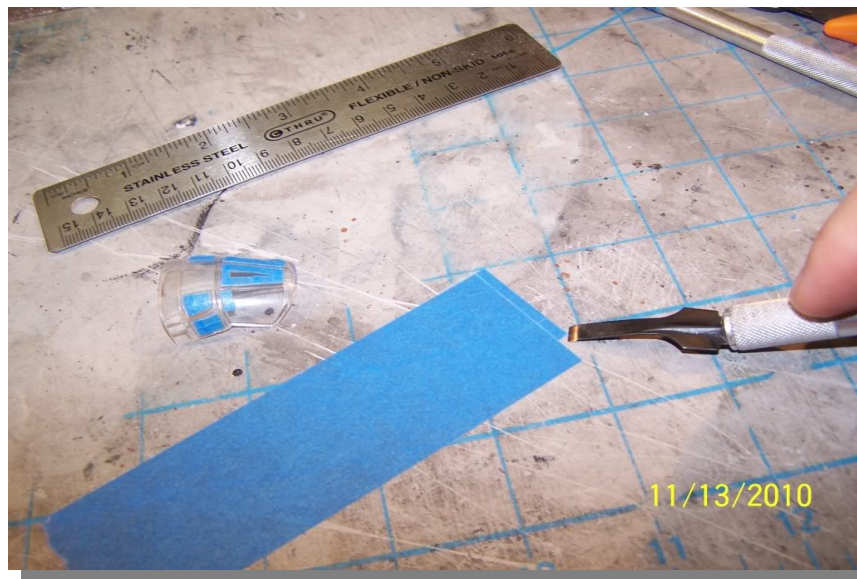
Many of the models I build do not have kits for masking the canopies, nor have I had good experience with precut masks.

I masked the canopies on my TU-22M today. I thought I would share with you how I mask. I use 3M painters tape. I have found the best type of tape (yes there are multiple types of blue painters tape) is the painters tape for multiple surfaces (#2080). Also needed is a straight edge and x-acto knives. I lay a strip of blue tape on my cutting board, then cut thin strips on one end.



I then use a gouging blade for my x-acto (it is actually a wood working blade) to cut the strips in to smaller lengths. I use the lengths to first outline the cockpit edge. then fill in the middle with larger pieces.





The tap will stay on the model now until it is complete. The last thing to do is pull the tape from the cockpit wipe any residue off with windex or 409 and then brush future on the canopy to shine it back up.