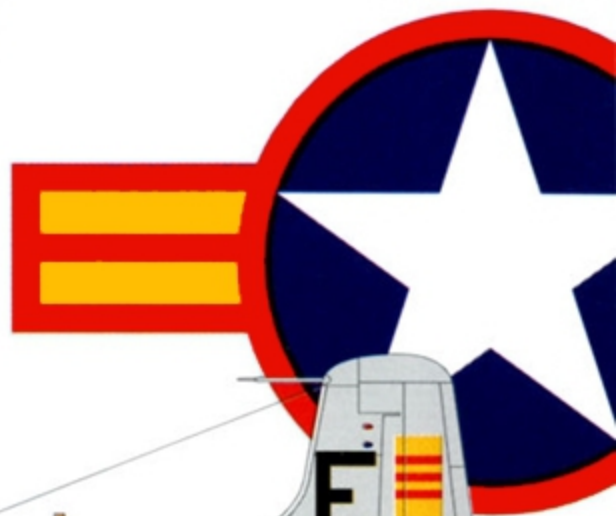


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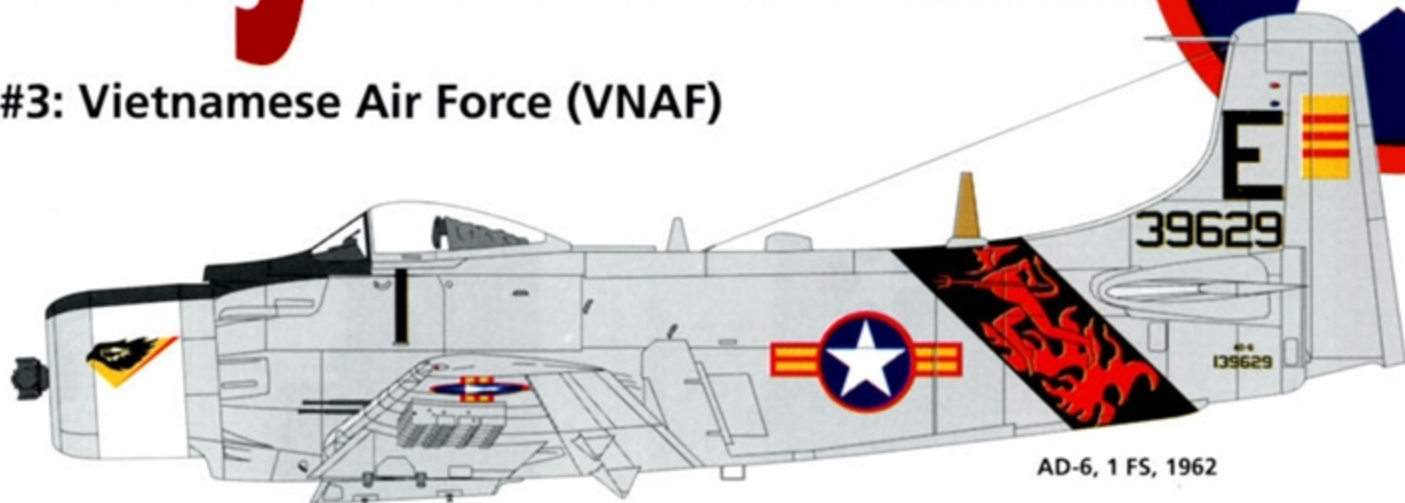
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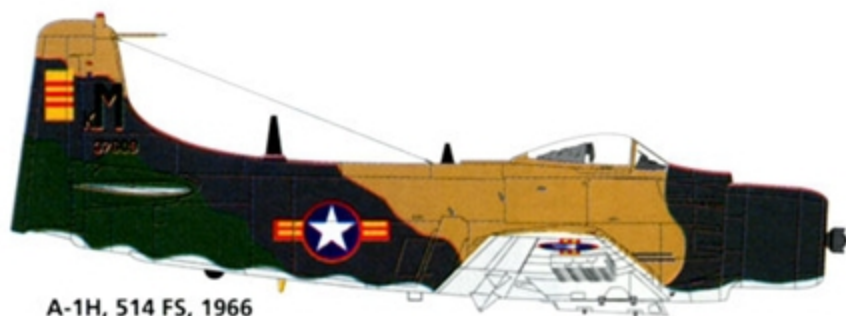
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#3: Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF)



