

Newly Crunchy Mama Of 3

GUILLOW'S MODEL AIRPLANES OFFER CHALLENGING, AFFORDABLE FUN PLUS

Do you have older kids or teens? Or maybe a husband who likes to put things together like mine does? Building models is quite the rage these days, but buying RC cars or planes can drain your pocketbook really quickly. I don't know about you, but I can't afford to spend hundreds and hundreds of dollars on ONE toy. (Yes, they can really be that expensive!) Plus, when a part breaks on RC toys, replacing them and making repairs can be costly as well.



Thankfully, there are some fun, functional model planes that are ridiculously inexpensive. So affordable in fact that if you happen to break them, replacing the model altogether will only cost a few dollars. (And you know as well as I do that kids can be rough on their playthings! Or is that just MY kids?)

Anyway, Guillow's has been making simple yet challenging model kits for almost 88 years now. Today Guillow's is beloved by Grandpops as well as kids who may be technically savvy but still enjoy the simple beauty of building then flying a balsa wood toy plane. There are six new miniModels in the 4500 series, and for this iGeneration, building help is now available as a bonus [online in 3D models](#) that you can spring, turn and control with your mouse, plus [how-to-assemble video](#) on Youtube!

The 4500 Series starts with the U.S. Hellcat or U.S. Warhawk each with red propellers. The handsome German Fighter has distinctive black markings on its wingtips while the American war models sport patriotic blue. The non-military Rockstar Jet, V-Tail and Stunt Flyer round out the six miniModels. An affordable price of \$8.99 is the cherry on top of this wonderful classic toy sundae. These are designed for a child 13 years old and up to assemble themselves, or a little younger child with an adult's help.

Each kit contains everything you need to make a fully functional, flying model. You've got balsa wood sheets, which you can easily snap each component out of, a propellor, landing gear which is totally optional, as well as

decals for the wings and a rubber band that winds up and spins the propellor when released. These planes fly up to 50 feet!

I know what you're thinking....These sound too simple to provide much of a challenge for older kids and adults. Well, that's what I thought, too. I was so wrong. Each kit takes approximately 45 minutes (or longer, in our case) to assemble, and you've got to pay very close attention to detail.



My husband and teen put together the 3 planes we received, and it took quite a bit of time to complete them. Luckily, there are very clear instructions included with the models, so there was very little guesswork involved. Please be advised that you will need tape and glue to complete these projects. All we had was Elmer's School Glue, which does work, but I would recommend using super glue or crazy glue since it adheres better and dries more quickly.

We did run into a few hiccups while assembling our Guillow's models. Some of the balsa wood pieces are very small, and removing them from the sheets was a challenge. Several pieces actually broke in the process. Luckily, it was nothing that a small amount of glue couldn't fix, and once the planes were completed, you couldn't even tell. Honestly, this is not much of a deterrent, since these are super inexpensive. I would definitely buy more of them for my kids to play with.

Overall, I think Guillow's model airplanes are a great, budget-friendly way to spend quality time as a family. These fun models also promotes critical thinking skills and hand-eye coordination. So if you've got a junior aviator at home who has a knack with construction, definitely check these out!

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