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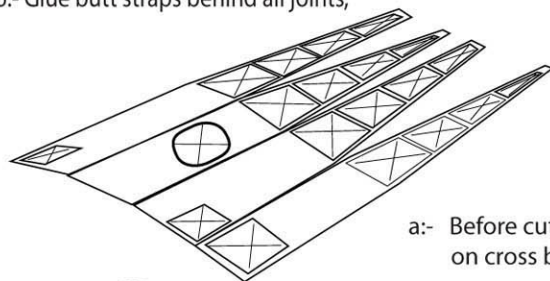
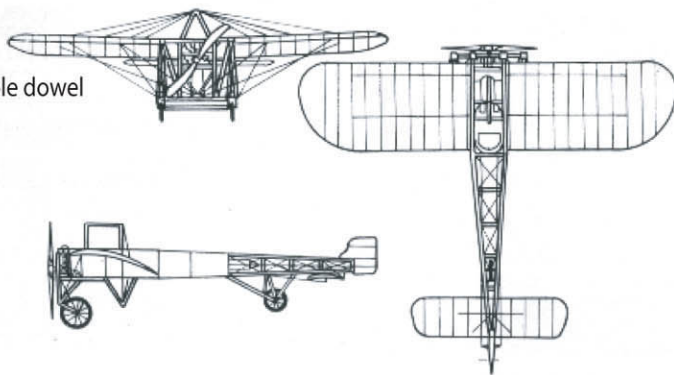
The Bleriot XI made it's debut at the Paris Salon de l'Automobile et de l' Aeronautique in December 1908 along with the type IX and X but the latter models never flew. But the third plane was another story. The type IX made it's first flight at Issy in January 23 1909 and was clearly an efficient if still not perfect aircraft.

After some development and fitting a 3 cylinder Anzio engine and a 2 blade propeller the modified IX gave excellent performance.

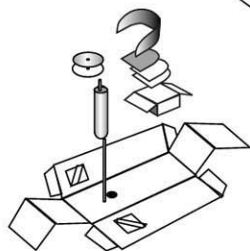
This aircraft was the first to cross the English Channel Flown by Louis Bleriot on July 25 1909.

general instructions :-

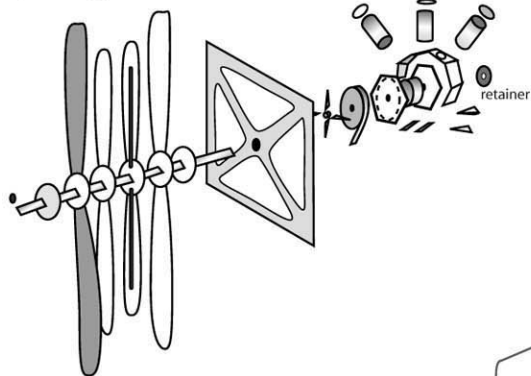
- 1:- Cut out each part as required with a sharp knife
- 2:- Scribe folds with a dull point and roll any curved parts around a suitable dowel
- 3:- Glue together using white glue sparingly
- 4:- Assemble in order indicated
- 5:- Use thin wire to stiffen parts in tail wings and undercarriage
- 6:- Glue butt straps behind all joints,



a:- Before cutting fuselage from the sheet carefully cut the openings And if required glue on cross bracing (Optional and for more experienced modelers).



b:- Assemble the cockpit liner , the controls (note the hong wire this goes below the fuselage) and the seat fit these in place.



c:- Assemble the crankcase by rolling the spacer between the back and front then wrap the outer case and fit the angle fitting , roll the crankcase front and fit the front with it's shaft guide and angles, roll the three cylinders and glue where indicated.

d:- Cut the openings in the front bearing plate before cutting the plate from the sheet.

e:- Laminate the propeller and attach to the wire shaft, pass the shaft through the bearing plate and the engine glue on the retainer and cut the wire.

f:- Fold up the fuselage gluing the cockpit (with the wire projecting from below the fuselage) and the former inside.

g:- Form the top deck and glue over the former on top of the fuselage glue motor assembly in place.

h:- Fold the tail plane and rudder fit in place (note tail plane is below the fuselage packed down at rear.

i:- Form the tail support glue under the fuselage.

j:- Form the control support and rocker lever fit over the wire and glue below the fuselage.

