Model Airplane Flight School

Topic 5 – Building Your First Model

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- Selecting Your First Model
- Tooling Up for Construction
- Assembling an ARF



Your first model should be a trainer ...



... whether it be fuel or electric.



Your first model should probably be an ARF.

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You will need some basic tools.



Collecting tools is a hobby in itself.



You can never have too many tools.



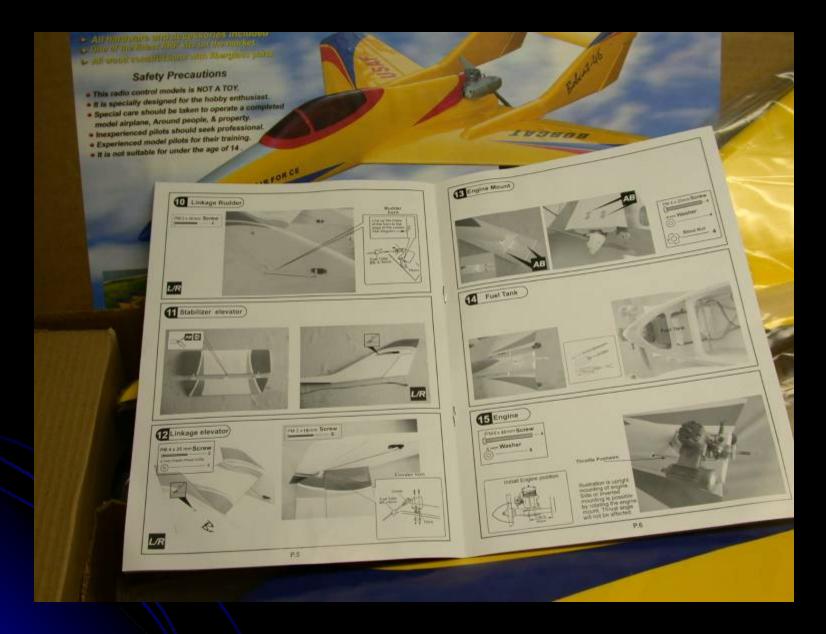
Especially power tools.



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Start by reading the instructions.



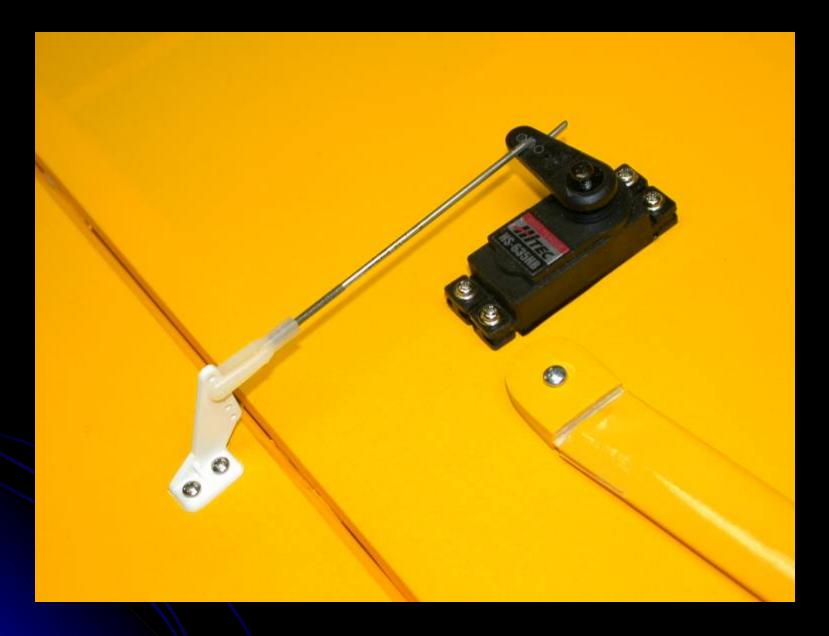
Use the right glue.



Most ARF hinges are CA hinges.



Control horns give you something to connect the pushrods to.



Pushrods connect servos to control surfaces.



In a fuel-powered model, wiring is simple.



In an electric model, wiring is only a bit more complicated.

Finally:

- Makes sure all the controls move in the proper direction.
- Get the throws right.
- Don't forget to balance the airplane.