

MODEL MAKING 101 - GLUING BALSA



CHOOSING YOUR GLUE

There are a number of glues you can use:

PVA glue, superglue or balsa cement (UHU Hart).



USING PVA GLUE

Using a good quality PVA, run the glue across the gluing edge and hold firmly in place to establish a bond. The bond will take a few hours to completely dry, so you have time to reposition if necessary.



USING SUPERGLUE

Superglue will allow quicker builds. Apply the glue along the edge, hold in place, then spray with a superglue accelerator. This instantly sets the bond. Superglue is great for sticking parts with small gluing areas, such as the end of rods.



USING BALSA CEMENT (UHU HART)

Apply a thin layer to one side. Immediately place the parts together and hold in place. For hard, enclosed surfaces apply a thin layer to both sides, let the adhesive dry, then re-apply to one side, place the parts together and hold in place.



MORE GLUE HELP

We have an interactive adhesive guide available on our website that tells you which glue to use when sticking different materials together.

