

Now that I have finished laying the piles, I can start working on the interior furnishings. After having thoroughly analyzed photos and drawings of the cockpit, I thought that the best place to start is the partition-panel on which the door is hinged (see its photo from the cockpit side and the dinette side).

This allows me to align it precisely to the doorstop created by the small difference of the level between the cockpit and dinette floors. In addition, the divider will be the reference for measurements and positioning of the various seats.



I use mahogany strips 3mm wide and 0.5 or 1mm thick. This choice is mandatory because my trusted wood supplier does not have a 1mm thick mahogany tablet and the 2mm one I have is too thick. By purchasing it online, the shipping cost is too high. To facilitate the gluing of the strips, I first prepare a cardboard template.



Then, I start from the dinette side, gluing the strips at the bottom and making the hole of the window.



I then move on to the cockpit side. In correspondence with the window, I glue a sheet of acetate to simulate the glass. Then I glue the strips and make the hole of the window on the other side.



At this point I have to make the lower part of the divider on the cockpit side which has a trellis decoration, which is not easy to do at all!

I thought I would try this simple method: I soak strips of gauze in water and vinyl glue overlapping at 45°. In this way I think I can simulate the trellis effect, make it rigid and then glue it easily to the panel.

In the meantime, I attach the frame of the window to the divider and I paint the lower part of the panel, on which I will place the trellis, with a brown acrylic color.

