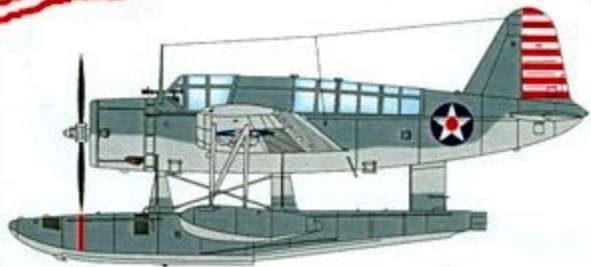


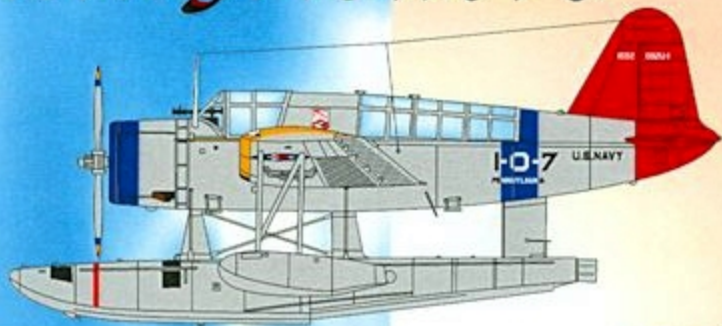
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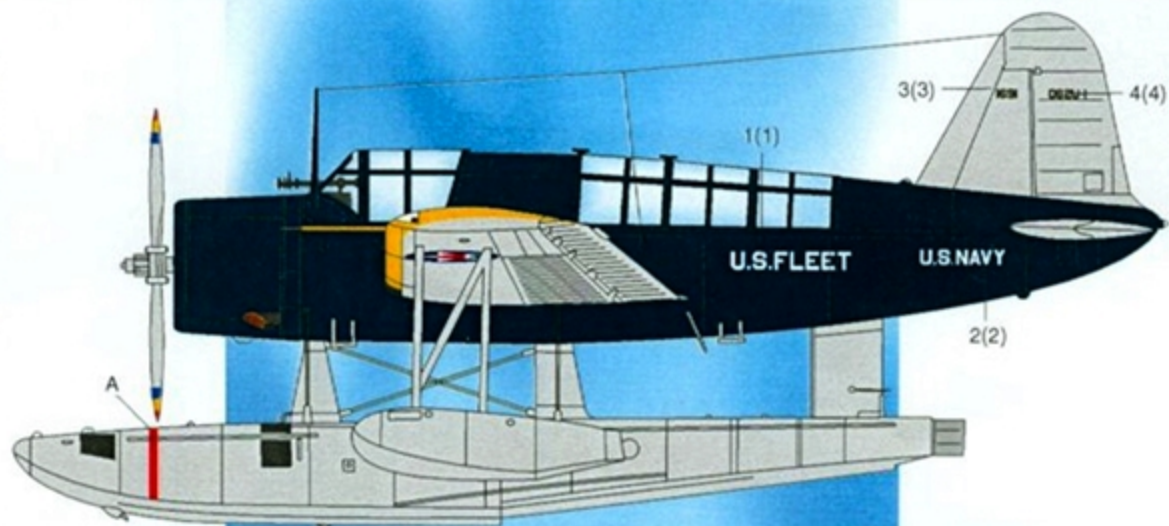
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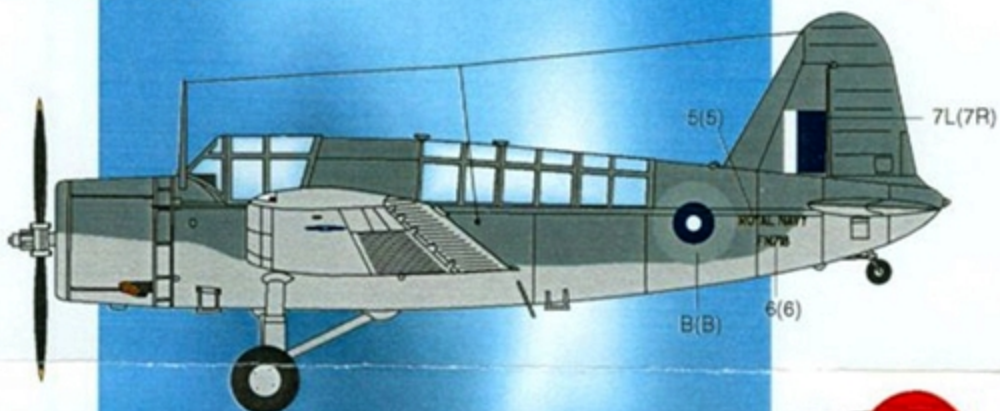
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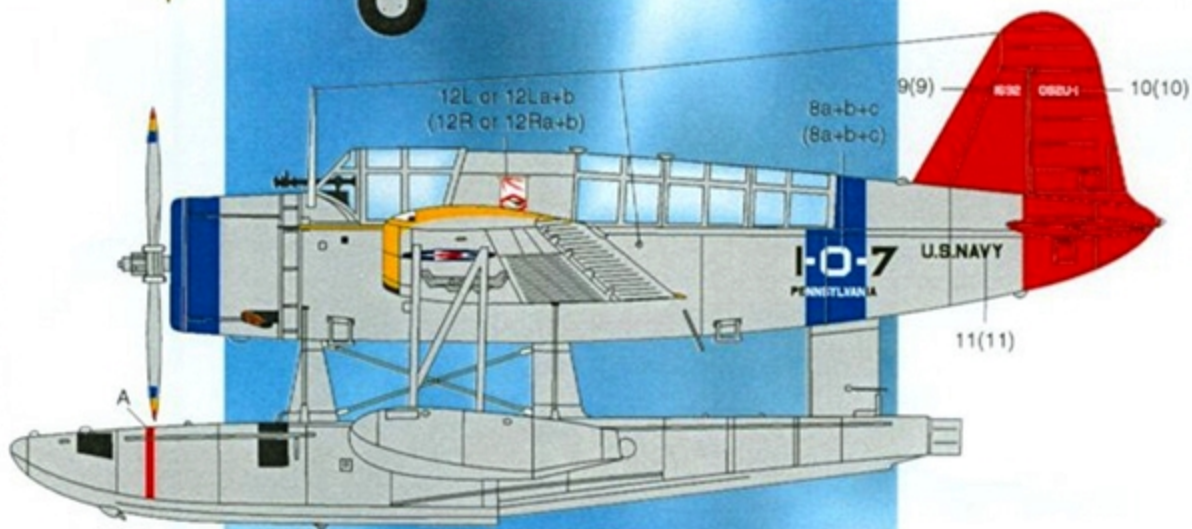
Vought-Sikorsky OS2U-1 Kingfisher BuNo. 1691. Assigned to the Commander-In-Chief, US Fleet at Pearl Harbor, in 1940. "Flag Blue" (FS15044) fuselage with the floats and empennage finished in Aluminum paint. The upper wing surfaces were Chrome Yellow. Early US national insignia were carried in the four wing positions only. No cowl or fuselage bands or wing chevrons. Aluminum propeller with Red, Yellow, and Blue tip bands. The flagship of the US Fleet, USS Pennsylvania (BB38), carried a fourth catapult for the CINC's aircraft.



