

# MODEL

# MAKER'S

# CORNER

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# A Model of



The model, shown as bought, is sitting on what is left of its crushed packaging.



**W**ELL, ALL RIGHT! You found your dream pickup, and after three years of restoration, it is perfect. In fact, you took it to its first show, and it won first place. Now what?

Of course, you will enjoy the truck, but if you want something for your desk or bookcase to show to others, consider 1/18-scale die-cast models. Measuring 9 to 10 inches in length, they are large enough to show details and have a nice, substantial weight. They can be found at hobby or antique shops if you are lucky, and eBay has a ready supply (search for "1:18 die cast"). The model in this article was \$12.99 plus \$7 shipping and arrived in four days.

The first step is to remove the model from its packaging and step on the box. This removes any temptation to keep the box. This is a model of your real truck—not a collectible.

Models often come in three color choices, but let's say yours is not available. Re-painting is pretty simple. You have two choices. You can re-do it in the beautiful baby blue on your restored truck, or you can make it look like your truck when you found it. In either case you must take the model apart, so you don't paint the glass and trim.

For this project you will need a screwdriver, a pocketknife, fine steel wool, a small container for the parts, masking tape, paint markers, primer, paint, and perhaps a hot glue gun. If you are modeling the finished truck, you may have a little paint left for the model.



Lift out the chassis very carefully after removing all visible screws.