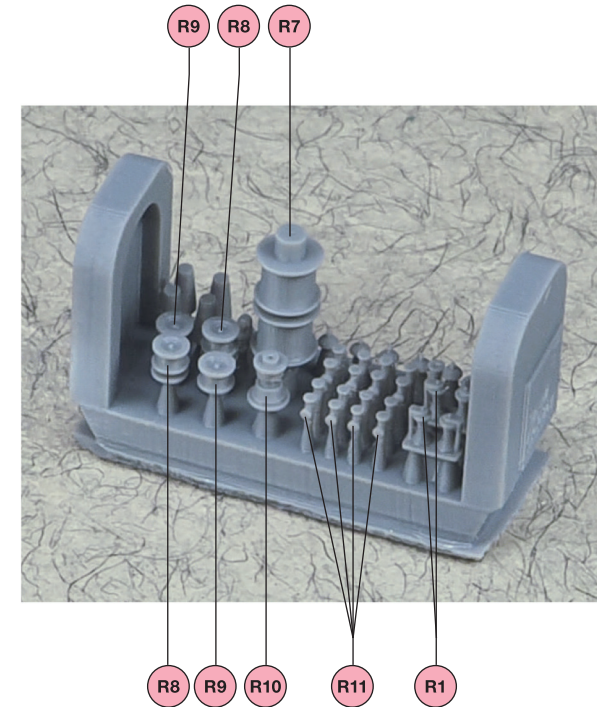
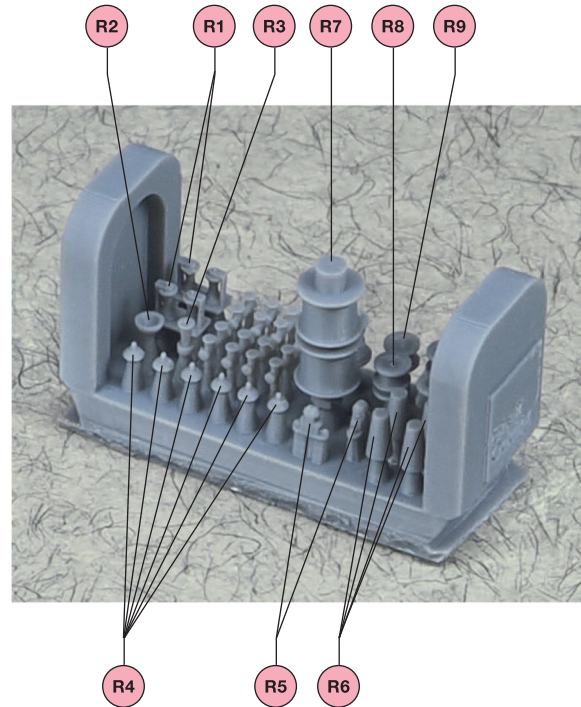
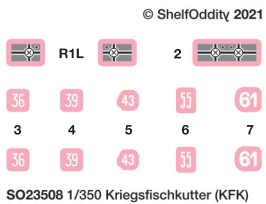
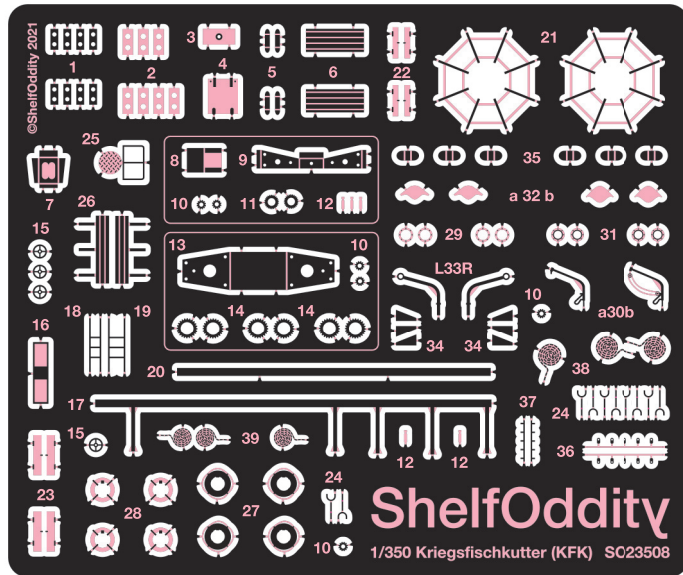


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1/350 KfK (Kriegsfischkutter) for SSN Modellbau kit



This detail set is designed for the SSN Modellbau multimedia kit. It features one brass 0.1 mm fret and one small decal sheet plus one 3D-printed resin sprue.

