
Serie ARTE ROMANICO

40090 ROMANICA 13 (Sta. María de Naranco). English

Thank you for choosing one of our products. We hope that you enjoy the building process.

Read the instructions and follow the directions. For any query or problem which may come up, you can contact DOMUS KITS[®], S.L.

The 40090 ROMANESQUE 13 model reproduces the Palace of St Mary of Naranco in 1:65 scale.

This structure is located near the city of Oviedo, on ruins from the Roman era. It was originally constructed as a civil building during the reign of Ramiro, from 842 to 850. In the twelfth century it was converted into the Church of St Mary, although it had previously served as a church dedicated to St. Michael of Liño. From 1929 to 1934, an in-depth restoration was conducted, and several annexes were eliminated.

Technically it is an innovative building due to its barrel vault supported by ribbed arches, which replaced the wooden Visigothic roofs.

Cut the figures on the cardboard patterns along the perimeter. Fold the figures on the dotted lines using a cutter and a ruler to mark the edges.

Glue the flanges marked on the patterns in the reserved area of the wooden base. Then, join them to form the cardboard structure. Remember that sometimes the flanges are narrow for the wide surface to be supported. Therefore, the glue supplied (white wood glue) can be replaced by stronger glues. We recommend that you plan for this by also having available additional instruments such as rubber bands, clips, clothespins, weights, etc. to secure the structure while the glue dries.

Glue only the cardboard pieces as shown in the photograph. Leave the inner galleries visible so that they can be built later on.

Use the glue to attach the ceramic parts in the area between the line outside of the perimeter of the facades and the cardboard structure. The lines of the doors and windows should be respected. Begin with the two courses of 20 x 10 x 10 mm. parts which form the plinth of the building. Continue to build the walls with a thickness of 5 mm. on this area and the stairs on the two ramps of the main façade. For the outline of the doors and windows with a round arch, make a simple selection of the suitable pieces (of similar size) so that they can be given a conical shape (with sandpaper or cutter) and set them into place as keystones for the arch. Except for these minor exceptions, generally the ceramic parts used to build the walls should be added spontaneously, without prior selection by size (either large or small can be used, only ensuring that the lines are the same height). The parts can be adjusted to one another with sandpaper so that they fill the required space or position.

Coat the two archways of the building with all of the appropriate decorative items: blind arcades, columns, capitals, altar, etc.

Insert the cardboard pieces for the porticos and the roof.

Build the buttresses that will have the thickness of one piece over the plinth, on the sides of the nave. Insert dark pieces as decoration.

Install the doors and windows with the wooden laths supplied.

Use fine sandpaper to adjust the final row of stones on the wall to the slope of the back roof.

The parts can be glued on the plans for the roof after verifying the number of rows and how much they must overlap with one another (as little as possible). The parts which occupy crucial positions (vertexes, angles, etc.) can be adjusted with sandpaper of any texture, broken with your hands (after making a mark with the cutter) or cut with scissors, depending on the condition of the material.

During the entire process we recommend that you follow the sequence of photographs provided as an example.

Finally, cover the wooden board with white glue and sprinkle the "flock" on it until it is attached. Use the moss to decorate the floor, along with earth colour paint. After this decorative part of the assembly has been completed, the model should have a finished appearance. Therefore, we encourage you to decorate it according to your individual preferences.

DOMUS KITS[®], S.L. hopes to have provided an enjoyable pastime with the assembly of this model.