

Trumpeter TR05714

Trumpeter USS Nimitz CVN-68 Model Kit Instruction Manual

Model Number: TR05714

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides general guidance for the assembly, maintenance, and care of your Trumpeter 1/700 scale USS Nimitz CVN-68 model kit. This kit is designed for experienced modelers aged 15 and up. Please refer to the specific instruction sheets included in your kit for detailed, step-by-step assembly procedures and part diagrams.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Small Parts Warning:** This kit contains many small parts which may pose a choking hazard. Keep out of reach of children under 3 years of age.
- **Age Recommendation:** Recommended for ages 15 and up due to complexity and the use of sharp tools and adhesives.
- **Ventilation:** When using glues, paints, and solvents, ensure adequate ventilation in your workspace. Follow the safety instructions provided with these products.
- **Sharp Tools:** Exercise caution when using hobby knives, clippers, and other sharp tools during assembly. Always cut away from your body.
- **Photo-Etched Parts:** Photo-etched parts can have sharp edges. Handle with care and use appropriate tools for bending and attaching.

3. PARTS LIST OVERVIEW

Your Trumpeter USS Nimitz CVN-68 model kit includes approximately 633 plastic parts and photo-etched detail parts. Before beginning assembly, carefully unpack all components and compare them against the parts diagram provided in your kit's instruction booklet to ensure all pieces are present and undamaged.

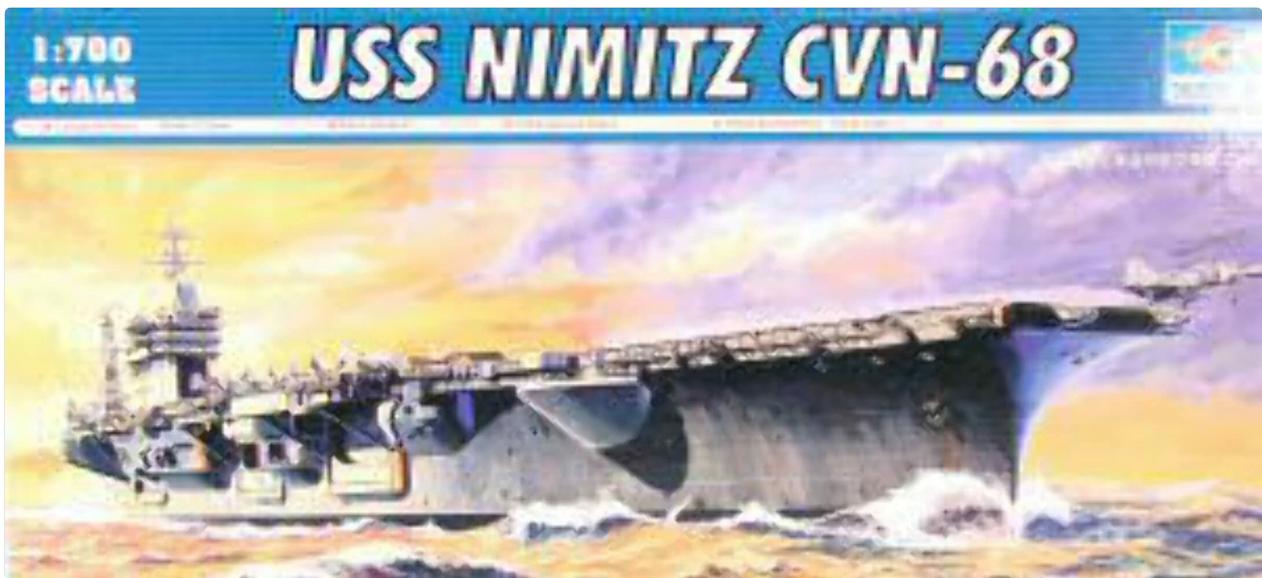


Image 1: Trumpeter USS Nimitz CVN-68 Model Kit. This image shows the product packaging, providing a visual reference for the kit.

The kit features highly detailed plastic components and specialized photo-etched parts for enhanced realism, particularly for railings, radars, and other fine details.

4. ASSEMBLY AND SETUP

Model assembly requires patience and precision. Follow the numbered steps in your kit's instruction booklet for the best results.

1. **Preparation:** Carefully remove parts from their sprues using a hobby knife or clippers. Clean any flash or mold lines with a hobby file or sandpaper.
2. **Test Fit:** Before applying glue, always test fit parts to ensure proper alignment and fit. Adjust as necessary.
3. **Adhesion:** Use appropriate plastic cement for plastic parts. For photo-etched parts, super glue (cyanoacrylate adhesive) is typically recommended. Apply glue sparingly.
4. **Painting:** Painting can be done at various stages of assembly, depending on the part and desired finish. Refer to the painting guide in your kit for color recommendations and placement.
5. **Decals:** Apply decals after painting and a clear gloss coat. Use decal setting solutions for better adhesion and to conform to surface details.
6. **Photo-Etched Parts:** These delicate parts require careful handling. Use fine-tipped tweezers and a photo-etch bending tool if available. Attach them after major plastic assembly is complete.

5. DISPLAY AND CARE

Once assembled, your USS Nimitz model is a display piece. Proper care will ensure its longevity.

- **Display Location:** Place your model in a stable location away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity to prevent warping, fading, or damage to adhesives.
- **Handling:** Handle the model by its base or sturdy sections. Avoid touching delicate parts like antennas, railings, or aircraft.
- **Cleaning:** Dust regularly with a soft, dry brush or a can of compressed air. Avoid using water or chemical cleaners, which can damage paint or decals.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

Even experienced modelers can encounter challenges. Here are some common issues and general solutions:

- **Parts Not Fitting:** If parts do not fit perfectly, check for excess plastic (flash) that needs to be trimmed. Sometimes, slight sanding or filing of mating surfaces can improve the fit.
- **Paint Issues:** If paint is peeling or not adhering, ensure the surface was clean and dry before painting. Use appropriate primer for better adhesion. Humidity can also affect paint drying.
- **Broken Parts:** Small, delicate parts can break. Use plastic cement for plastic parts or super glue for very small or photo-etched parts. For larger breaks, consider reinforcing with a small piece of plasticard or wire if possible.
- **Missing Parts:** Double-check the sprues and packaging. If a part is genuinely missing, contact the manufacturer's customer support with your proof of purchase and the specific part number.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Trumpeter
Model Number	TR05714
Scale	1/700
Subject	USS Nimitz CVN-68 Aircraft Carrier
Number of Parts	633
Material	Plastic, Photo-etched metal
Recommended Age	15 years and up
Special Features	Includes photo-etched detail parts

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your Trumpeter model kit, please refer to the documentation included in the product packaging or visit the official Trumpeter website. As warranty terms can vary, it is best to consult the manufacturer directly.

If you require technical assistance, have questions about missing parts, or need further support, please contact Trumpeter customer service through their official channels. Contact information is typically found on the product box or their corporate website.