AD-6, 1 FS, 1962



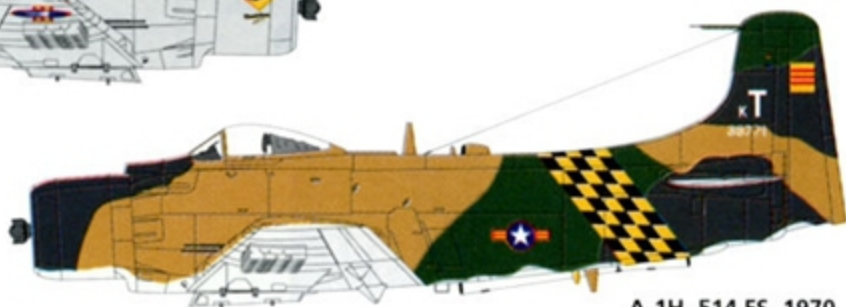
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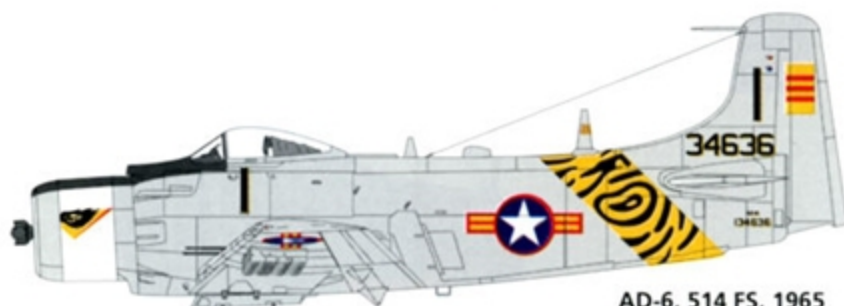
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AD-6, 514 FS, 1964



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AD-6, 514 FS, 1965

Recommended kits:

