



PART 2

BULKHEADS AND PLATFORMS



The heart of the Platform Command series are the elevated platforms. These are supported by bulkheads with heights of either 3" or 6".

Battleground features two different styles of platform (square and cross) along with a special ring platform and a micro-platform or "intersection".





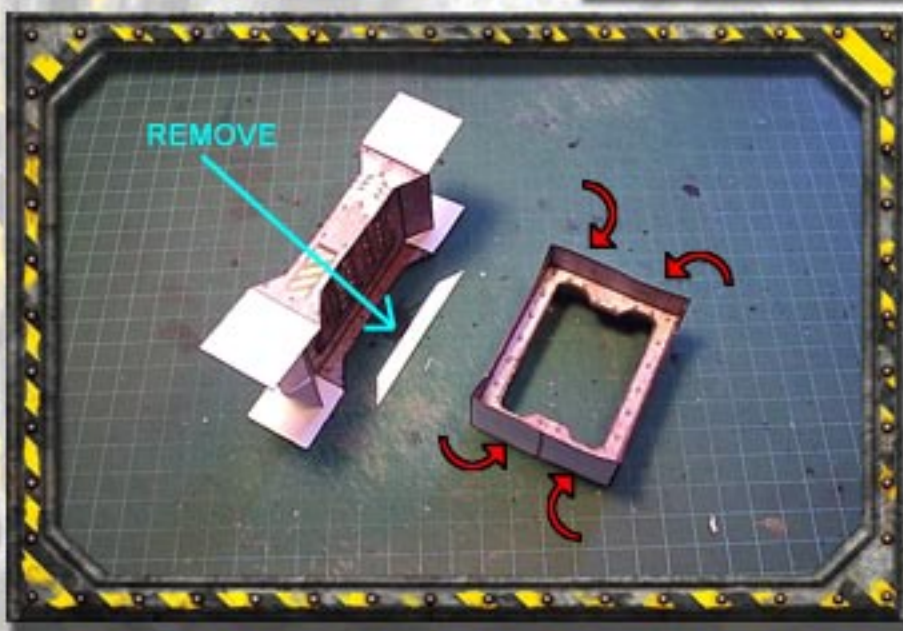
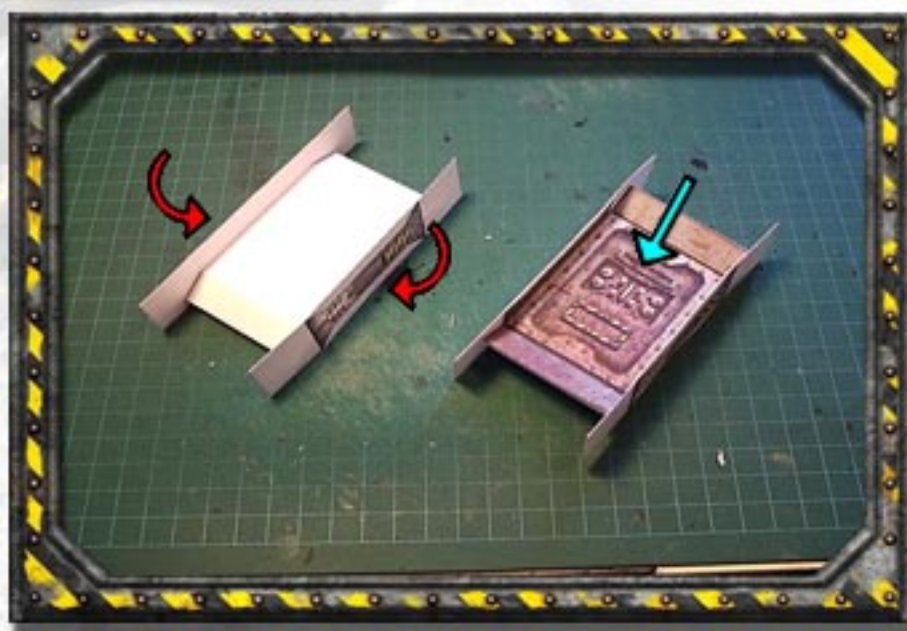
Bulkheads have two kinds of extensions (long and short) but they assemble in the same way.