Quite a lot of parts from this set can also be used with the recent ICM plastic kit.

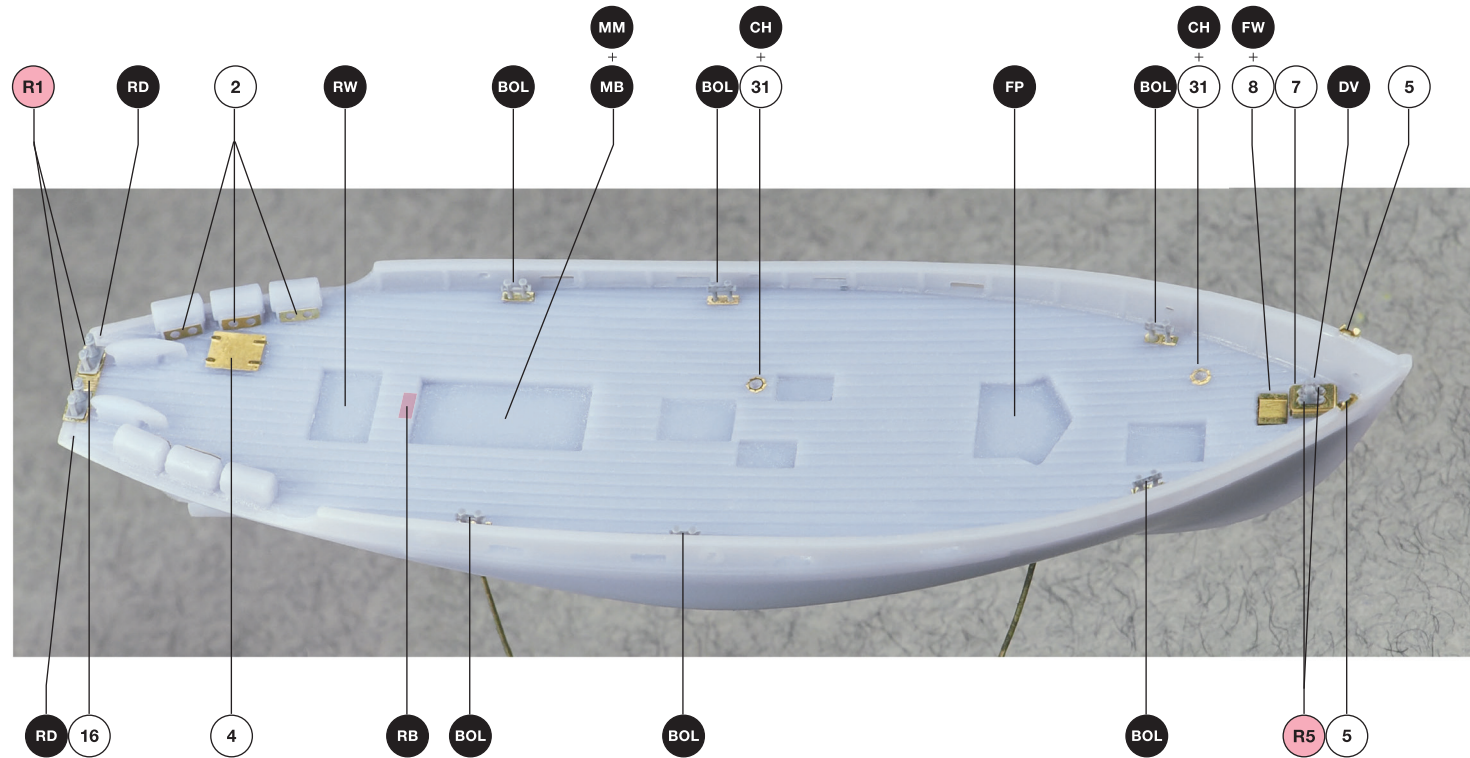
To safely feed the Carpet Monster the smallest parts are repeated on both brass fret and on resin sprue.

