



Bell UH-1 Helicopter Weathervane

Do-It-Yourself Customization Guide

Our exclusive recreation of the famous Bell UH-1 "Huey" as a weathervane is sure to please anyone and everyone that has a part of their life that involved this faithful bird. The Huey weathervane is available in your choice of configurations:

- Powder-coat black with a DIY decal set or
- Pre-customized in Army green with additional detailing and your choice of 369 MedEvac, 803 warrior and United States Army decals pre-applied

Each Huey vane ordered that is ordered with the DIY decal set comes with a complete set of decals that include the 369 MedEvac copter, 803 "Warrior" and United States Army decals so that you can decal out your bird for a more personalized authenticity.

Here are the instructions on how to detail your own Bell UH-1 "Huey" helicopter like a boss!

DO IT YOURSELF: HERE IS WHAT COEMS IN THE BOX

- (1) Bell UH-1 "Huey" weathervane, powder coated black, wind cups, N/S/E/W directionals, mounting rod, your choice of mount.
- Sets of decals to customize your Huey as 369 or 803



WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE

- (1) Spray can of Rust-oleum camouflage Non-reflective finish, Ultra Flat color #1919 Deep Forest Green.
- (1) Medium grade 3M sandblaster 150 grit sanding block
- (1) Testors hobby knife
- (1) Rust-oleum or Testors paint pen, red
- (1) roll “frog tape” green



STEP 1

Tape off all areas that you want to remain black with the green frog painters tape. For example: the rotor blades, the directional arrow, the mounting rod stem.

STEP 2

Sand all the exposed areas with the sandblaster block that you want to paint green. Sanding is required to help the paint to adhere to the powder coat surface. Try to avoid tearing the frog tape near your edges.

STEP 3

Wipe the sanded area with a clean damp cloth, allow the surface to dry at least 5-10 minutes.

STEP 4

Mount the Huey so that you will be able to paint both sides of the Huey at the same time.

STEP 5

Shake the paint can vigorously for at least 60 seconds. Then hold the spray nozzle 6-10 inches from the surface and spray a light coat of paint on to your Huey with smooth even back and forth passes over the surface. Wait about 5 minutes then spray a 2nd coat on to the Huey, wait about 5 minutes, then spray the 3rd and final coat on. Do not over spray or you will experience a run in the paint, you want to spray light coats and finish with a nice run free surface. Allow the paint to dry for several hours.

YOUR PROJECT SHOULD LOOK SOMETHING LIKE THIS AT THIS POINT



STEP 6

When dry, carefully remove the tape from your Huey while working over a soft surface. You do not want to drop or scratch your freshly painted Huey! The paint though dry, will actually take several days to a week to completely cure and reach its maximum hardness.

STEP 7

Next, using your hobby knife, carefully lift each decal from its adhesive backing and place it in the appropriate spot on your bird. The knife blade should also be used to place, center and adjust your decals before you press them down into place.

STEP 8

Now the final touch, use your red paint pen to paint the strobe light behind the rotor shaft and on top of your Huey.

ONCE COMPLETED YOUR HUEY SHOULD LOOK SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

