OUTLINING CONTROL SURFACES

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Many FAC'ers prefer to use black tissue strips for outlining control surfaces on rubber models, especially Dime Scale ships. The stark lines of black tissue seem appropriate on these highly stylized model airplanes. Stew Meyers of the dreaded Potomac Pursuit Squadron (D.C. Maxecuters) uses a simple technique for this that he describes below.

" Coat some wax paper with glue stick and smooth black tissue over it shiny side up. Then, I cut thin strips of it to use as outlines as I need them. Peel a strip off the wax paper and lay it down roughly in place on the model. A little isopropyl alcohol on a brush will activate the residual glue stick adhesive to stick it in place. Of course, alcohol will also release it if you need to move it around. You can then permanently adhere it by flowing thinned white glue or nitrate dope along the edges". (Technique also good for applying tissue framing to canopies - Tailspin Editor)