To allow for better clarity we have introduced a number of sub-assemblies which are explained on the second page of this manual.

The KfK boats were built in large quantity. Please note the deck configuration shown here may be correct for a few vessels only – treat it as an exemplary one! Check your references when selecting an exact boat to be depicted by your model.

Due to the vast amount of modifications present on WW2 KfKs the mantra 'Check your references' is going to serve as a main theme of this set.

! The imitations of perforated depth charge racks (2) are placed symmetrically on both sides of the deck.



- FP Forward platform assembly – see page 4
- MB Main bridge assembly – see page 3
- MM Main mast assembly – see page 6
- RB Rear box assembly – see page 5
- RW Rear winch assembly – see page 5

- FW Forward winch assembly – see page 5
- DV Davit assembly – see page 7
- RD Rear davit assembly – see page 7
- CH Chimney assembly – see page 6
- BOL Bollards assembly – see page 7

- ! Sometimes davits (DV) were placed in locations marked here as for the chimneys (CH). When placing davits use part no.29 as their deck base.
- ! The small rear superstructure (RS) was not always present. Check your references.
- ! The stern ramp (16) with fairleads (R0) was not always present – sometimes the planking was extended to the very edge of the deck.

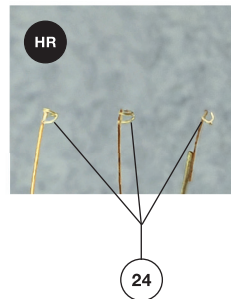
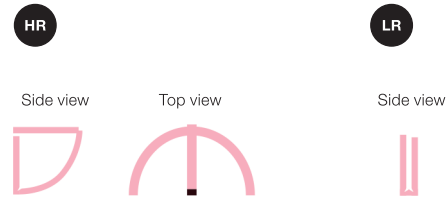
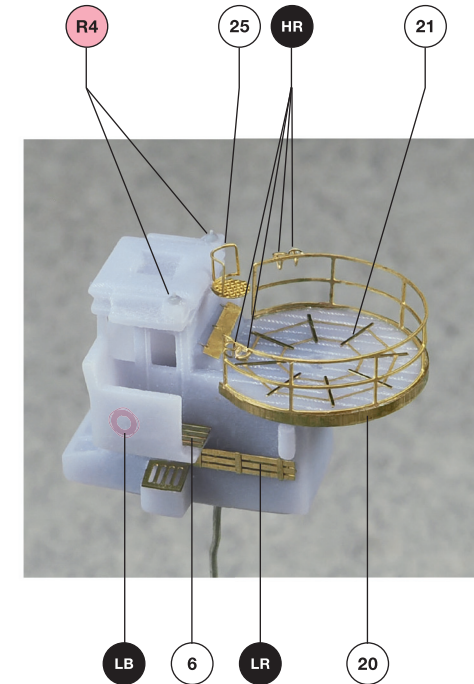
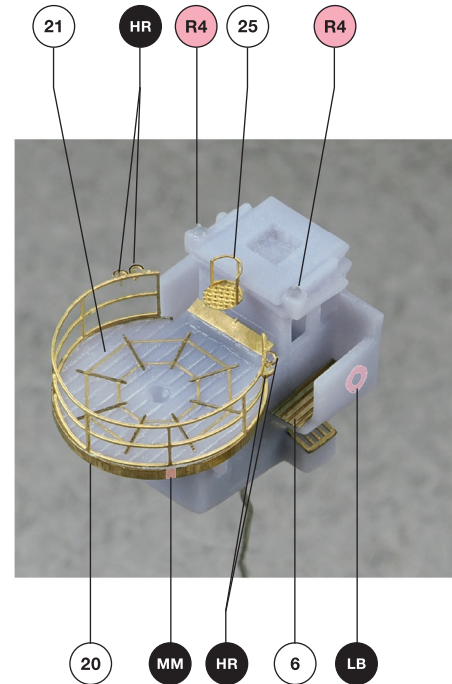
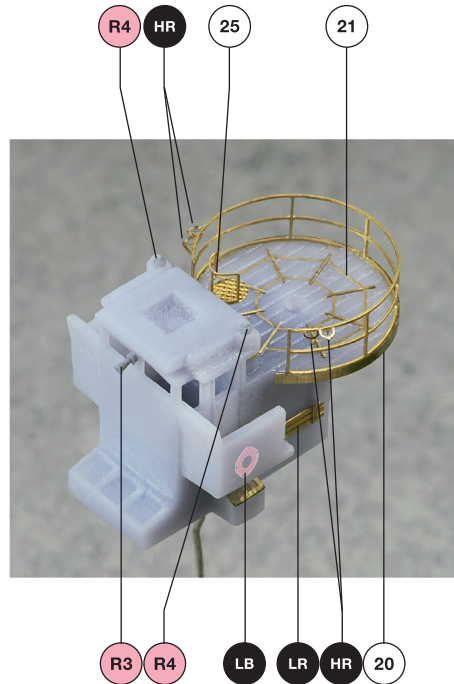
The main bridge assembly may be started with placing pieces of the planking (6) on both wings of the bridge. The observational platform (25) was fitted on some vessels only.

