



HO Structure Kit

RANCH-STYLE HOUSE

933-3775

Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone kit. All parts are styrene plastic, so use compatible glue and paint to finish your model. Please read the directions and study the drawings before starting construction — note that optional front doors and windows are provided so you can use several of these kits in the same scene.

Uniquely American, the Ranch House (also known by other regional names) first appeared in the 1920s. Inspired by 19th century western originals, the one-story design featured an efficient floor plan and overhanging eaves to provide shade. Homey, practical and unassuming, the design first drew widespread attention in the 1930s when large numbers were built for government housing projects in California and other southwestern states. With the start of WWII, the west coast experienced a huge population surge as workers relocated to fill jobs in aircraft and shipbuilding industries and a severe housing shortage developed. Once again, the ranch house rose to the occasion, transforming vacant fields into subdivisions seemingly overnight. Builders streamlined every part of the process to save time and materials, but were able to make simple changes to exteriors and floor plans for a little variety. These lessons paid off in the postwar years as a housing shortage developed all across the US. Throughout the 1950s and into the late 60s, thousands of Ranch-style homes were built in every state. Rising costs, the look-alike nature of the design and changing customer preferences combined to diminish its popularity, but the design has been revived in some custom homes, while originals are catching the attention of preservationists.

An icon of the 20th century, your new model is perfect as part of a brand-new subdivision or an older residential area on your layout. Additional figures, vehicles and other structures such as the Brick Ranch Tract Home (#933-3777) and Cape Cod Homes (#933-3774 and 3776) can be added to model a complete scene for your era. See your local hobby shop, check out the current Walther's HO Scale Model Railroad Reference Book, or visit us online at walthercornerstone.com for additional ideas.

1) Select the Picture Window (15) or Bay Window (20) and glue to Front Wall (2). Select a Front Door (13 or 19), and Small Windows (16 and 17) and glue to Entry Wall (4). Install remaining Windows (6x 18) in Walls (5, 6, 7). Glue Side Entry Door (14) to Right Wall (5).

2) Using raised ridges as a guide, glue Walls (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) to Floor (9). Glue Downspouts (4x 20) to mounting points in corners of Walls (5, 6, 7) as shown. Clear acetate is provided to make "glass" for each window: cut each piece slightly oversize, and glue to backs of windows using white glue. When dry, cut and install the printed-paper curtains as desired using white glue.

3) Glue Soffit (8) to tops of Walls (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7). Insert Porch Post (12) in Floor and Soffit, and glue in place. Glue Chimney Halves (2x 10) together and add Chimney Cap (11). Glue completed Chimney to Roof (1). The Roof may be set in place on the Soffit if you wish to add interior details (sold separately). **OPTIONAL:** Light Mounting Pad (22) may be glued to the Roof to simplify adding interior lighting (sold separately).

