

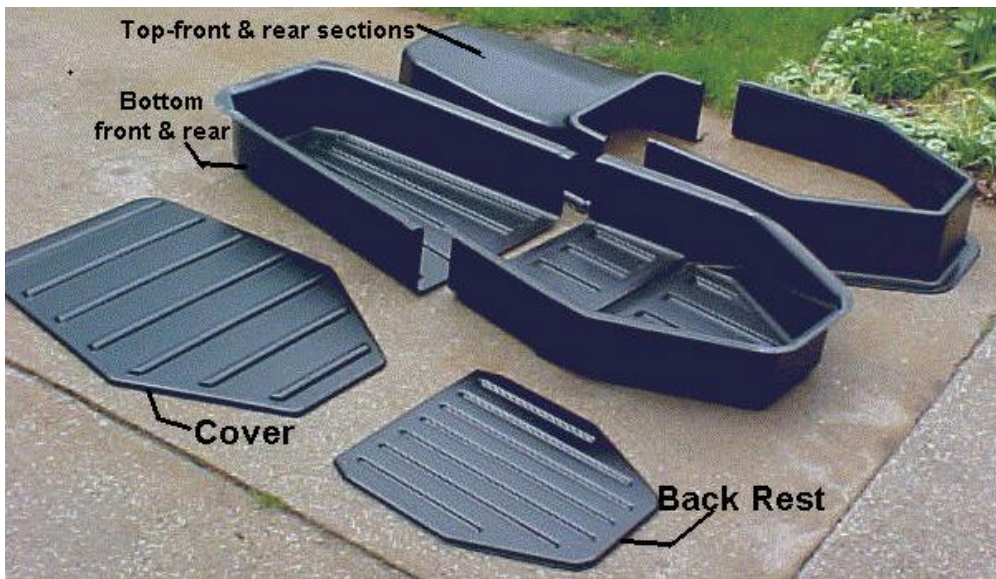
THE MUD BOX **Field & Marsh-Kit** **Assembly Instructions**

This kit includes the components (except adhesive) you require to build this blind. It comes in 6 pieces of black ABS plastic (includes backrest & cover-if ordered) that are easy to assemble using an ABS adhesive mix. You will now have a comfortable, water-tight blind for those wet/muddy/marshy areas where the birds frequent. The blind is easily painted or camouflaged with a patterned covering or local materials for an effective “hide”. You can now set up where the birds want to be!

T1. This shows you all the blind pieces (top 2 pieces, bottom 2 pieces, back rest & cover). There are several recommended adhesives that you can use. ABS adhesive (similar to PVC adhesive) will work very well for assembling the entire Mud Box though it doesn't have “gap filling” properties. Another excellent choice is Windshield Adhesive/Sealant by 3M, that can

be picked up at most any automotive supply house. 3M #5200F (marine adhesive sealant) is another very good choice as long as you get it in the “1-day cure”, fast material. I personally prefer the Windshield sealant that comes in a caulking gun cartridge. We will call this material

GUNK. Note: originally, our GUNK was a mixture of finely chopped ABS plastic, mixed with a solvent but this was more cumbersome than we expected and we now use the adhesives stated above.



The bottom 2 pieces aligned and ready for the application of the gunk. Both front and back pieces are laid flat on the floor. Test fit and trim any areas that may interfere with assembly. You may also wipe these joint areas with some lacquer thinner to make sure they are clean.



Squeeze a 1/4" to 3/8" bead of gunk onto the "depressed" flange of the front piece so you'll get a good joint and full fill-in for waterproofing. If you are using ABS adhesive, coat both surfaces prior to assembly.



Join the two pieces as shown....gently & accurately placing the pieces together for proper alignment. Clamp them at the upper edge & sides. Place some bricks or heavy objects onto the bottom seam to be sure you are getting a good solid,full contact joint. Allow at least 2 hours drying time before removing clamps and continuing with assembly.



It's time to work on the deck. Place the deck on a flat surface or you may place it on top of the bottom unit that you've already assembled. If placing on the bottom unit, be sure to put something under the top joint when gluing to keep from bonding to the bottom at this time (masking tape works well). Squeeze a generous bead of gunk (1/4" to 3/8" bead) onto the depressed flange of the top unit as you did for the bottom.



Once you have the pieces "gunked", assemble and clamp the top edge and sides. You can use pieces of plywood to spread out the clamping pressure and bricks to hold down the lower flange. Allow at least 2 hours drying time before removing clamps and continuing with assembly (overnight if using a slower adhesive-test first to assure yourself of cure time).



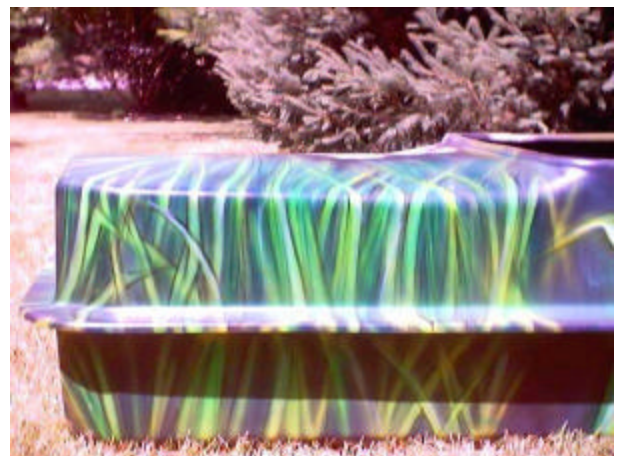
The top and bottoms are now pre-assembled. It's time to gunk up the top flange of the bottom unit with a good heavy bead of gunk (1/4" to 3/8" bead).



Place the top unit onto the bottom unit and proceed to clamp them together all the way around. As shown in this picture, you can do the assembly upside down also. Allow this to remain clamped up overnight before proceeding with painting or useage



Your blind is now assembled. We would recommend sanding any rough areas to make clean edges. You can now wash it down with some denatured alcohol and scuff it up and paint it with any type of paint you would like. Enjoy.



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