- 1/48 Tamiya AD-6 or Monogram "Skyraider"
- 1/72 Hasegawa A-1

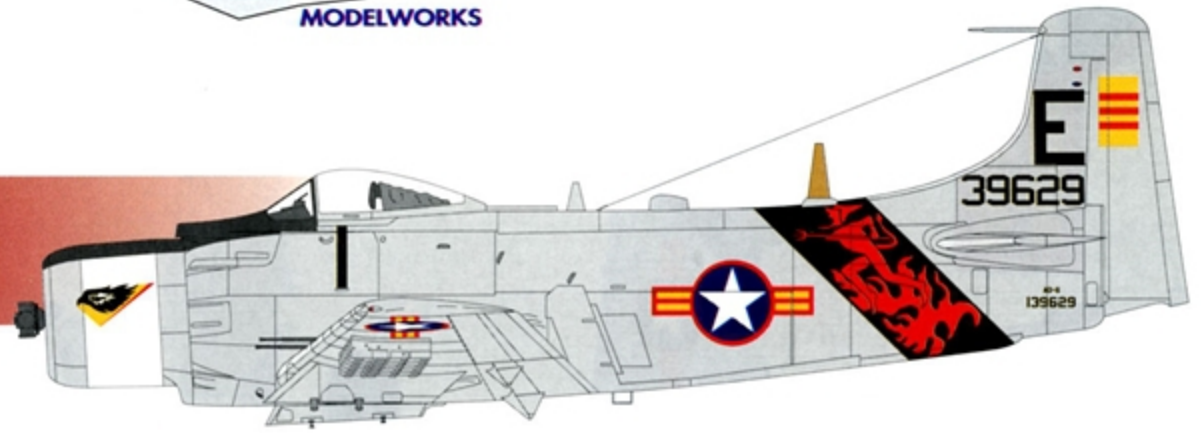
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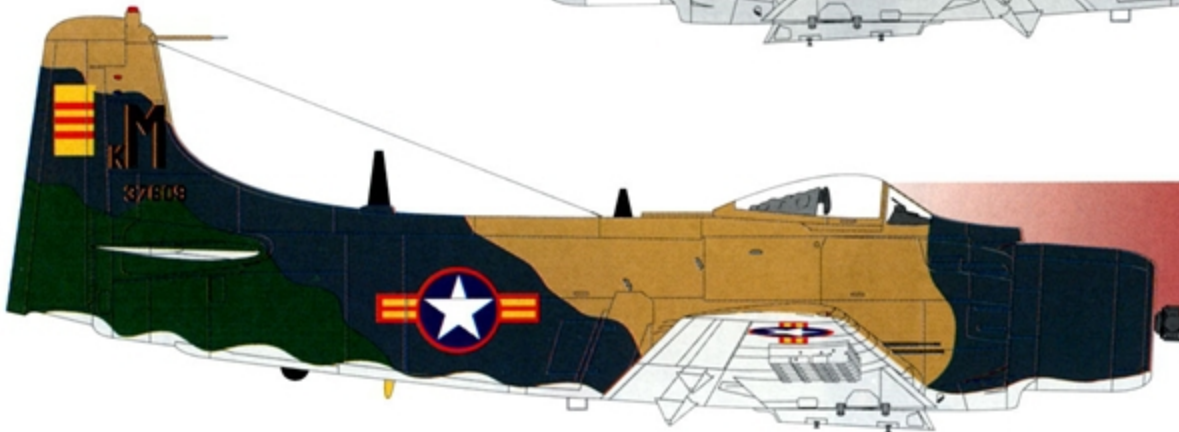
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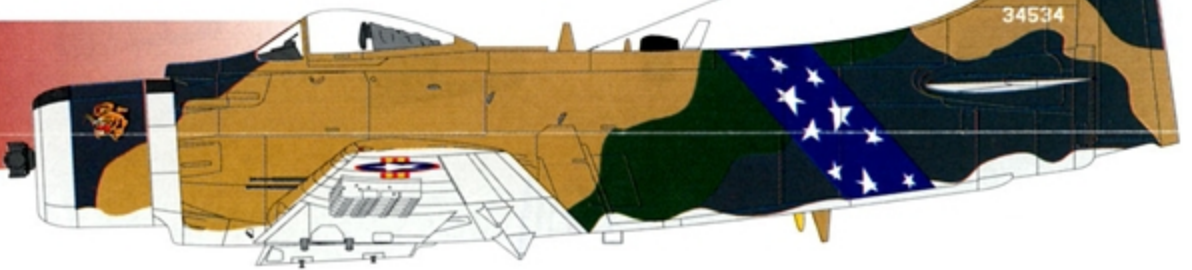
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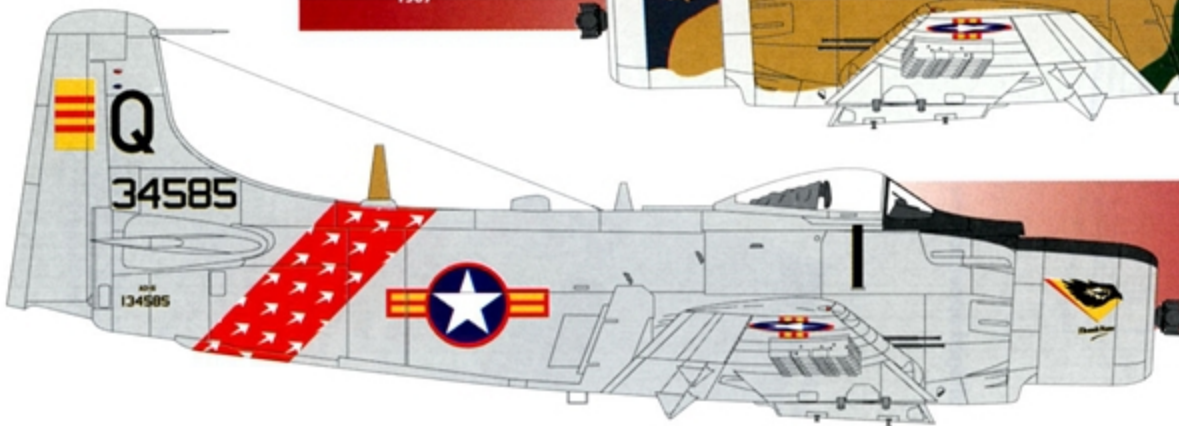
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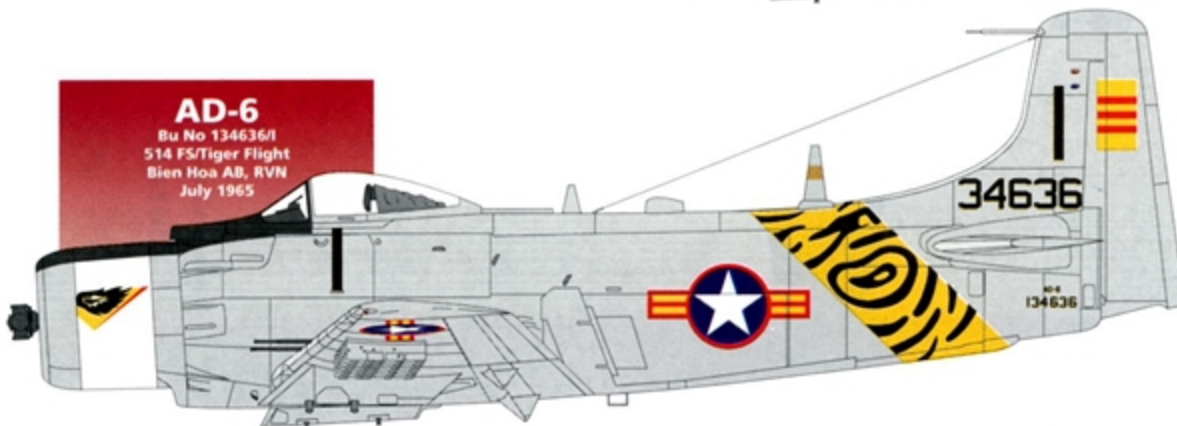
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AD-6

