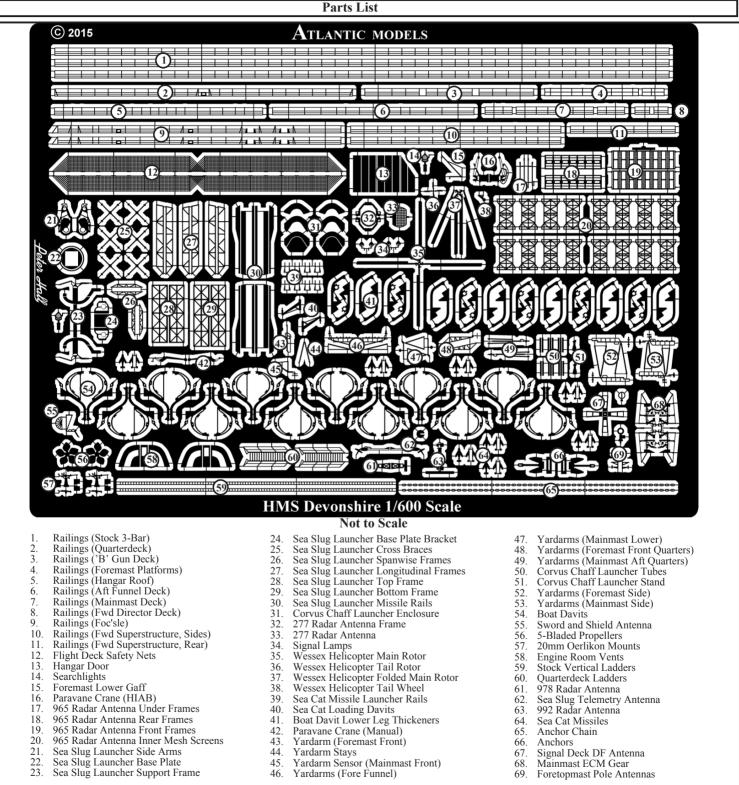


## 1/600 Scale HMS Devonshire

**Royal Navy County-Class Destroyer (DLG)** Photoetched detail set to fit the Airfix kit



General Instructions

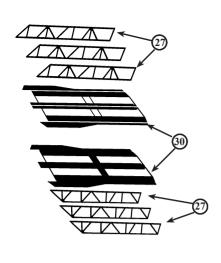
Do not remove the etched parts from the fret until you are ready to use them. Before assembly, soak the etched parts in a suitable solvent, such as white spirit, to de-grease the surfaces for painting. We recommend that the entire fret be primed with an acrylic automotive primer such as Halfords Grey Primer before assembling any of the parts. 2

Cyanoacrylate adhesive (super glue) or contact adhesive such as a white PVA glue may be used. These can be applied with a pin or piece of stretched sprue. 4 When removing parts from the fret, place the fret on a hard surface such as a smooth ceramic tile, in order to prevent parts bending whilst cutting through the holding tabs. We suggest using a No.10 rounded type of modelling knife blade for this purpose.

When shaping or bending a part, a straight-edged blade such as a chisel blade will give a good sharp corner, or alternatively an Atlantic Models Folding Tool ATT 01 or ATT 02 may be found to be useful 5

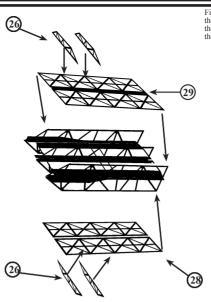
6. If a part is bent incorrectly, lay it on a hard flat surface and roll it flat with a cylindrical object such as a modelling knife handle.

## Sea Slug Missile Launcher Assembly



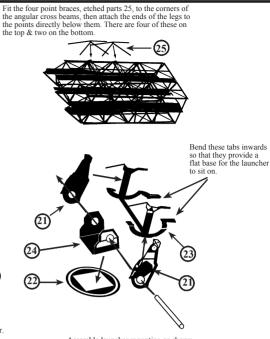
To assemble missile launcher, first take the two centre plates, etched parts 30 & fit the upper & lower vertical supports, etched parts 27 into the relief-etched grooves. When this is done join the two centre plates together to form the

missile guide rail section.