Begin by carefully scoring, cutting out and folding the extensions. Note the reverse folds on the top and bottom inside flaps.

You can (as an option) cut out the area within the frame of the extension without compromising its integrity.

Apply glue to the insides of the side flaps and fold them into place.

When dry, apply glue to the interior surface and back of the sides and slide in the other side of the extension, taking care to align it properly.

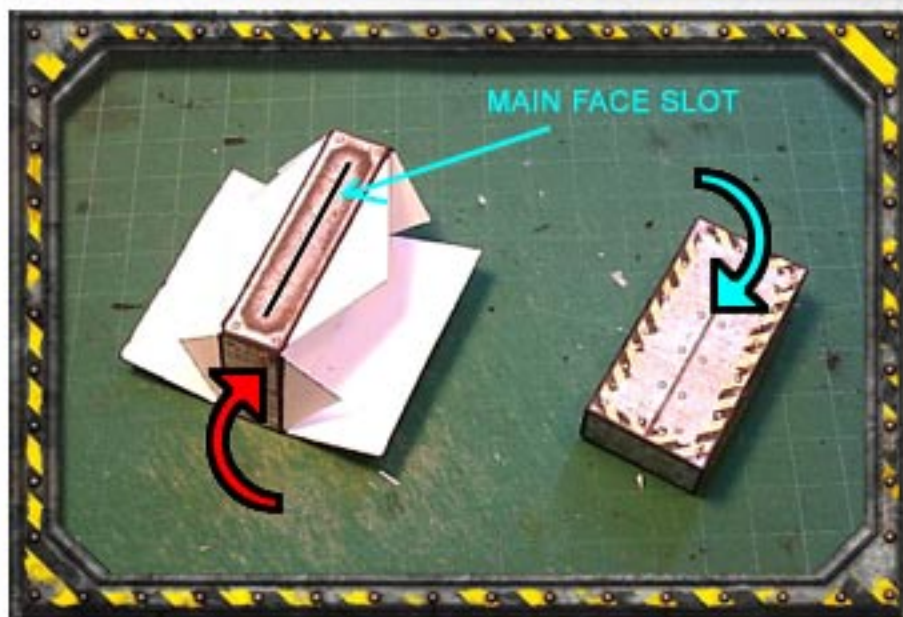


Carefully remove the excess cardstock from the sides of the extension, then apply glue to the top and bottom flaps and fold them into place as shown.

Edge the finished extension.

Learn all about edging and other top tips in the tutorials section at www.worldworksgames.com





Score, cut out, fold and edge the bulkheads as directed.

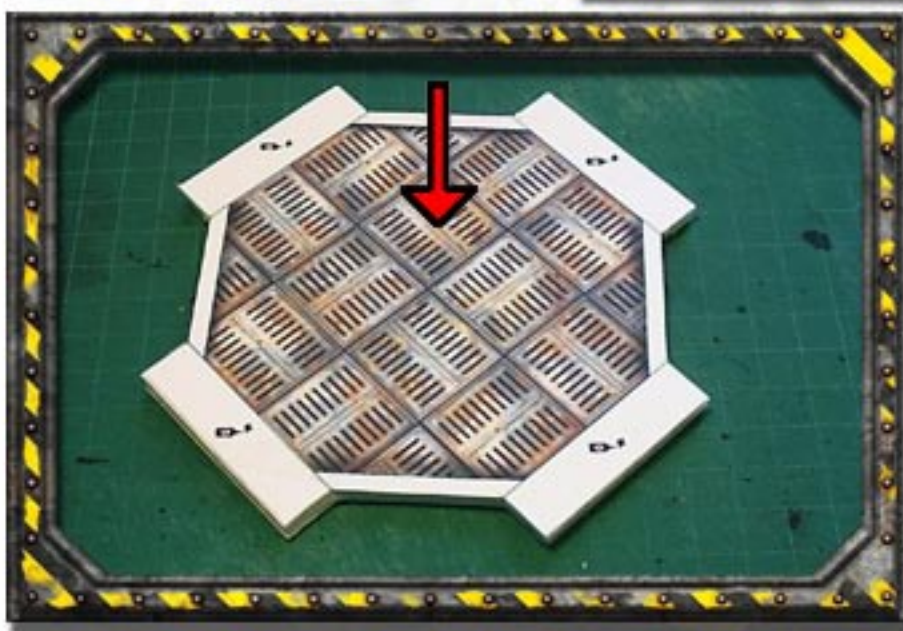
For each side that you plan to use for walkways, cut out the slot along the main face of the bulkhead prior to assembly.