The location of lifebuoys (LB) and life rafts (LR) shown here is exemplary. However lifebuoys were placed on the bridge walls quite often. The same thing can be said about the fog horn (R4).

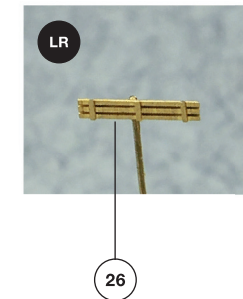
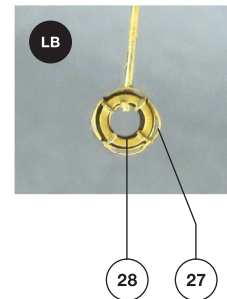
One of the main mast (MM) mounting points is shown on the middle photo – it was moved to starboard.

The folding schemes of helmet racks (HR) and life rafts (LR) are shown below:

MB Main bridge assembly

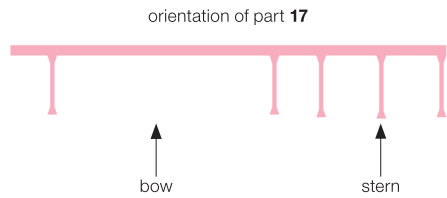


! One of the most delicate parts of this set. Proceed with extra caution. Please note that the helmet racks on the actual vessels were fixed at different angles.



! Fold the three thin elements of part 26 over to create three hangers for the raft.

The forward platform assembly may be started with placing the external platform band with the platform struts (17). Take extra care when shaping and positioning this part since the struts match the curvature of vessel's deck.

