Tips & Tricks

A Couple of Building Hints
How many times have you used the household iron and been jumped on for leaving sticky stuff on it? Have you used iron-on film and had the color pigment stick to the iron and bleed to another section leaving streaks and marks on the second color (red on white, for instance)?

Solution: Heat the iron, put some salt on any sheet of paper and rub the iron over the salt. PRESTO! Iron face back in pristine condition.
—From the Tingalpa Transmitter in Australia

When drilling a hole in balsa, the wood has a tendency to splinter out and make a nasty mess where the drill bit exits. Drip a few drops of thin Hot Stuff around the exit area of the drill bit and let it cure. You can now drill a hole and the wood will hold together much better. It may still splinter out some, but not nearly as much. This method also works great when drilling wing hold-down holes on built-up wings.
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