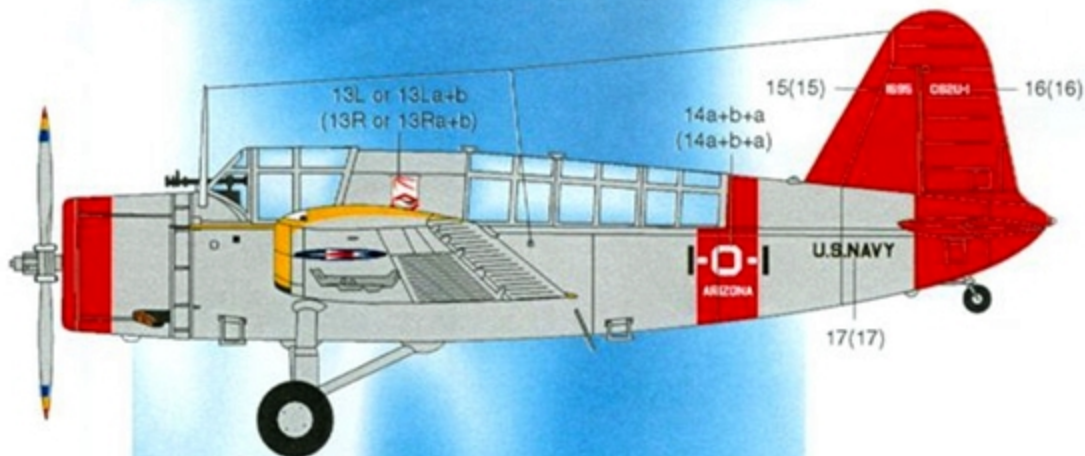
Vought-Sikorsky Kingfisher Mk. 1 FN718. Assigned to the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm in the Far East, 1943/44. Finished in US Navy Blue Gray and Light Gray colors. Roundels in six positions. Note freshly painted areas on wings and fuselage where large European roundels were overpainted. Black propeller blades with Yellow tips. Note that FAA Kingfishers did not use the telescopic sight.



