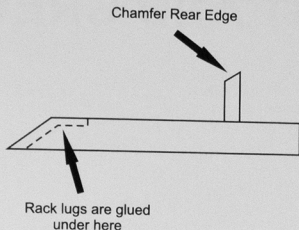


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It is important to dry fit the luggage rack at all stages before gluing it in place. Due to the thickness of the canopy parts, care is needed at all stages during the fitment of the rack and pouch to ensure clearance inside so the canopy will rest on the frame.

Check fit the rack centrally on the canopy reinforcement bow, noting that the rear lugs go under the rear lip of the frame.

It is suggested that the rear edge of the canopy bow is sanded down on an angle to match the rack bearers for a neater fit. The height can be adjusted by sanding the top of the bow. Use Blu-Tack to hold the rack and pouch in place while carrying out dry fit checks until you are satisfied.

Make sure you remove all traces of Blu-Tack and wash the resin and kit canopy parts with warm soapy water and allow them to dry. After cleanup, paint the inside of the canopy frame matt black, the transport rack in a suitable wood brown colour, and the lugs matt black. Paint the pouch a light khaki colour and weather to taste in order to match the rest of the aircraft. When dry, assemble these parts, glue the canopy to the frame, and then attach the entire sub-assembly to the fuselage in the desired position, mask and paint externally. It is a good idea to use either GS Hypo Cement (watch crystal cement) or Gator's Grip Acrylic Hobby Glue for this sub-assembly and attachment to the fuselage to prevent the clear parts fogging.

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