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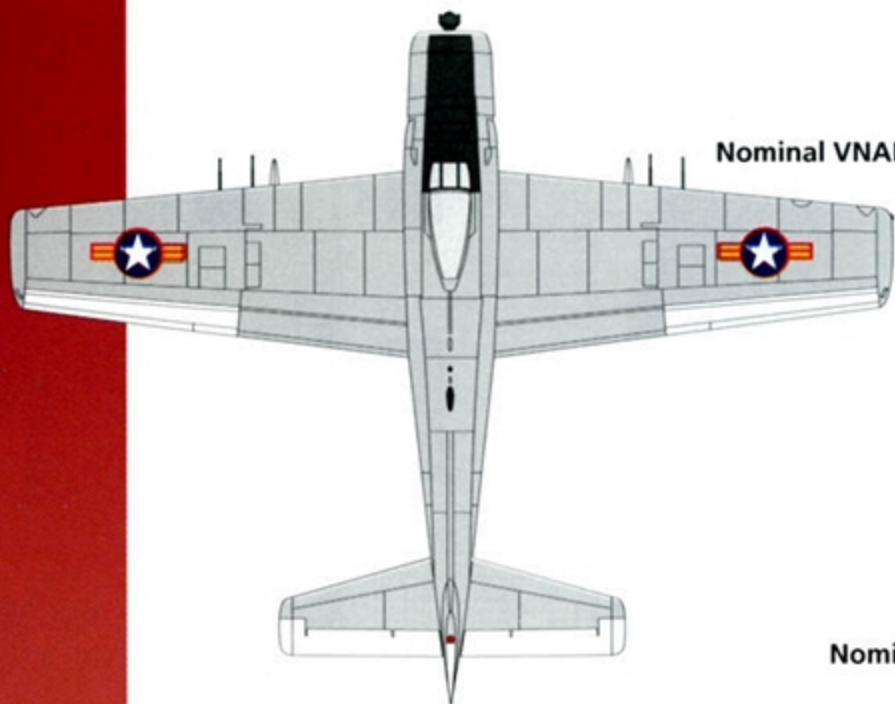