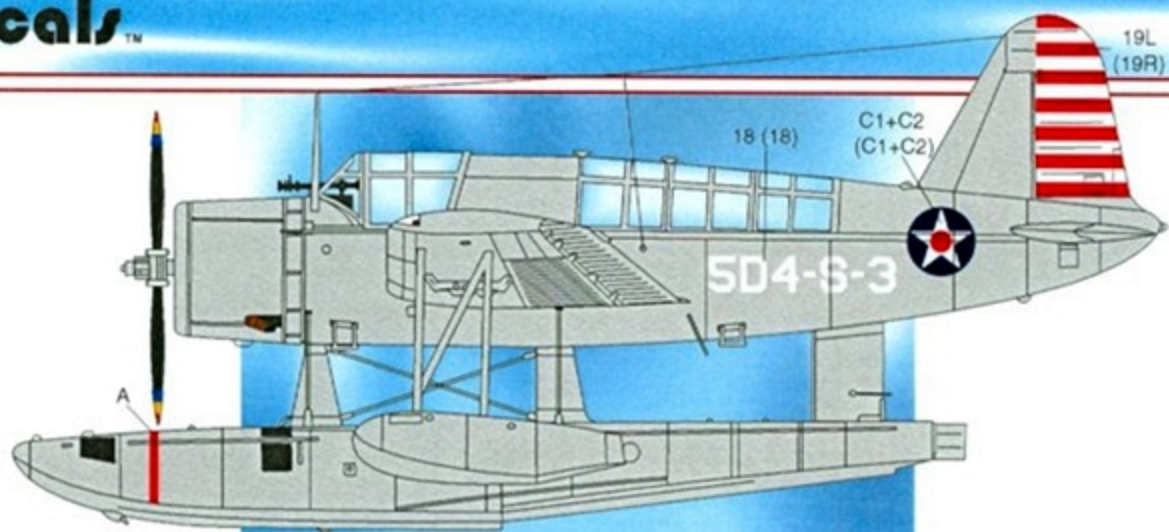
Vought-Sikorsky OS2U-1 Kingfisher BuNo. 1692. Assigned to VO-1 aboard USS Pennsylvania (BB38) in late 1940. Standard US Navy pre-war scheme with Aluminum lacquer painted fuselage and float with Chrome Yellow upper wing surfaces. The aircraft of BatDiv 1 had Red tail surfaces. The Leader of Section 3's OS2U flew with True Blue bands on nose and fuselage and chevrons on upper wing. National insignia above and below both wings. Kingfishers had interchangeable float and wheel landing gear. Based ashore at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.