Glue the tab on the long end and match it to the one on the opposite side. When dry, apply glue to the remaining tabs and fold in the top and bottom face of the bulkhead.

Glue the finished bulkheads to the tops of the extensions.

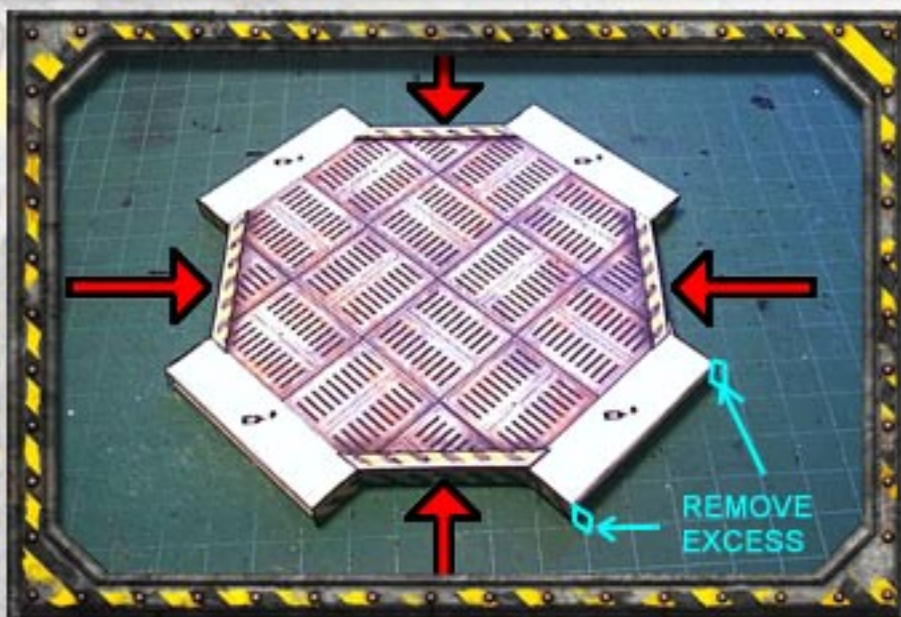
You can use bulkheads by themselves on the X shaped platforms by using two with extensions and two without.

You can also use bulkheads by themselves to create single links between walkways.



The platforms themselves are very straightforward, simply glue the platform to a piece of foam core and trim off the excess.



