

# Making Tissue Letters

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**From Paul McIlrath....** "I enjoyed seeing the reprint of the ( double tissue) article illustration... (Editor: Paul refers to the illustration showing how to cut letters from tissue that appeared in July 2004 Windy Sock). Using two-ply tissue for letters and trim is much easier than working with flimsy single-layer tissue. It's not difficult to cut and apply control surface outlines 10 or 15 thousandths wide. The illustrations appeared in British Aeromodeller a few years ago in an article that included a page of written text. Most of the sketches are pretty self-explanatory but if some reader is going to try it, Notes 2 and 3 might need some clarification. Note 2: To make 2-ply material, the two blanks must be a half-inch or more larger than the finished product on all four edges. Saturate both pieces with thin dope, overlay them, and squeegee all bubbles and wrinkles out. Note 3: When sticking the pattern and multiple blanks together, spot glue them only in the outside half-inch margin (scrap), That just keeps them from slipping when you're cutting. The finished characters separate easily.