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Step-by-step process for using brass rods to base your ships:

Needed tools:

1/16" brass rod  
3/32" brass rod  
Dremel or saw

Note: Do not use any form of snips or scissors to cut the brass rods. They will crimp the ends. This will make it impossible to fit the two pieces into each other.

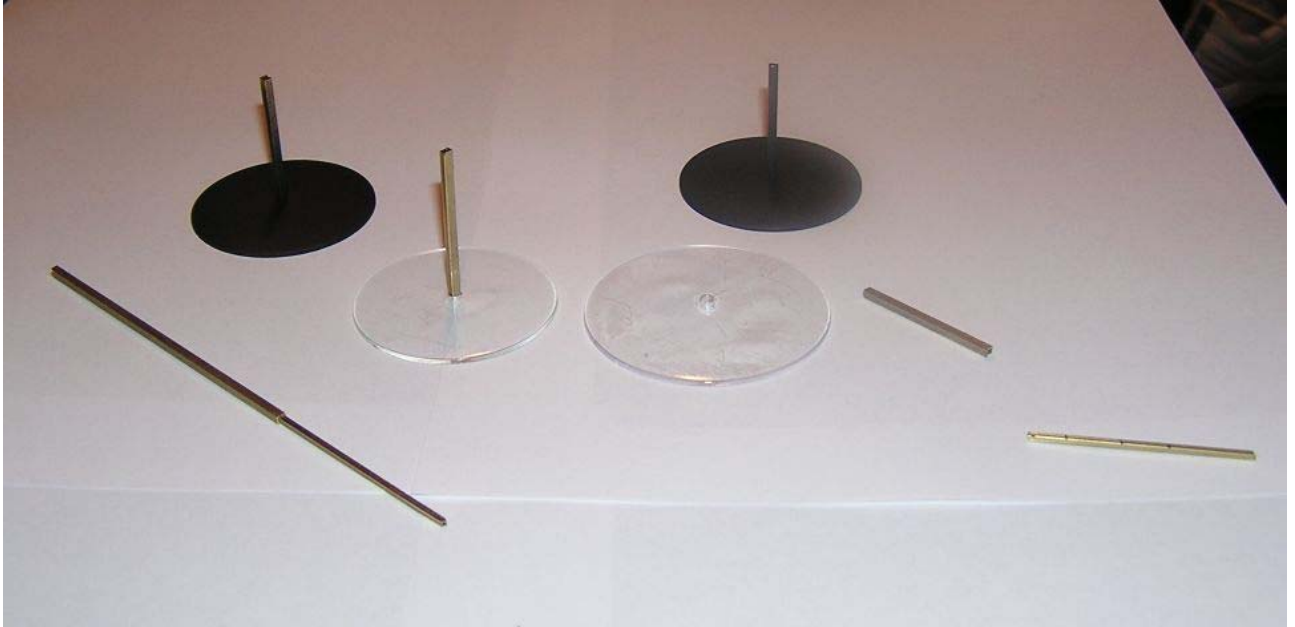
2nd Note: Use square rods instead of the round ones. This will keep the minis from turning in the stands.

- 1- Cut the 1/16" rod to about 1cm.
- 2- Cut the 3/32" rod to about 4cm.
- 3- Insert the 3/32" rod section into the flying base. Gently hammer it into place.
- 4- Insert the 1/16" section into the stem hole in the mini. If the hole is not wide enough you can widen it with a 1/16" drill bit for the Dremel or with any tool that is 1/16" wide. Place a little glue into the hole to keep it in place. Make sure a least 5mm are sticking out of the mini.
- 5- You can prime them together or separately. You will get a slightly better layer of primer if you do it separately. If you do it together you do not have to worry about the primer making the rods not fit into each other. If you do prime separately you can scrape the primer off the 1/16" rod section with your nail or by gently rubbing a hobby knife over it.

I use K&S Engineering brass rods. You can find them in many hobby shops. Their tubing stands look like this:

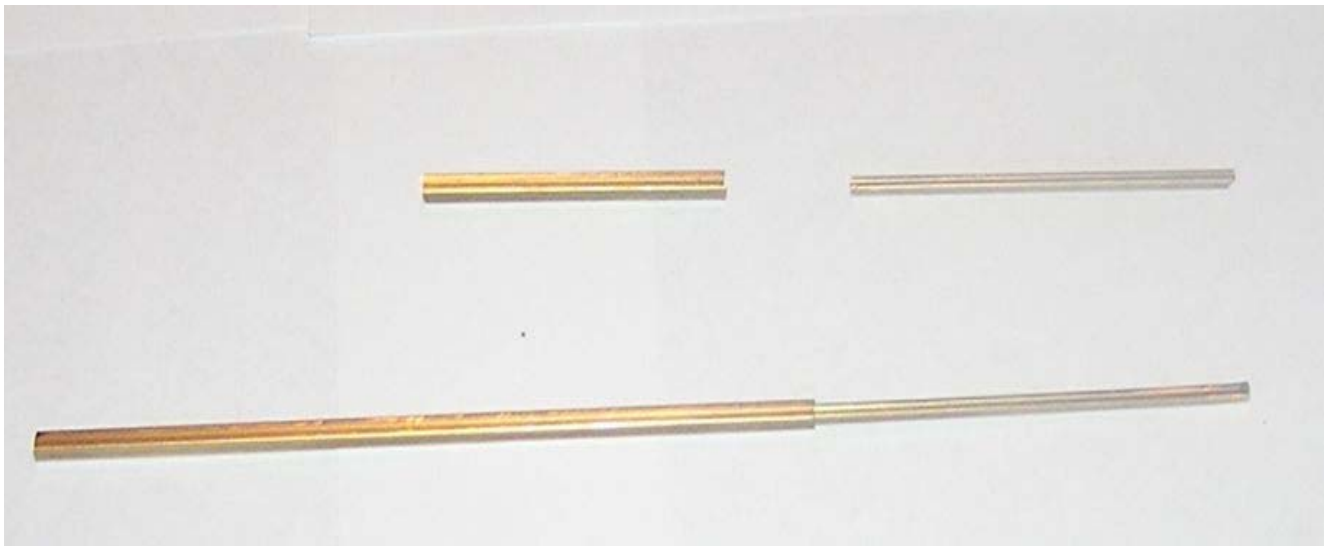


This picture shows 2 primed black stands, one unprimed stand, a GW flying base, a section of cut 3/32" rod that can be used on the base, an uncut (but marked) piece of 1/16" rod and a section of 1/16" rod inserted into a piece of 3/32" rod.



To get the sections of  $3/32$ " rod into the base just gently hammer them in.

This second picture is a close-up of the sections of brass rod. I rolled the  $1/16$ " rod so you cannot see the markings where I plan to cut next time I need small sections.



The last picture shows 2 primed minis; one in the base, one not in.

