

DOWNLOADABLE BUILDINGS:



INFO, INSTRUCTIONS AND TIPS

Buildings are very important in Dropzone Commander, since the game was designed with urban combat in mind. Infantry are far more effective when fighting from structures, and many scenarios involve objectives hidden inside buildings. They also provide excellent obstructions to vehicles and sometimes to aircraft (in the case of tall buildings over 6" high). This greatly adds to the potential for fire and manoeuvre, and makes the game far more tactical.

While all this makes Dropzone Commander a great game for urban battles, we also appreciate that many players don't have a large stock of buildings already in place, especially in 10mm scale. Hawk Wargames will be producing scenery at a range of price points to cater for your scenery needs, from our highly detailed resin modular system to pre-cut card buildings.

However, we also feel that for a new game the cost and availability of scenery should not be either a barrier to entry or to playing the game as it was meant to be played. As such, we have created an vast selection of self-print buildings for you to download and build at home which are absolutely free! These are totally accurate in scale, and are cross-compatible with all our future scenery lines. This means you can add detailed resin accents to these buildings, use resin lobbies and card upper stories - anything you want!

We've been working hard to ensure that these are available from day one, giving all our players an extremely low cost scenery option from the start. We hope you have fun building a few of these, and using them in your early games of Dropzone Commander!



Downloadable Buildings - some we made earlier (don't worry, you won't need this many!)

- Choosing, Downloading and Printing -

Browse and download as many buildings as you like! They are available in A4 and in A3 format. The A3 sheets are complete nets, with the bulk of the structure being folded from a single sheet. The A4 format structures generally come in 2 or more parts, and are provided without roofs (a selection of which are available to download separately). Some will require the printing of multiple sheets (it will state if this is required on the sheet).

Our buildings come in two size types, which are all derived from real building standards, and match our resin system. The first type is residential buildings, which have a floor-floor height of 17mm and the second type is commercial, which have a floor-floor height of 21mm. All buildings are designed in segments which are 36mm wide (both residential and commercial). Building sizes are stated simply as, say, '3x2', meaning that the building is 3 segments wide and 2 segments deep (i.e. 108mm wide, 72mm deep for a 3x2 structure).

When printing, make sure that no scaling is being applied by your printer driver. All our sheets have at least a 6mm white border, which should allow scale-free printing on most home inkjets. Use the sizes stated above to check that your printer isn't applying heavy scaling.

- Optional Additions -

You'll notice that some of the buildings have separate components for balconies to make these structures truly 3D, adding to their realism. However, the main body of the building is printed with the balconies in 2D, making the addition of the balconies entirely optional (since they are quite time consuming to cut out!). Cutting guides are not included on the main body of the building for this reason, although you'll find it's quite obvious where to cut slots if you do wish to use the balconies.

Also, an A4 size file is available with a selection of air conditioning units to add 3D accents to you roofs. These can be quite time consuming to cut out, and as such the 2D roofs include air-con units to save you time (just glue the 3D ones over the 2D ones if you wish to use them!).



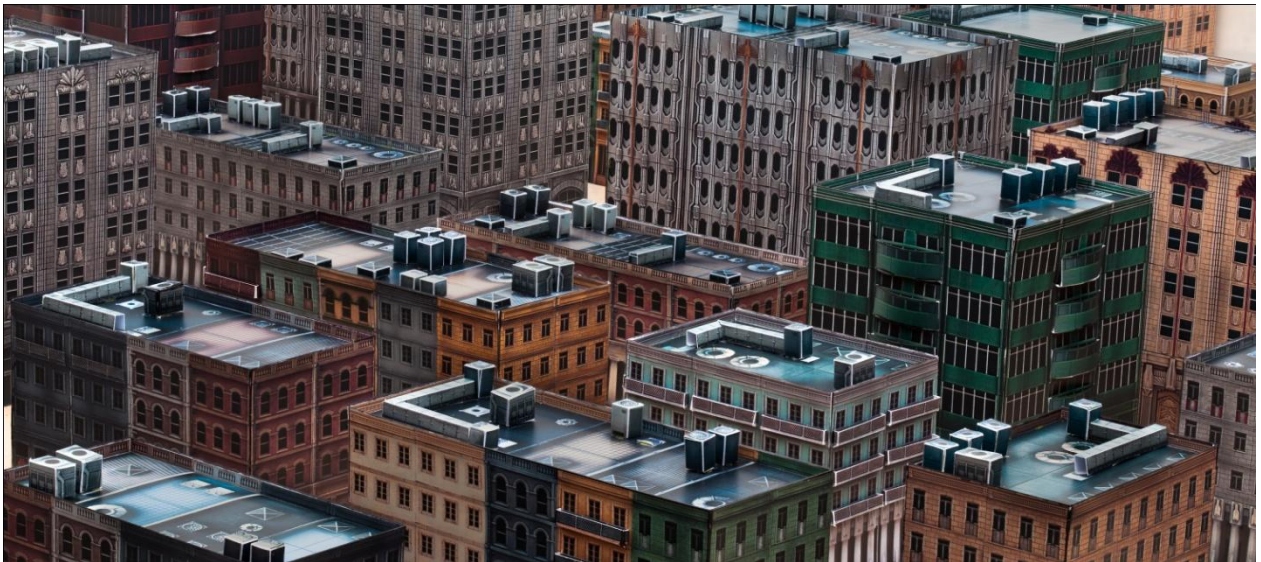
- Which Stock and Assembly Method to Use? -

There are several methods we'd suggest for printing and assembling your buildings;

1) Print straight onto card - This is the simplest method, requiring the least number of steps to create your buildings (we built ours this way!). However, be sure to use thick, rigid card stock to avoid wobbly structures! Score the edges which require folding to ensure crisp edges - be careful not to cut yourself if using a sharp craft knife for this purpose! Always use a cutting mat, and take your time.

2) Print onto paper, and mount onto card - If your printer won't handle card, you could print onto ordinary paper (we'd suggest using a photo paper to ensure good quality!). After doing so, you could spray mount the entire sheet onto a thicker card stock before cutting them out and scoring them (be sure to do this in a well ventilated area!).

3) Build structures with foamcore and attach facade detail - This method delivers rigid and lightweight buildings, but is a little more involved. Firstly, print the sheets onto paper, and use the resultant sizes as a guide to building an inner 'core' using foamcore/ foam board. Cut out the printed parts, and attach them to the foamcore before/after it's assembled (use whatever method works best for you!)



- Hints and Tips -

1) Dealing with Edges - Scored and folded edges sometimes leave unsightly white areas of card exposed. Carefully running a black felt-tip pen along these lines will greatly improve the look of your buildings.

2) Cornices - All our downloadable buildings feature fold-over cornices, which add detail to the inside face of the roof wall. These should be scored and folded over 180 degrees + glued down before the building is assembled.

3) Customise! - You don't have to build the structures exactly as they are here. It's easy to cut out or add floors! You could even tile many prints to create massive skyscrapers, long seamless avenues or unusually shaped structures! Being creative will reward you with many possibilities!