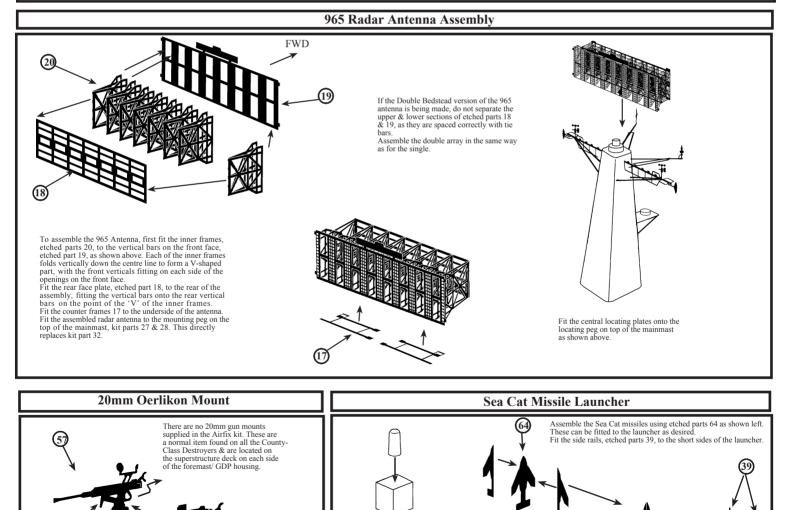


Next take the rectangular crossbraces, etched parts 28 & 29, & fit flat across the upper & lower vertical supports 27, as

NOTE: The lower crossbracing is slightly shorter than the upper Fit the angular crossbracing, etched parts 26, as shown to the 2nd & 3rd crossbar on the upper face, & the first & 2nd crossbar on the lower face.



Assemble launcher mounting as shown, using a piece of 1mm plastic rod to pass through the holes provided.