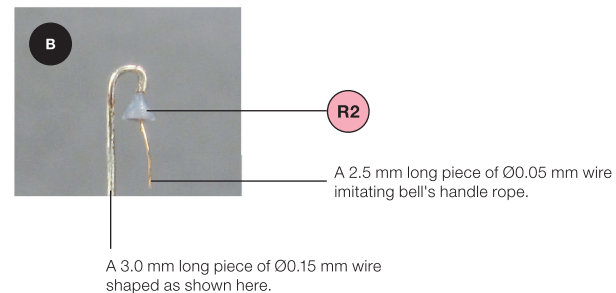
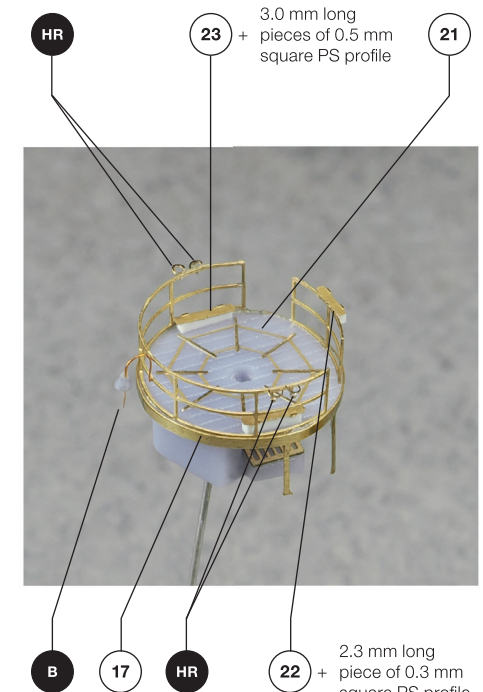
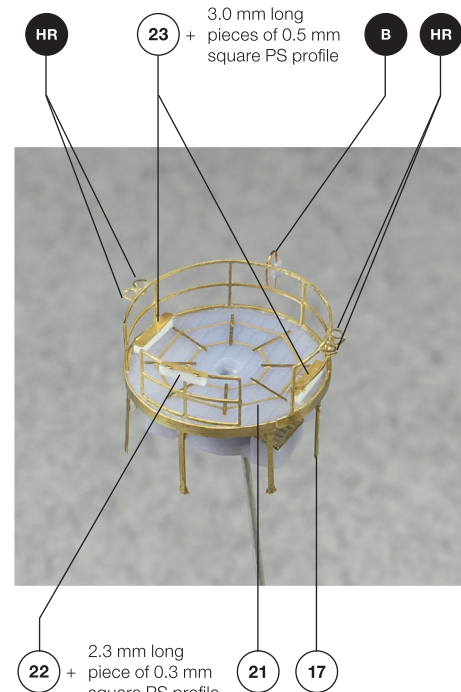
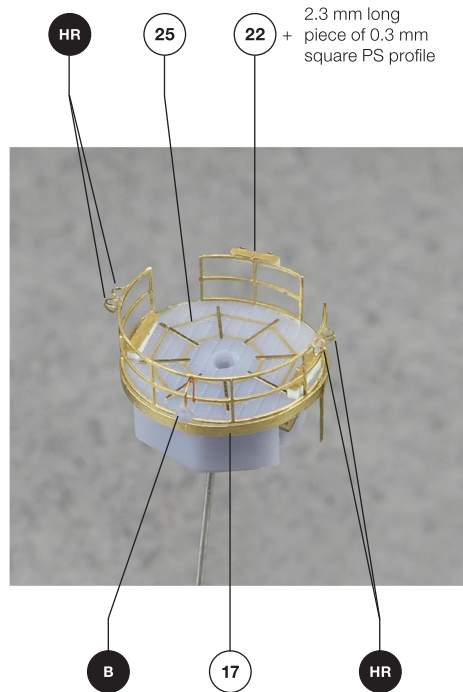


The location and presence of ammo boxes (22, 23) plus respective pieces of square PS profiles can vary from vessel to vessel. Have we mentioned the references lately?

The location of ship's bell (B) shown here is exemplary.

To connect the platform with the main deck use the ladders (18 or 19).