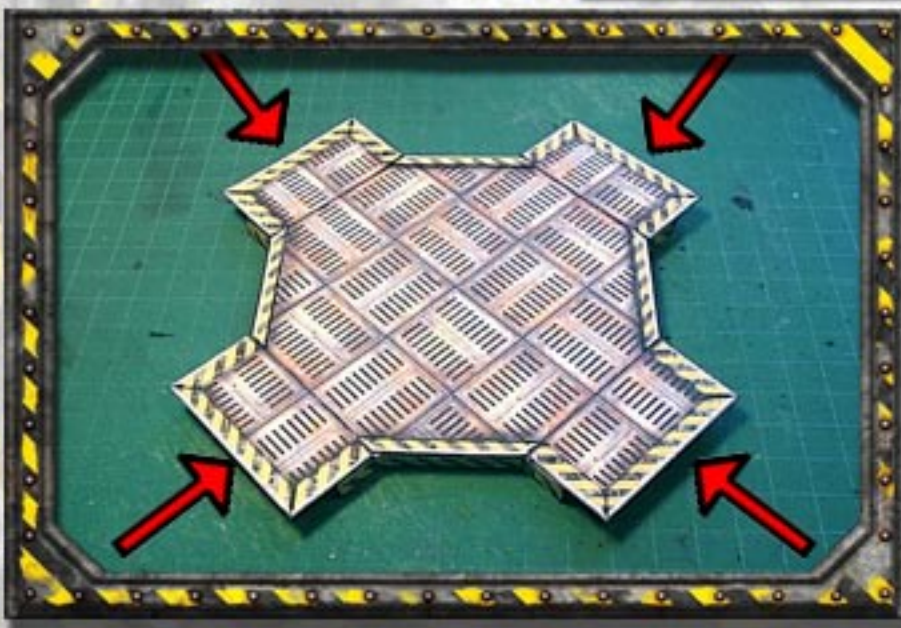
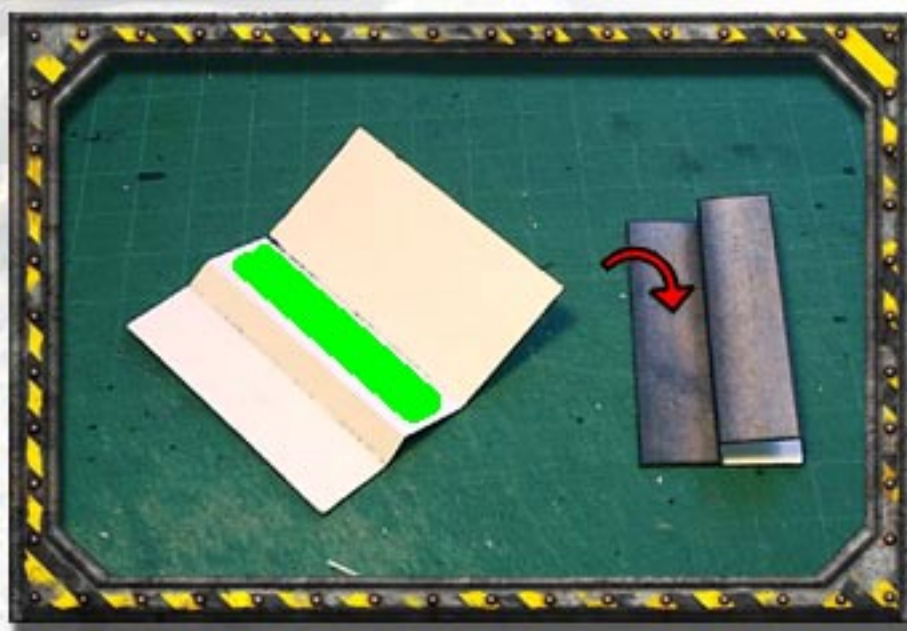


The sides of the platform have emergency tape strips. Score, cut out, fold and edge these and then glue them on as shown.

These strips are purposely oversized to give novice modellers some lee-way. Once dry however the excess striping should be trimmed off the edges as shown.

The connectors are designed to attach to the platforms in a clasp-like manner.

Apply glue to the inside lip as shown, then fold over and burnish (rub firmly) along the length to evenly distribute the glue.



Once dry, apply glue to the designated gluing area on the platform and attach the connectors as shown on the top, sides and bottom.

Note that on the square platform the three connectors are specific to the three openings so make sure you glue the right ones to the right spots!



