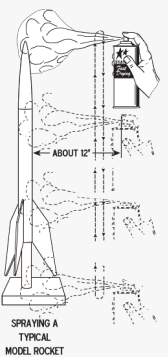
Finishing your Earmark™

The Earmark™ is ready to fly as soon as all the glue has dried! It does not have to be painted, but as you become more proficient in your finishing skills, you will want to follow these steps for the best-looking model!

When the glue has dried, the balsa nose cone should be sealed for a smooth professional looking finish. Fill the wood grain with balsa fillercoat or sanding sealer. When dry, sand the nose cone with fine sandpaper. Repeat until smooth.



SPRAYING A TYPICAL MODEL ROCKET

Wipe off all balsa dust with a dry cloth. Choose a high visibility color like red and gold for the final colors. Mask the fins and apply a red coat. If a roll pattern is desired, mask the area and apply black paint or use black vinyl tape to apply the roll bars. Spray painting your model with a fast-drying enamel will produce the best results. PATIENCE... is the most important ingredient. Use several thin coats, allowing each coat to completely dry before the next coat. Start each spray a few inches above the model and end a few inches below the model. Keep the can about 12" away and use quick light coats.

After the paint has dried, the press-on decals can be applied over the fins. Carefully line them up along the root edge and press them firmly in position. They are permanent, so be sure they are aligned before pressing them into place.

Your Earmark™ is ready for flight!