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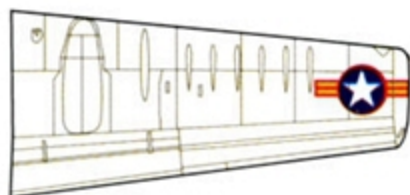
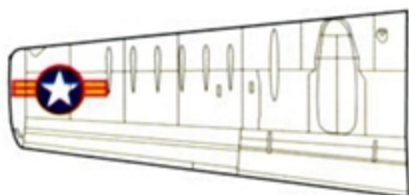
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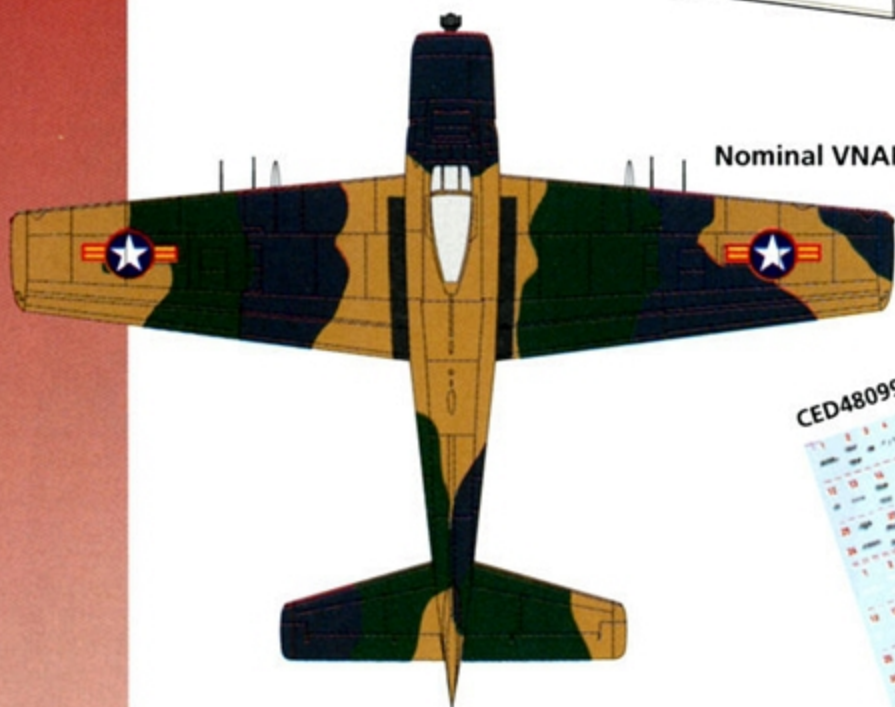
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Nominal VNAF gray scheme upper surfaces