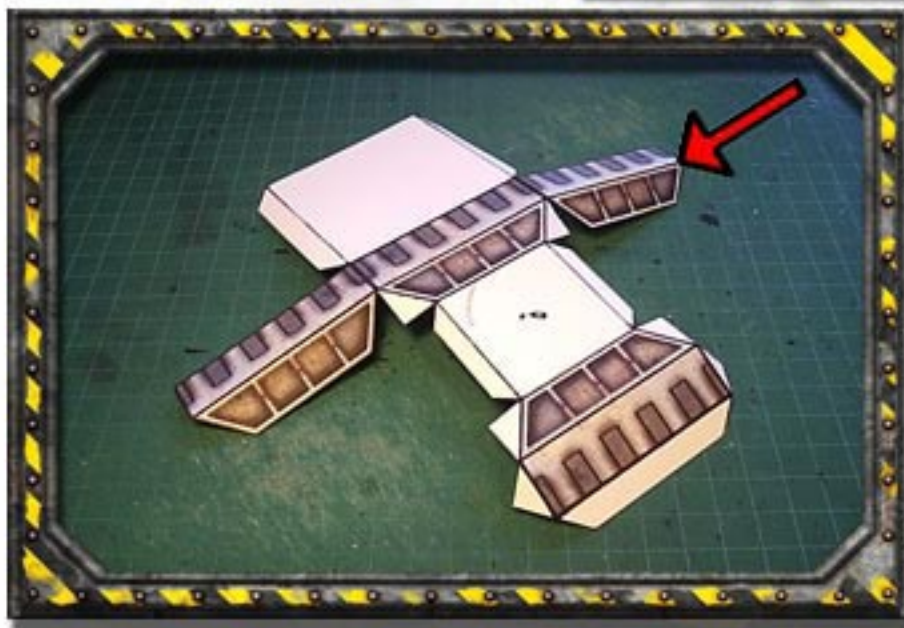


Glue the finished platform to the bulkheads of your choice, making sure the slots for the walkways face outward.

Next we come to the intersection.

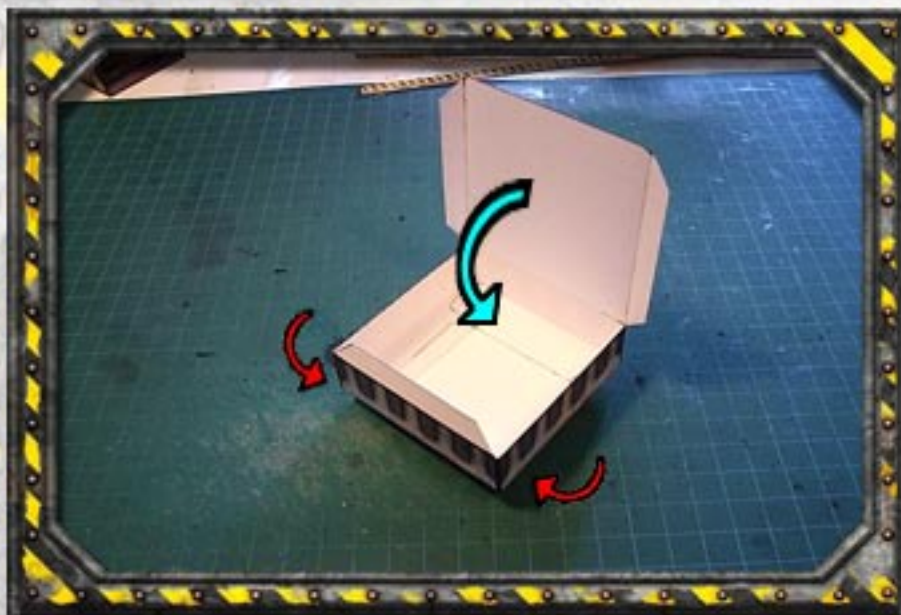
There are two cubes in this model, one blank and one which will form the center of the intersection.

Both are assembled in the same fashion as the bulkheads, minus the slot for the walkways of course.



To create the base of the intersection, score, cut out, fold and edge the components, then attach the detached side to the main base as shown.





