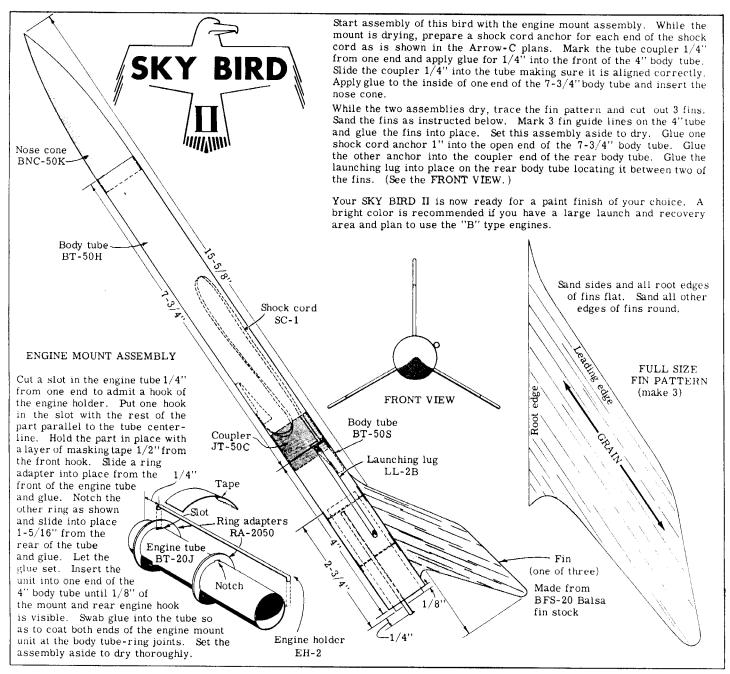
Since a model using break-up recovery lands harder than one using a parachute or streamer, it is especially important to have correct wood grain direction on the fins and to have all joints securely glued. Fin grain is correct when it is possible to follow an uninterrupted grain line from any point on the fin to the "root edge" of the fin (the edge that glues to the body). Generally this can be done if the grain is parallel to the front (or leading) edge of the fin.



To obtain a good glue joint, the fin root should be sanded square and covered completely with glue before it is pressed in place against the body tube. After this glue has dried, a glue filler (fillet) is applied to the joint as shown. The rocket should be supported on its side while the glue dries.

