



Modeling Tip: Drying Rack

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I brought 16 unpainted hoppers with me to Florida to paint, decal and weather. To organize the extensive drying process (wash/dry; paint/dry; gloss coat/dry; decal/dry; gloss coat/dry; dull coat/dry; weather/dry; dull coat/dry) with these cars, I made the simple drying rack seen in the photo using scrap 2x3 lumber and dowel rods. Holes were drilled for the dowels.

The larger dowels were glued in, the smaller ones were left removable. I put my toilet paper tube car painting holders on the larger dowels for drying. The small dowel rods were sharpened in a pencil sharpener on one end. I put the car's trucks or couplers on the pointed end, paint them, and put the dowels in the small holes for drying. When I get back to Illinois I'll also use the rack for drying structures again using my trusty TP painting holders.