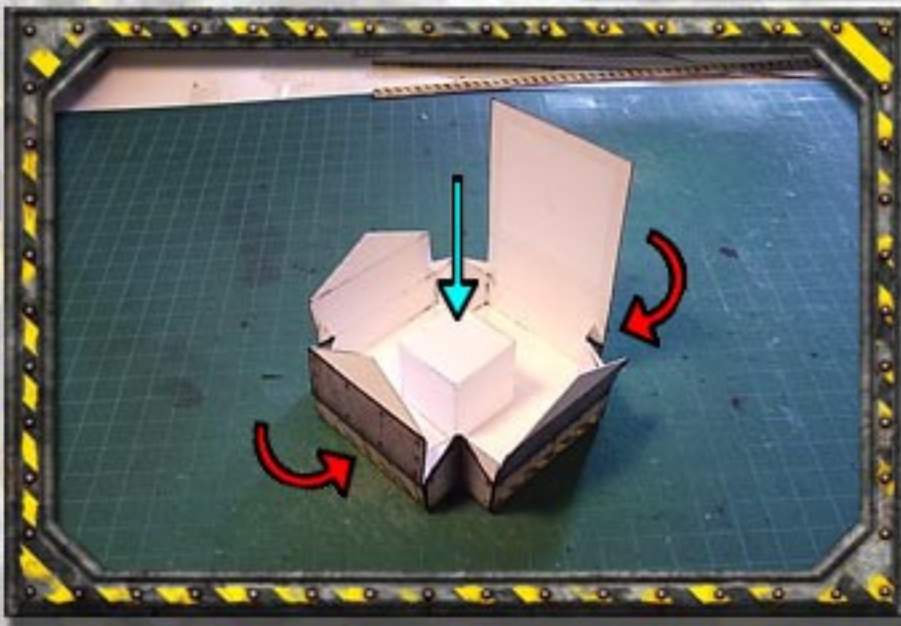
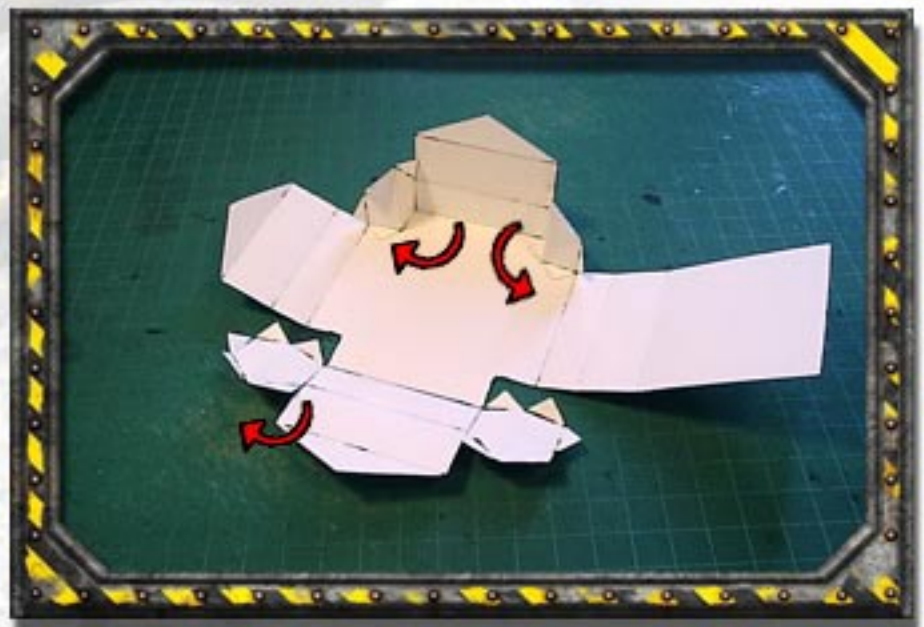
Glue the sides of the base together.

When dry, apply glue to the tabs along the bottom of the base and fold it in to complete the shape.

The top portion of the intersection is slightly more intricate.

