

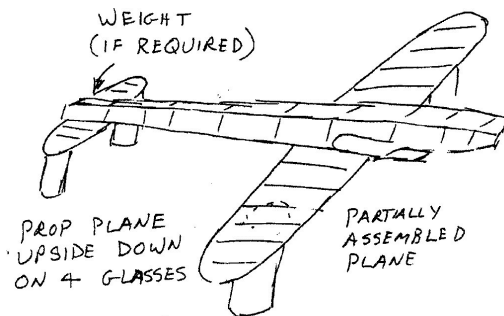
Coloring Epoxy and Leveling the Stab

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Funny where and when you get these ideas. While on Federal Jury duty (not as a defendant) there was the January 2005 issue of Quiet Flyer magazine. Thumbing through, two small tips came to mind:

You can add color to epoxy that you might need to glue together parts. The author of the tip, adds Testor's paint for plastic to the A part and thoroughly mixes it. Part B is then added and the whole mess is mixed and used. According to the write-up, it doesn't affect the strength.



The second tip concerns gluing the stabilizer level with the wing. Even though it applied to electric R/C ARF planes, it could apply to our lighter scale efforts. To easily glue the stab level with the wing, the wing is first completed and temporarily (or permanently) attached to the fuselage. The wing/fuselage is then placed upside down on two identical drinking glasses. With the stab on another pair of drinking glasses, the end of the fuselage is glued onto the stab. If the wing has dihedral, make sure each (wing) glass is the same distance from the fuselage.

I have tried this, and it works