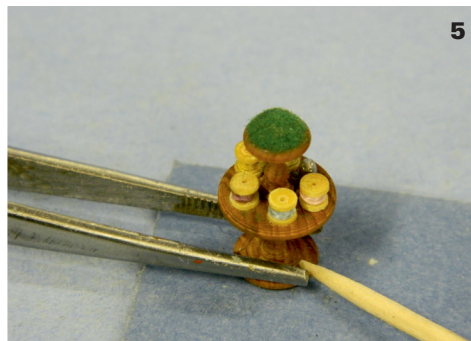
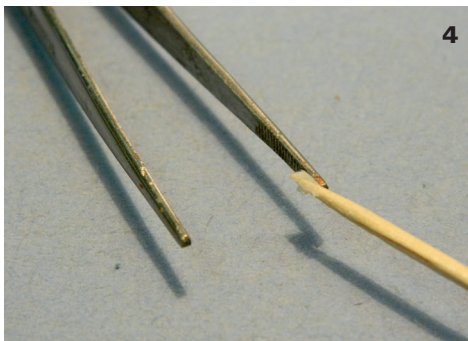
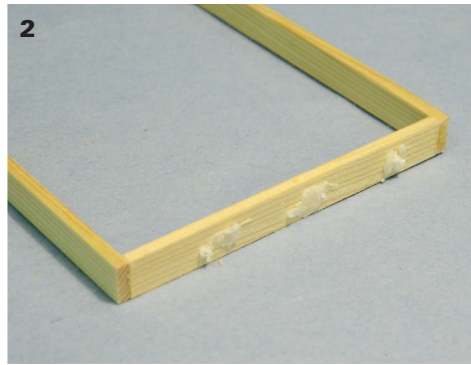
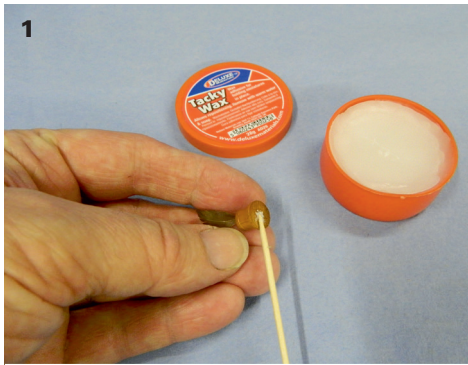


# Uses of Tacky Wax



The majority of miniaturists will be familiar with Tacky Wax and are most likely to have used it at some time or another when working on a project. I would think that its most common use is in holding small items in place when finishing a project, for example placing a bowl or vase on a table. It does however have other uses. For anyone who has not come across this product, it is a soft waxy substance made by Deluxe Materials and comes in a plastic tub. I find that its best applied to an item with something having a narrow or pointed end such as a cocktail stick or old knife blade, **photo 1**. Once applied, the item is positioned as desired and will be held in place with the wax.

In assembling the sides for the workshop building I suggested that Tacky Wax could be used to temporarily hold the window and door frames in place whilst the cladding was applied. Normally

the wax would be applied quite sparingly but in this case a little more wax may be needed in order to hold the door or window frame, **photo 2**. This is due to the frame being subject to more handling than under normal circumstances when using the wax, **photo 3**. A similar use is in the holding together of parts of a kit whilst they are checked for fit or during a dry run. In cases such as these it's important that all traces of Tacky Wax are removed before gluing, painting or finishing.

When working with miniatures, at some time or another, the use of tweezers is called for and I am sure I'm not alone in having lost small pieces when using these. All too often there is a ping as the piece in question flies off never to be seen again. A dab of Tacky Wax applied to the points of the tweezers can help overcome this, **photo 4**. Once the piece is in its required place, a cocktail stick or knife blade is used

to keep it in place whilst the tweezers are released and removed, **photo 5**. Any Tacky Wax should then be cleaned off the tweezers.

Holding a small screw to a screwdriver whilst its guided into a hole is something else for which I have found Tacky Wax useful. As with tweezers, a small blob applied to the end of the screwdriver will help hold the screw in place whilst its positioned, **photo 6**.

A further example of its use is as an aid when painting. For example, a 1/12th scale Toby jug can be very difficult to hold whilst it's painted. If it's held down to a piece of scrap card using the wax, it makes painting that much easier, **photo 7**.

Whilst these are some of the uses I have found for Tacky Wax I am sure that there are many more and would like to hear of other uses and suggestions.