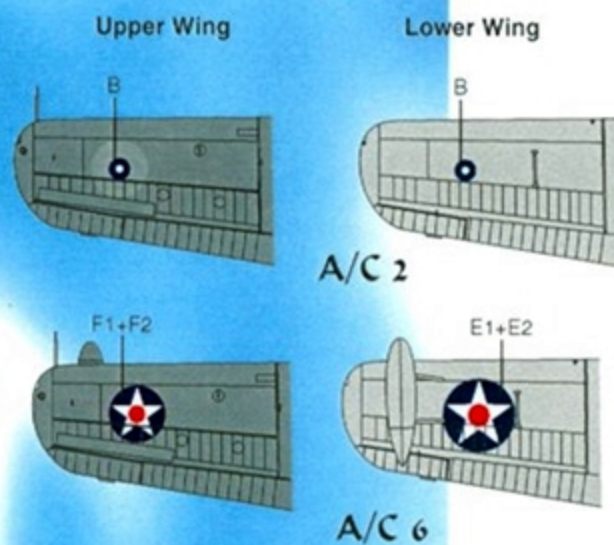
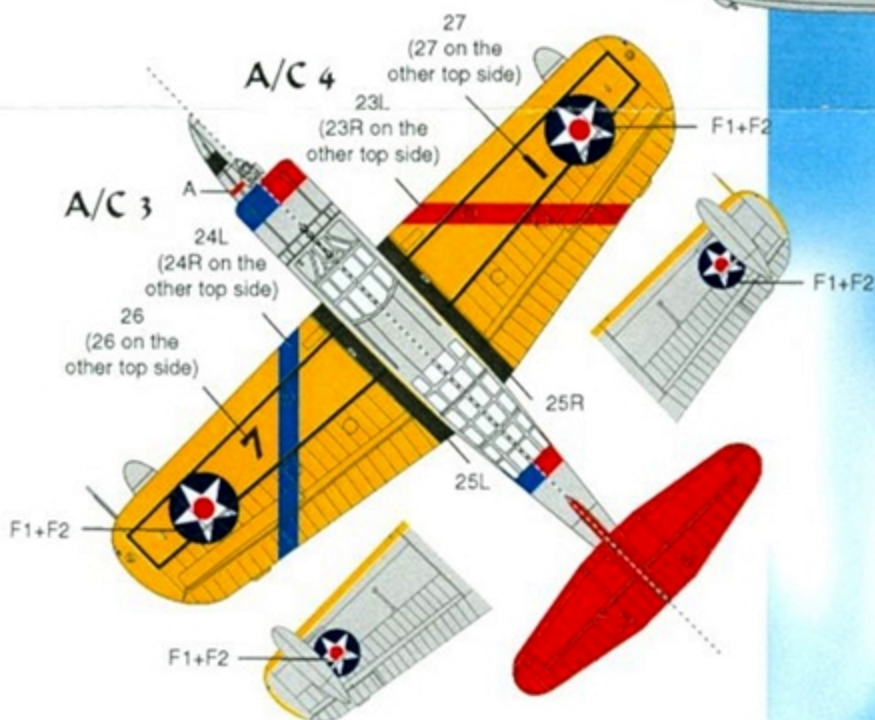
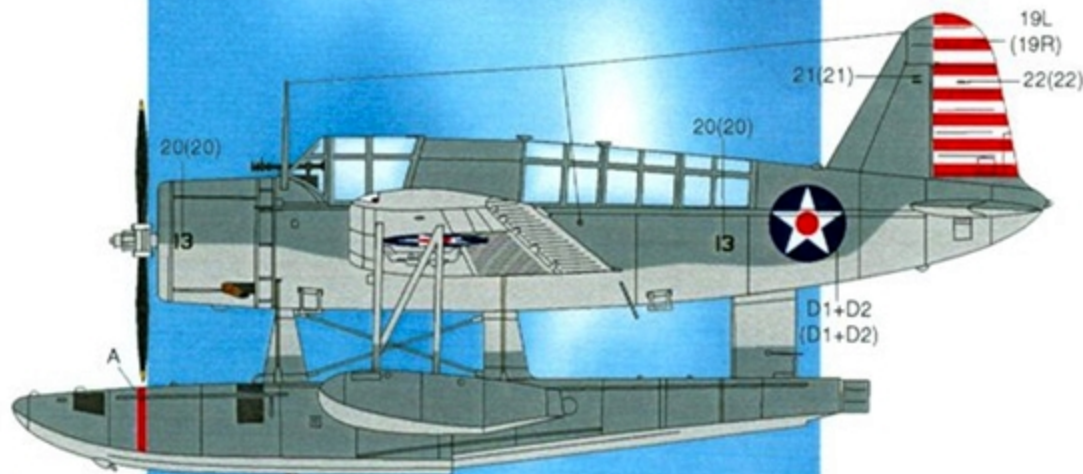
Vought-Sikorsky OS2U-1 Kingfisher BuNo. 1695. With VO-1 aboard USS Arizona (BB39) in early 1941. US Navy pre-war scheme with BatDiv 1 Red tail surfaces. The First Section Leader's Kingfisher carried Red bands on the nose and fuselage with Red chevrons on the upper wings. VO-1's emblem contained radio symbols and a battleship gun turret containing the ship's name. Propellers were natural metal with 3-inch bands of Red, Yellow, and Blue at the tips. Fuselage and bottom wing painted Aluminum lacquer.



Vought-Sikorsky OS2U-2 Kingfisher. With Inshore Patrol Scouting Squadron VS-5D4 based at NAS Cape May, NJ, in early 1942. Overall Light Gray (FS36440) finish was first US Navy attempt to tone down from the bright pre-war schemes. Early US national insignia carried in four positions: on both fuselage sides and on the upper left and lower right wings. Early war rudder stripes were also carried. Propellers were to be painted Black on camouflaged aircraft. In 1943, VS-5D4 became VS-35.



Vought-Sikorsky OS2U-3 Kingfisher BuNo. 5865. With Inshore Patrol Scouting Squadron VS-1D1 based at NAS Squantum, MA, in May of 1942. Blue Gray and Light Gray early war finish. Rudder stripes and pre-war style of US cocarde national insignia carried in all six positions on the wings and fuselage. Black propeller blades with Yellow tips. In 1943 VS-1D1 became VS-31.



Suggested 1/48 Kit:  
Monogram OS2U Kingfisher

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