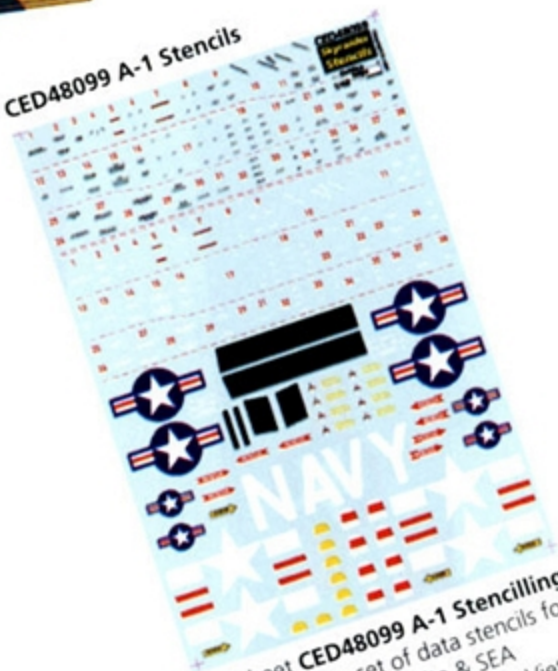


Nominal VNAF lower wing surfaces



Nominal VNAF camouflaged upper scheme

CED48099 A-1 Stencils



See sheet CED48099 A-1 Stenciling for a complete set of data stencils for sea blue and gray/white & SEA camouflaged aircraft, 1950s & Vietnam style national insignia. This sheet was produced based on original Douglas Aircraft engineering drawings for the maintenance stenciling and insignia!

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General Notes

- All the Skyraiders on this sheet are AD-6s (later known as A-1Hs), and therefore can be built straight from the box using the 1/48 Tamiya or Monogram kits and the 1/72 Hasegawa kit. Note that standard US Navy (Light Gull Gray over Insignia White) or standard USAF SEA colors were used. Also note the large spine blade antenna on some of the aircraft, as well as the various antenna shapes and locations on all aircraft.
- Removable armor plate was added as the result of combat losses in Korea and was added as retrofit kits to the AD-4s (and presumably AD-3s, if any were still flying combat) starting in 1952. The AD-6 and AD-7 were built from the beginning to accept the bolt-on armor plating. Rausa's book has an excellent description of how and why the armor plating was developed and the subterfuges involved in getting it applied to the fleet's aircraft.
- No VNAF Skyraider with light gray camouflage on top or large fuselage national insignia would have been equipped with the Yankee Extraction System as this equipment was not installed until after the aircraft had been camouflaged and the size of the national insignia reduced. However, certainly not all VNAF Skyraiders with the small national insignia were equipped with the Yankee seat!
- It has been incorrectly reported that the VNAF Skyraiders were delivered in some shade of light gray paint used by the USAF. This is incorrect, as they were delivered in the standard USN colors of Light Gull Gray over Insignia White.

E/39629/Black with Red Devil

- The fuselage band has been reported as being dark blue, and in fact in some color slides from the period it does look a little blueish. However, after consultation with Robert Mikesh, former curator of the National Air & Space Museum and author of the most comprehensive book ever published on the Vietnamese Air Force, and viewing numerous color slides and prints, we are sure the band color is black as shown on the decal sheet.
- This plane had the standard aluminum bucket seat (not the Yankee seat).

kM/137608/no band

- Undersides were FS 36622
- This plane had the standard aluminum bucket seat (not the Yankee seat).

VNAF/34534/Blue with White Stars

- Tiger head on right side of nose was placed in a much lower position than on left.
- Undersides were FS 36622.
- One source reported this Spad was in the 516 FS.

Q/34585/Red with White Arrows

- This Spad was bellied in by Lt Bui Dinh Giang at Bien Hoa in June, 1966 (repaired). It had the *yellow/black checked fuselage band* and no squadron insignia on nose at that time.

kT/39771/Black & Yellow Checkers

- Undersides were FS 36622
- Although this plane was originally delivered to the VNAF with the standard aluminum bucket seat (of course!), it was later fitted with the Yankee Extraction System ejection seat.

I/34636/Tiger Stripes

- Later this aircraft had center plate of cowling painted black with no squadron insignia; the black stripes on fuselage band were very faded by this time.

Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.

- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

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