

## Cessna U3-B “Blue Canoe” Part 5 By Jerry Testa



Almost done! The wings and fuselage have been primed sanded and are ready for paint. As I mentioned in my last installment I will be using a water based polyurathane. I have never used this type of paint before and it did present some complications. It is thined with water and you have to get right viscosity for it to spray correctly, if not it will run... which it did. If it's too thick, it'll spatter... which it did also. This particular brand paint dries to a satin finish so that means I'll have to put a clear coat over it if I want it to shine. Painting the fuselage was a bit tricky with the masking but it did turn out well as you can see in the pictures. I used standard painters masking tape and newspaper.



Painting the wing assembly was straightforward since it is a solid insignia blue color. After all was painted and the markings applied a coat of clear polyurethane was applied. All went well with the fuselage but since I chose to paint the wing in my garage on a windy day a gust of wind came into the garage, carrying a nice collection of dust and other particulate that found their way onto the fresh clear coat... Now I will have to wet sand the wing with 600 grit and clear-coat it again. Hopefully I won't damage the markings when I do this... Arrrrg! The next couple of pictures are of the completed plane prior to being wet sanded. Still missing some parts like the nose gear. Till next time!