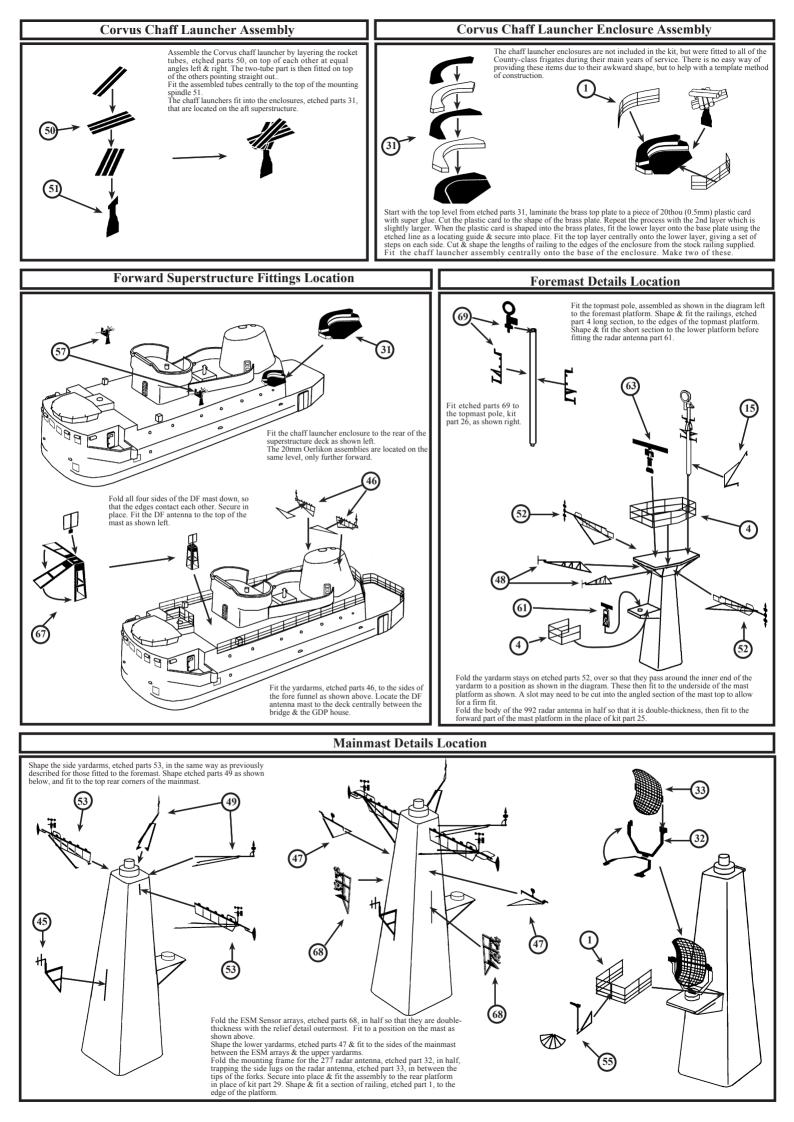


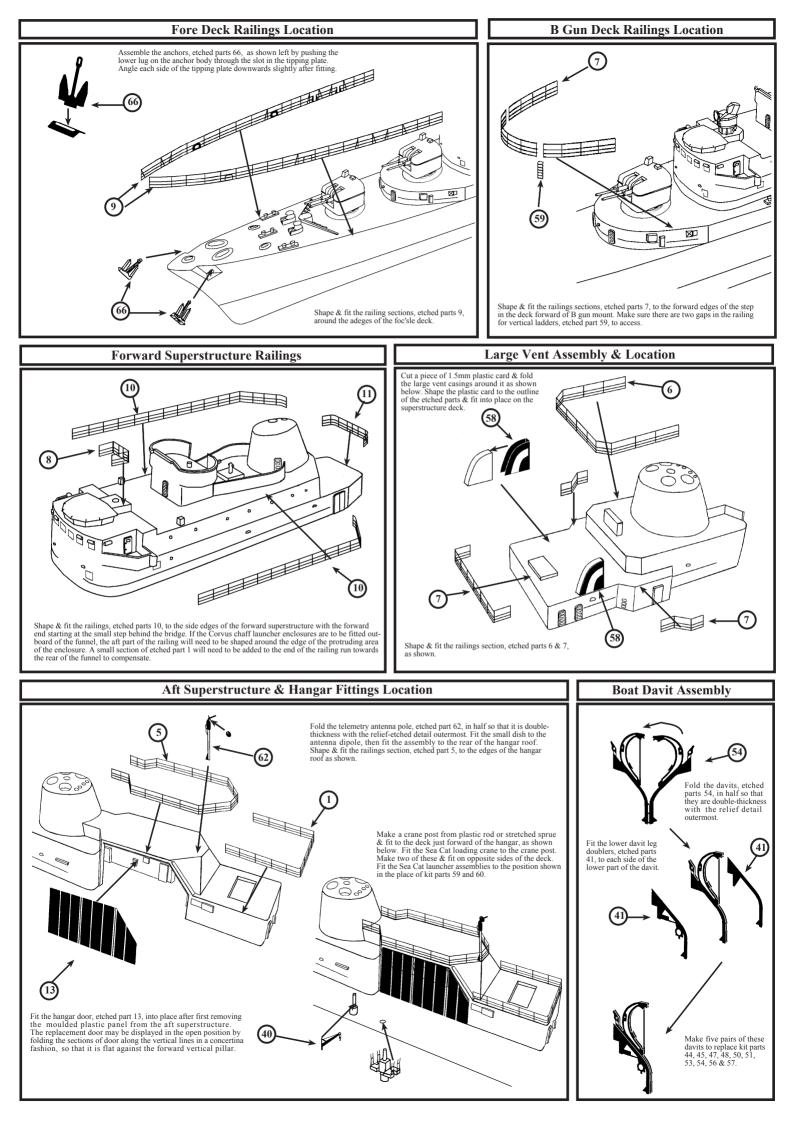
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The Sea Cat missile launcher supplied in the kit

