

Resources for kit cloning

1. Balsa Machining Service - THE source for custom made balsa parts, such as nose cones and transitions. BMS also makes a complete series of 1960's and 70's-vintage Estes and Centuri nose cones and related parts.

Website: <http://www.balsamachining.com/>

2. Totally Tubular - Great source for industry-quality kraft paper tubing at good prices. Totally Tubular carries Estes, Centuri, Quest and Aerotech size tubes. Also available are centering rings, couplers, and recovery materials.

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3. JimZ Rocket Plans - The BAR's Mecca. The greatest single source for kit instructions & decals from the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's, newsletters, goodies and links on the Internet. Got the itch to make a copy of the very first model rocket kit you ever built and flew? Here's where you start. Includes Estes, Centuri, MPC, MRC, & Canaroc.

Website: <http://www.dars.org/jimz/rp00.htm>

4. Tango Papa Decals - Tom Prestia cashed in on the kit-cloning surge of the mid-90's by offering replications of a number of kit decals from old Estes kits, in particular the Mars Lander of 1969. He has since branched out into custom decal work, and as a source for the materials and advice on how to make your own decals.

Website: <http://www.tangopapadecals.com/>

5. Ninfinger Model Rockets - Great on-line source for information on practically everything and anything related to model rocketry. You really have to check this one out for yourself!

Website: <http://www.ninfinger.org/~sven/rockets/rockets.html>

6. Evergreen Styrene Products - Produces a vast selection of styrene plastic pieces, forms, and shapes readily adaptable for model rocketry uses.

Website: <http://www.dawntrading.com.au/evergreen.htm>

7. Plastruct, Inc. - Calls itself "the world's leading supplier of Plastic Scale Model parts".

Website: <http://www.plastruct.com/Home.html>

8. Alien Enterprises - Yes, our own Ed Miller produces a nice nose cone and fin set for the Estes Pershing 1A Maxi-Brute from the 70's and 80's. We suspect that Ed has some other products in the works, too.

Other sites of interest for cloners:

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~buzznau/centuri.html> : Buzz Nau is with an NAR Section in Michigan, and I THINK was the original owner of THOY. On this site, Buzz lists a number of areas of interest to kit cloners, in particular old Centuri kits.

<http://www.wilhelm-aerospace.org/cloned-rockets.html>: This site is all about kit cloning, with a step-by-step procedure for gathering the information, parts, and finishing materials for your model.