FP Forward platform assembly

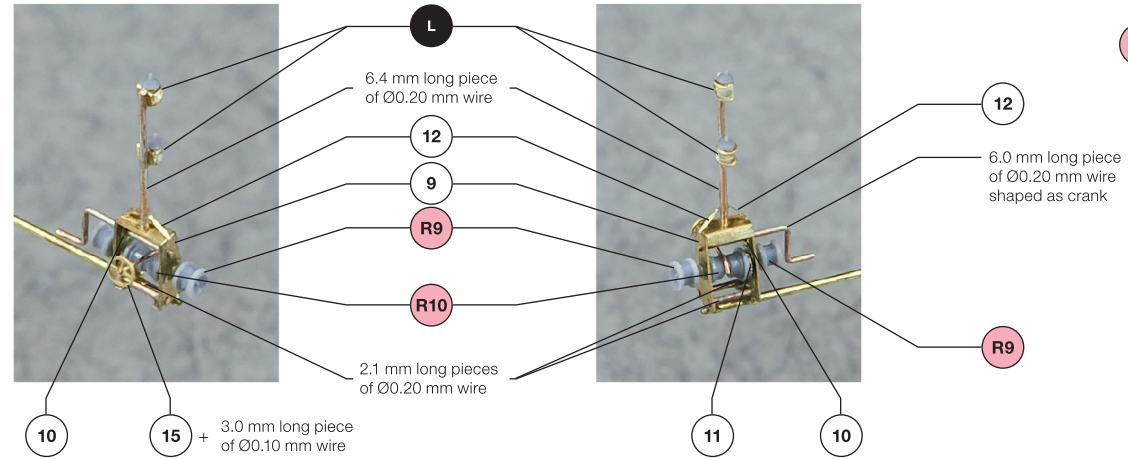


Assembly schemes of both ship's winches is shown here. The mast on the forward winch was not always present. The rear box (R7) also requires confirmation in your sources. Some thin wire wound on the (R7) drum can make your model bit more alive.

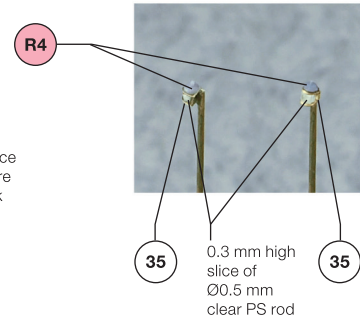
The mast on the forward winch not always was present. Sometimes it was shorter and featured none or a single lamp (L) only.

To start the assembly of the lamp (R7) double fold its main part (35) into 'C' shape. Then add translucent slice and the cap (R4).

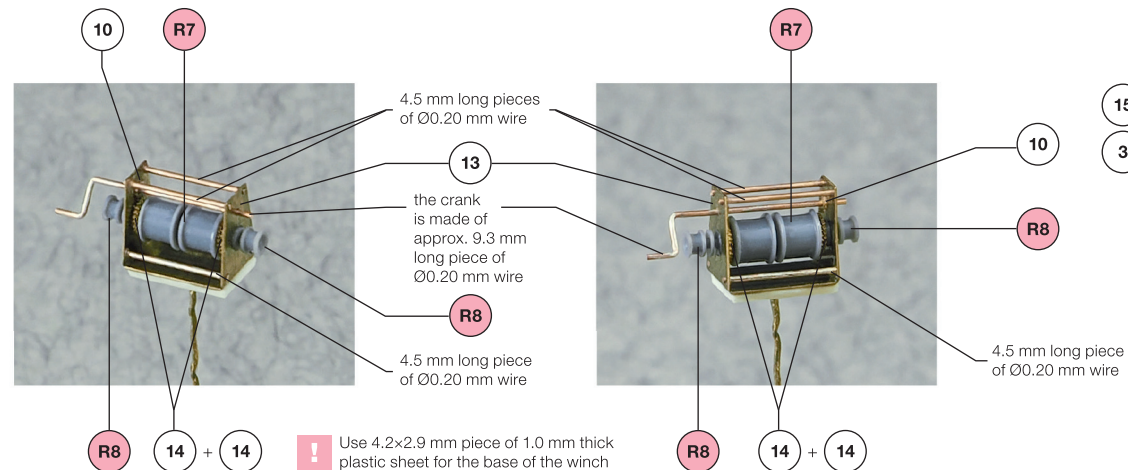
FW Forward winch assembly



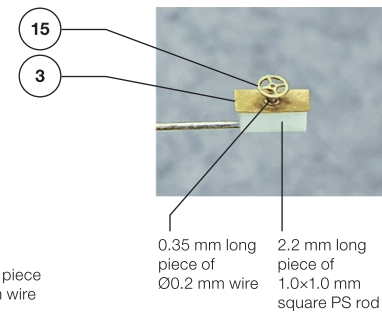
FW Lamp assembly



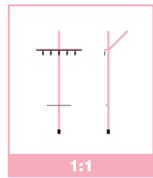
MW Main winch assembly



RB Rear box assembly



Main mast has to be scratch built from $\varnothing 0.25$ mm rods or wires. Below a 1:1 template for 1/350 scale model can be found.

