



TRANSCRIPT – MODEL BUILDING: THE INTERVIEW

- ***Can you introduce yourself?***

My name is Michael Burkinshaw. I'm from Sheffield, in Yorkshire, in the north of England.

- ***How did you begin building models?***

When I was 5 years old, I started building models because my uncle at the time was an adolescent and up until that point he used to buy model airplanes that he had built himself for me and my brother. And then one year, he just said 'here', (he) gave me the box, (he) told me to build it because he said 'now I have a girlfriend.'

- ***What do you need to build models?***

Well, the tools required are quite varied and there's quite a lot of tools required. But basically what you will need is patience and perseverance because patience and perseverance are like something you learn slowly because you learn from your mistakes. If the next model is better than the previous model, then you're winning because a master at something has made more mistakes than a beginner has ever even attempted.

- ***What are your favourite types of models to make?***

There are an infinite quantity of types of models to build. You can build a model of anything in any scale. I have tried almost every type but the ones I like most are aircraft, figures and vehicles.

- ***Would you recommend model building?***

I would recommend model building as a hobby because it is a good way to relax, a good way to disconnect, to concentrate, and cut out lots of things around you. It's not expensive, some things are expensive but when you think of the ways that a certain amount of money could be spent then, quite probably, you're going to get more time and value for money from a model than any other way of spending money.