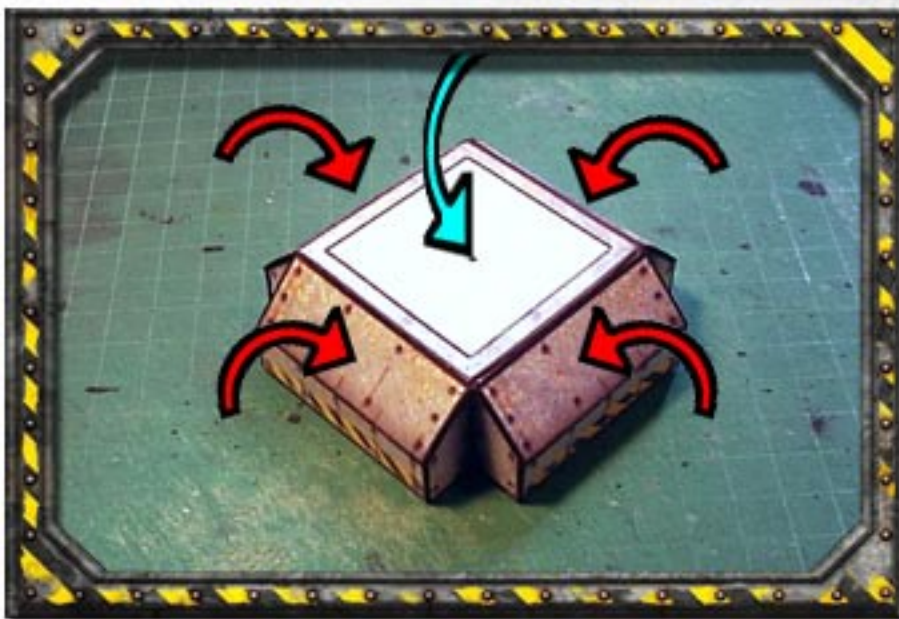
First, cut out ALL the slots for the walkways prior to assembly.

Next, glue the interior corners into place as shown.



Glue the front and back sides of the intersection top into place and glue the blank cube into the center to provide internal support.

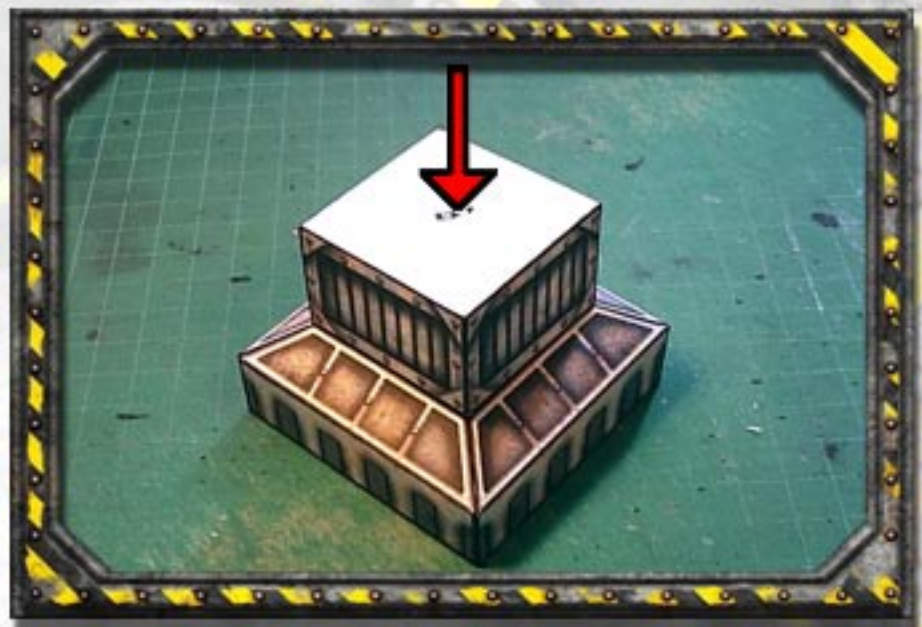




Next, glue the undersides of the intersection top into place. This can get somewhat fiddly, so the use of a pair of tweezers or needle-nose pliers is strongly recommended.

Glue the underside into place to complete the shape. This will require some effort to align properly, so take your time and keep working with it until it starts to set.