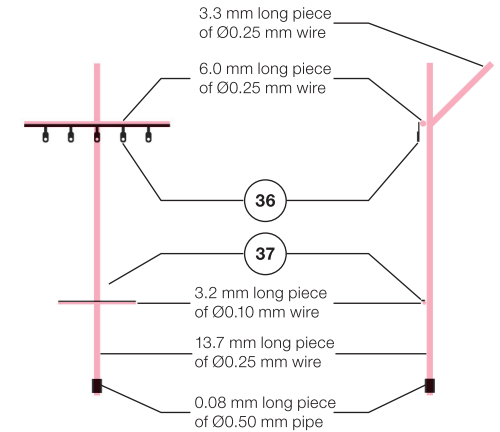
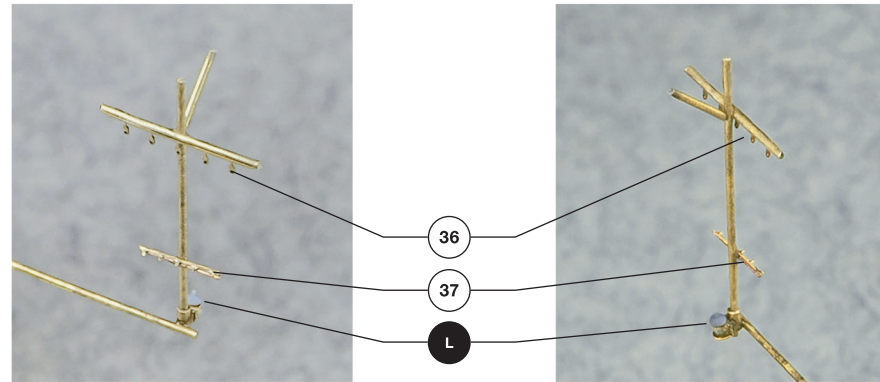


A set of flag-links rigging attached to the blocks imitation (36) can make your model bit more detailed.

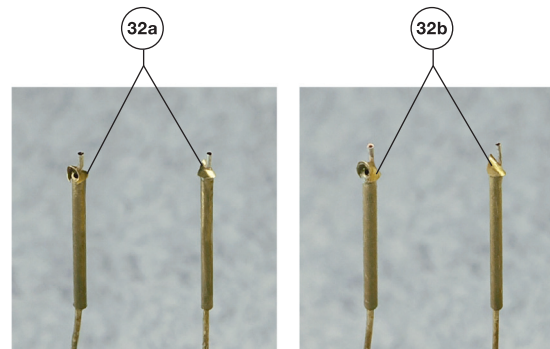
The lamp (L) was not always present on the mast base. Sometimes it was mounted at the very end point of the rear platform.

When dealing with the chimneys check your references. They were of different height and with different wind deflectors on top. Sometimes only one pipe was used. When placing chimneys onto your model use their base plates (31) to cover joints with the main deck.

MM Main mast assembly



CH Chimneys assembly



Both chimneys are made of 8.0 mm long pieces of $\varnothing 0.50$ mm brass pipe. The small detail on top of wind deflectors is made of 0.5 mm long pieces of $\varnothing 0.10$ mm wire.

The wind deflectors (32a, 32b) need to be formed before their placement atop of chimney's pipes.

A few details of the deck equipment placement can be seen on this page. Form the stoppers base (7) into a box before attaching to the main deck. Also, fold in half the base of the forward winch (8) in order to fill the deck recess of the SSN Modellbau kit.

Again, check your references when selecting davit (DV) locations. Sometimes these were present in the same positions as marked for chimneys in this manual. When fitting davits onto your model use their base plates (29) to cover joints with the main deck.

