

Self build

If you have read the recent 2019 Special Issue of Radio Control Models & Electronics you will have seen an attempt to get people to try building models rather than always buying ready-to-fly. They listed several suppliers but I think two stand out – Tony Nijhuis and Sarik Hobbies. Both sell materials for scale models in several forms. You can buy just a plan or can go on to a set of laser and router cut parts, a complete set of additional wood, hardware such as props, mouldings, spinners and retracts, or all of the electrical devices like motors and ESCs. Nijhuis also gives free documents detailing how to build both in words and pictures.

For my 1/9 scale Mosquito I bought the complete set from Tony Nijhuis. The quality was very good, from the plan to the choice of wood. I found one or two mistakes in the plan and parts but nothing serious. I have been told that his designs tend to be tail heavy so I am building the tail end differently. Sarik does a similar service but I have not tried it, apart from their excellent metal spinners mentioned in a previous newsletter. Tony Nijhuis will also scale his plans up or down to almost any size for about £100.

<http://www.tonymijhuisdesigns.co.uk/>

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