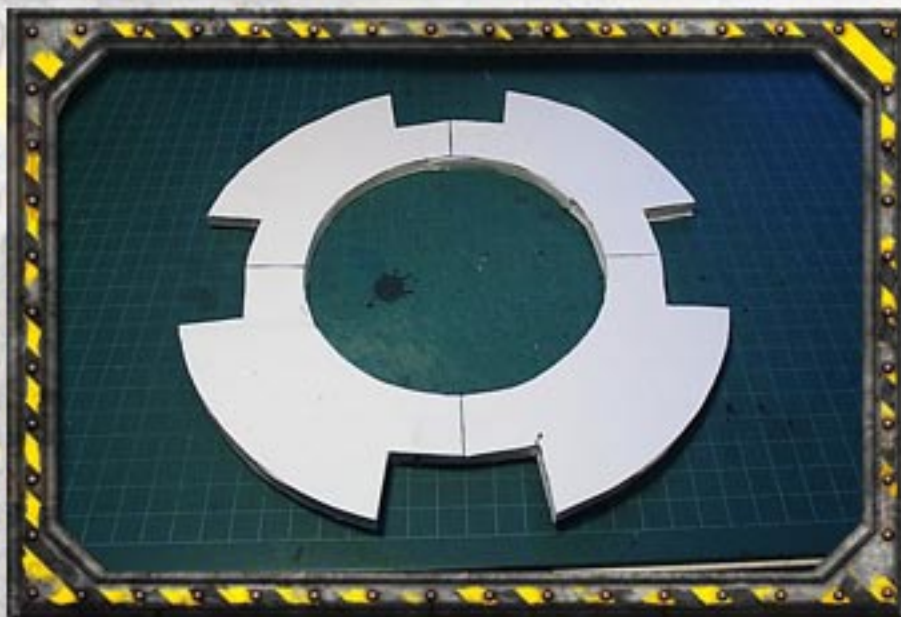
Next, glue the finished base to the middle section.



And finally, glue the completed top section into place as shown.

The use of a weight such as small book or a large pot of paint will help keep the structure compressed as the glue sets.



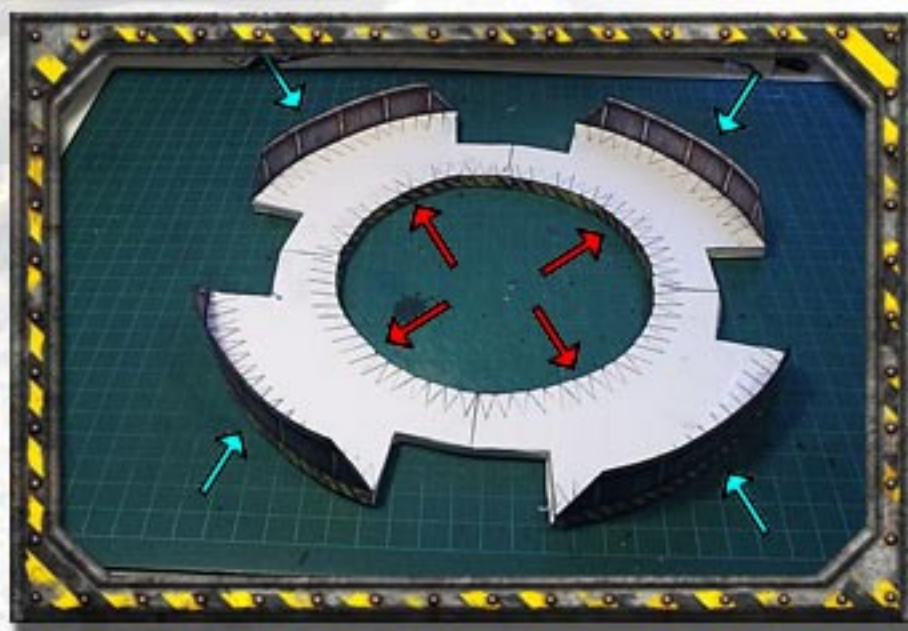


Finally we come to the ring platform. With some minor modifications, this can be made into any kind of arc platform but for now we'll concentrate on making the standard ring.

Begin by gluing the blank templates to a piece of foamcore and when dry, trim off the excess.

Next attach the inner masking strips, running glue along the inner edge and attaching the triangular tabs to the upper surface of the ring.

For the outer railings, first apply glue to the inside of each railing and fold it over and burnish (rub firmly) across it. When dry, attach each to the outer rim of the ring as shown.



Once both sets of rims are dry, glue the upper-plating into place in your chosen format.

When all of this is dry, attach bulkheads to the ring in the spaces between the railings.

