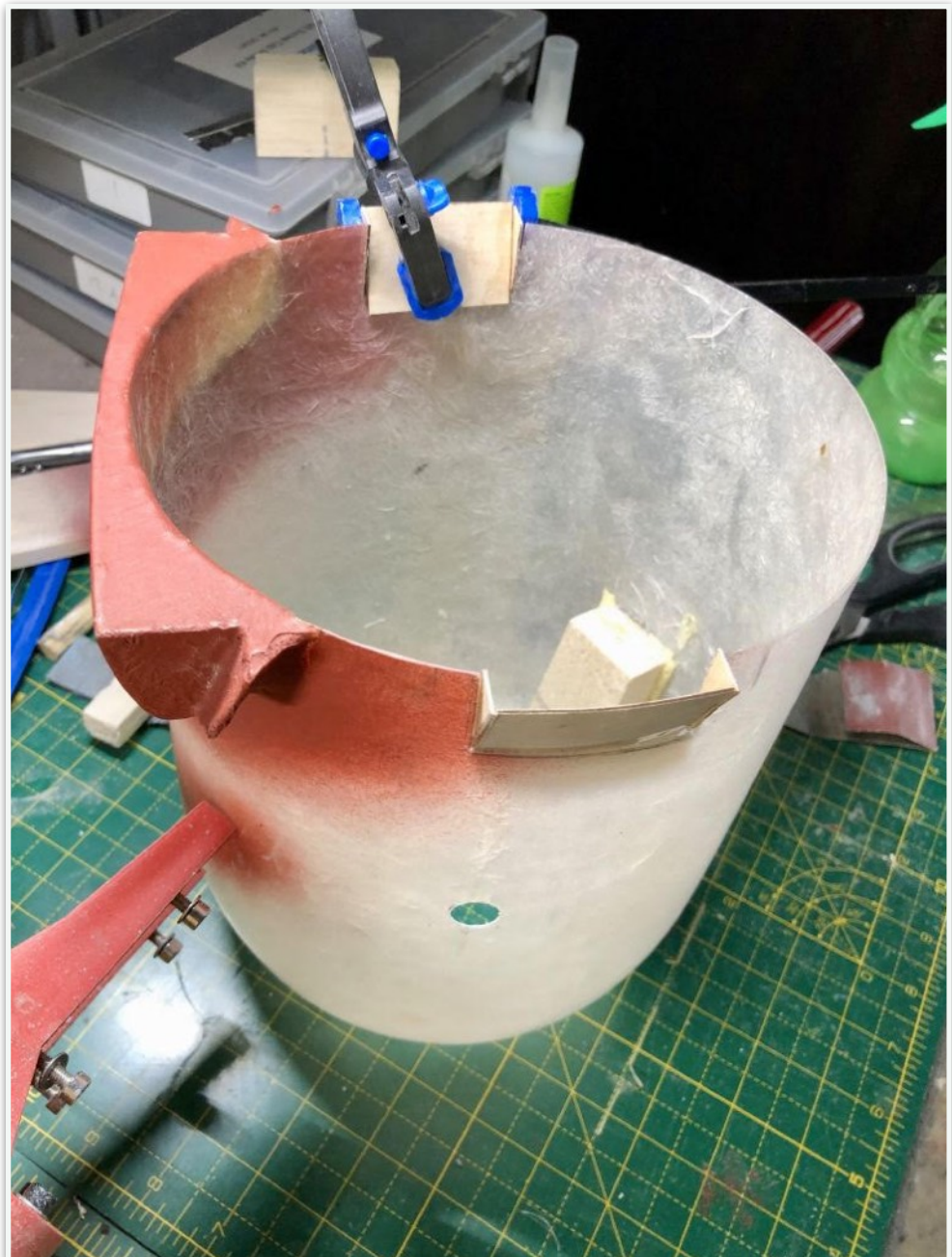


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Another couple of little detail jobs to do. Firstly I wanted to show the 2 cowl cooling flaps in the open position which meant cutting out recesses in the cowl and fabricating new 'doors' from thin ply. Secondly I needed to make the radio mast. Unfortunately the turtle deck behind the cockpit is veneered foam and 2 years ago I didn't think to glue in a balsa reinforcing block to support the mast. I wanted a removable mast, otherwise it will just get knocked off in transport, but whichever way I tried I just couldn't get the fuse fixing (female bullet connector) to hold in place and ultimately ended up with the mast stuck to the fuse! So I chopped the whole thing off and started again, this time using a short length of dowel as the fixing support.

So, I fitted the cooling flaps to the cowl



And went back to the radio mast, chopped it out and glued in a dowel mounting base, a lot better now!



Then it was out with the yellow paint for the spinner and cowl ring, followed by the 2 aluminium (tape) cowl bands and the machine gun barrels made from some brass tubing.



So with all but a bit of yellow on the tail, the main painting is done (weathering to come!!!) so it was time to assemble it to see what it looks like.