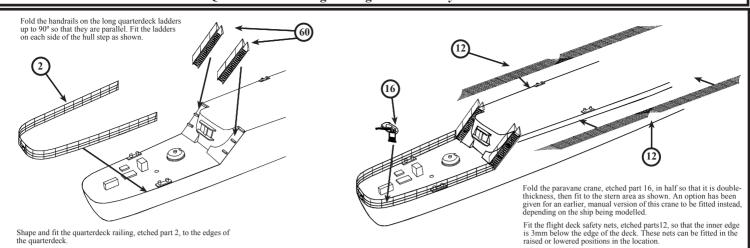
The Sea Cat missile launcher supplied in the kit is not really very representative of the actual item in both shape & size. We suggest that a new launcher is made from plasticard as shown left. Cut a rectangle 4.5mm x 3.5mm of plasticard and shape as shown left. Cut a square of plastic strip 2mm x 2mm M fit to the top surface. Cut a 2mm length of 2mm diameter plastic rod & fit to the underside. Cut a 2.25mm length of 1mm plastic rod or stretched sprue & fit to the top, as shown. Make two of these.

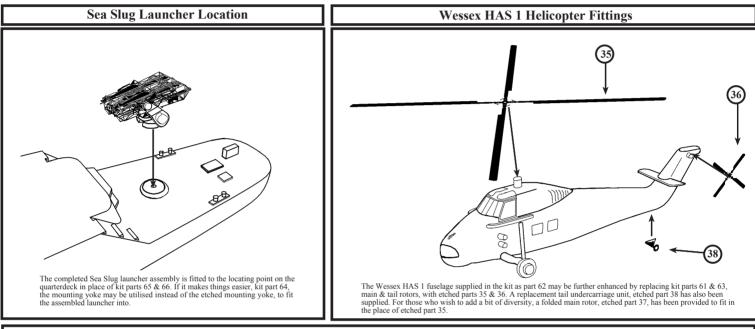
Fold the shoulder rests on each part of the gun body so that they are set apart when the gun body doubler is fitted. Fit the doubler plate to the gun body so that the long part fits over the gun body, making it double thickness.





## Quarterdeck Railings & Flight Deck Safety Nets Location





**Other Instructions** 

- Stock lengths of railings, etched parts 1, have been supplied to cater to those who wish to embark on a major kit bash & correct the errors that are present in this early representation of the *Devonshire*. The lengths of railing also serve the fittings that are required along the sides of the main deck from B gun position to the Sea Cat launchers.
- 2. Sufficient anchor chain, etched parts 65, has been supplied to allow not only the replacement of the chain on the foc'sle deck from the capstans to the hawsepipes, but also to allow the modeller to stream anchor chain from the hawsepipe to the surface of the water when a diorama scene is being modelled.
- 3. Vertical Ladders for fitting to the masts & platforms can be cut to the required length from the stock supplied, etched parts 59.
- 4. The propellers supplied in the kit as parts 73 & 74 are incorrect in the number of blades. Etched parts 56 are the correct 5-bladed propellers needed if a full-hulled model is being built. Cut the plastic blades from the hub & clean the circumference. Cut the hub in two at the point where the blades are to fit in & then refit the hub boss & shaft to the centre of the etched blades. The individual propeller blades may now be twisted to shape to form a screw.
- 5. For more information on the *Devonshire* & other ships of the class, go to: http://countyclassdestroyers.co.uk/ This is an excellent website that is rich in photographic information that will help with building the model.
- 6. This detail set has been designed as a straightforward enhancement for the Airfix 1/600 scale kit as it comes in the box. The kit itself is of vintage moulding from 1963 & so is not of the same standard of kits found today. Needless to say, there are inaccuracies in the kit, some serious, that will need to be addressed by the modeller if an in-depth build is to be carried out. To this end the details in this set will be a welcome addition providing the parts required to finish the fine details that are so evident on this type of ship in the form of the bedstead radars & the huge Sea Slug missile launcher.