

Pins

As well as the large outdoor models, I also make extremely light models to fly indoors at the Insiders at Stalham Sports Centre. It means using strips of balsa 1 mm square or less and mylar film down to 0.5 micron. Yes, that's half a thousandth of a millimetre.



Pinning such models down on a board is difficult. In a BMFA News Mike Woodhouse, the BMFA free flight head honcho, mentioned that you can get very fine pins that are used to pin down biological specimens like flies, beetles and butterflies. Dead of course, unless you are Tom Lehrer with his pigeons. <https://www.freeflightsupplies.co.uk/>

So I took a look on eBay and sure enough the pins are available in sizes from 00 to 5, which are 0.27 to 0.71 mm. You can buy a hundred for about £4.



https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/100Pcs-Insect-Pins-Specimen-Needle-Stainless-Steel-for-Scol-Lab-Entomology-FOYB/193545919524?ssPageName=STRK%3AMEBIDX%3AIT&var=493770458996&_trksid=p2057872.m2749.l2649.

You might find other uses for them. Acupuncture? Dolls house kebab skewer? N-gauge railway fence post?