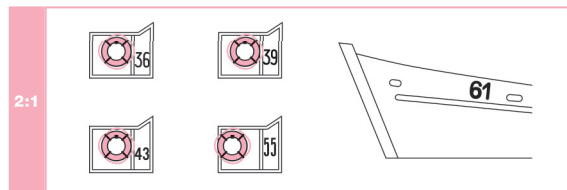
To add more life to your model you can use the rope coils in two sizes (38, 39).

When placing bollards on the deck, make sure these are situated near the hawseholes present on the hull sides.

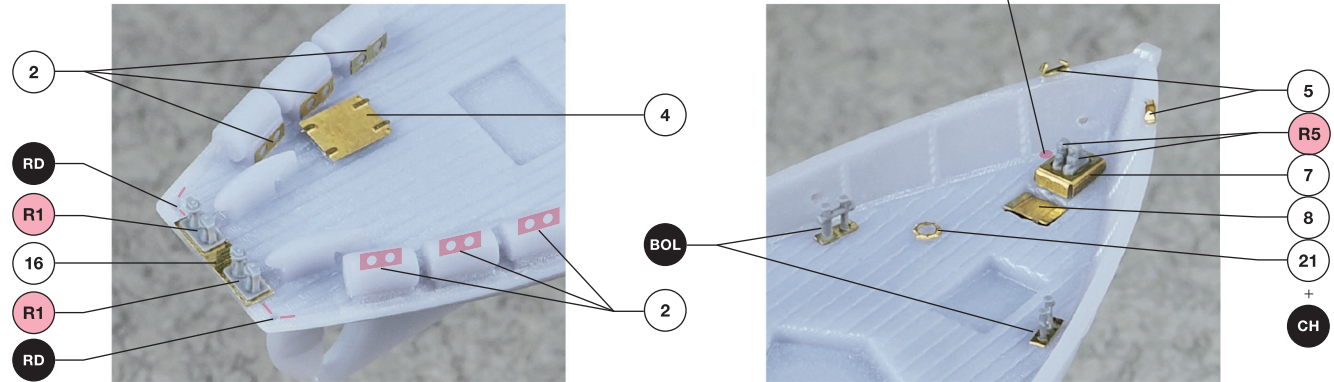
Decals. Our set features two kinds of Kriegsmarine flag – it is up to your practice to choose between 2-piece (1L/R) or single piece one (2).

The remaining decals are the side numbers for various KfKs. Numbers depicted by decals from (3) to (6) were painted on the main bridge side walls – please see the simple schemes below. All those boats seem to be kept in the uniform Dark Grey colour.

Numbers '61' (7) were painted on the hull sides near the bow. This boat was sporting a 3-colour camouflage but her configuration was slightly different from the one shown in this manual (eg. no main mast was visible).



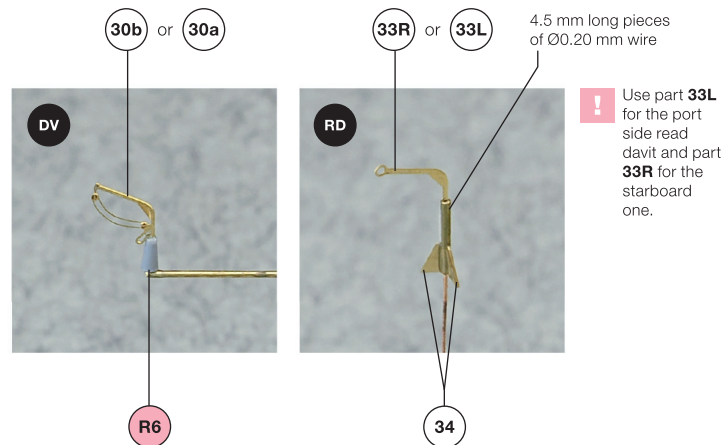
! The imitations of perforated depth charge racks (2) are placed symmetrically on both sides of the deck.



! Note the orientation of triangular supports of rear davits (34) – they are aligned with the deck outline.

! The stern ramp (16) with fairleads (R0) was not always present – sometimes the planking was extended to the very edge of the deck.

DV RD Davits assembly



BOL Bollards assembly

