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Slybirds

the 353 F.G. Mustangs

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P-51 MUSTANGS



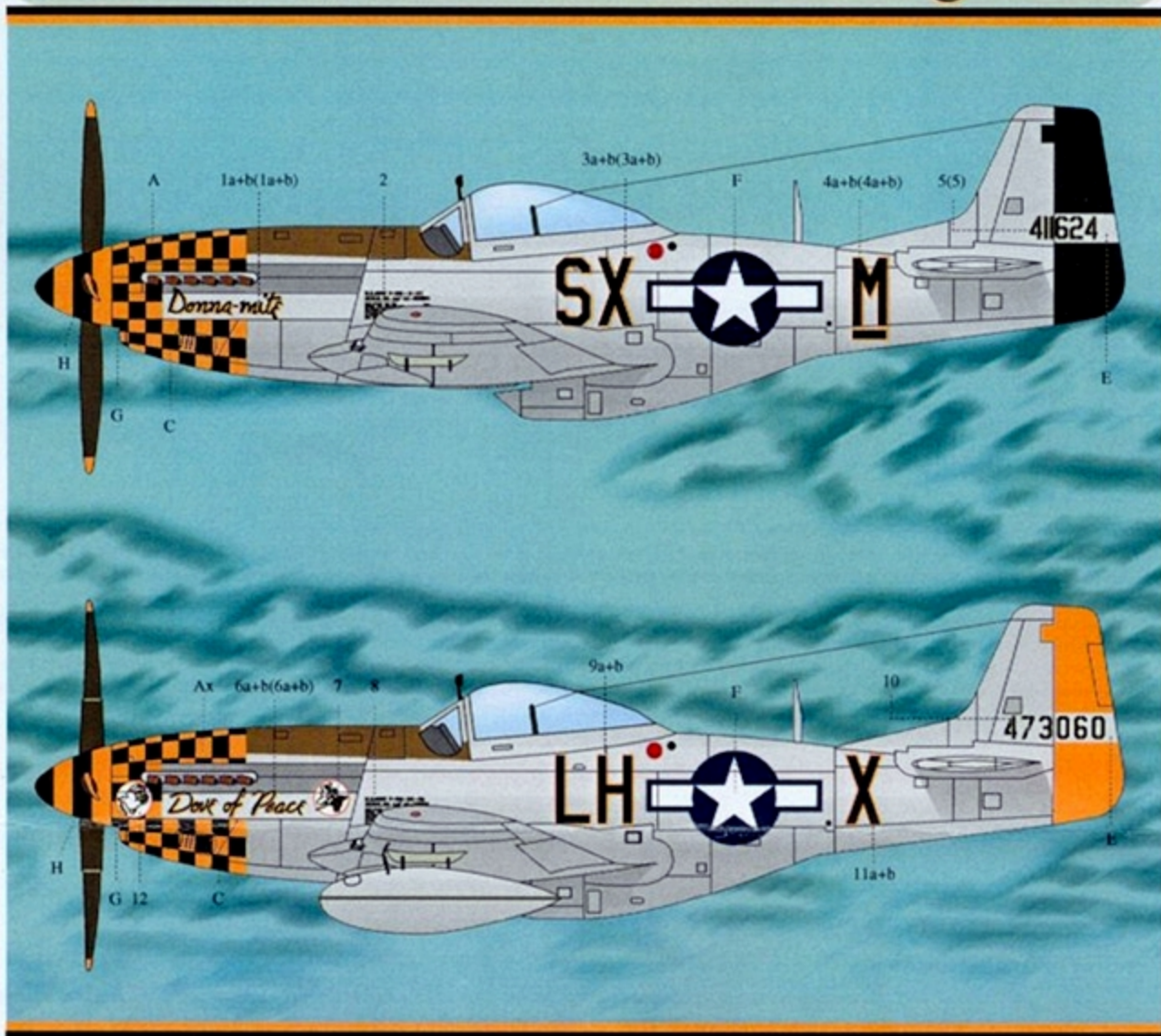
Suggested Kit: Tamiya 1/48 P-51D Mustang



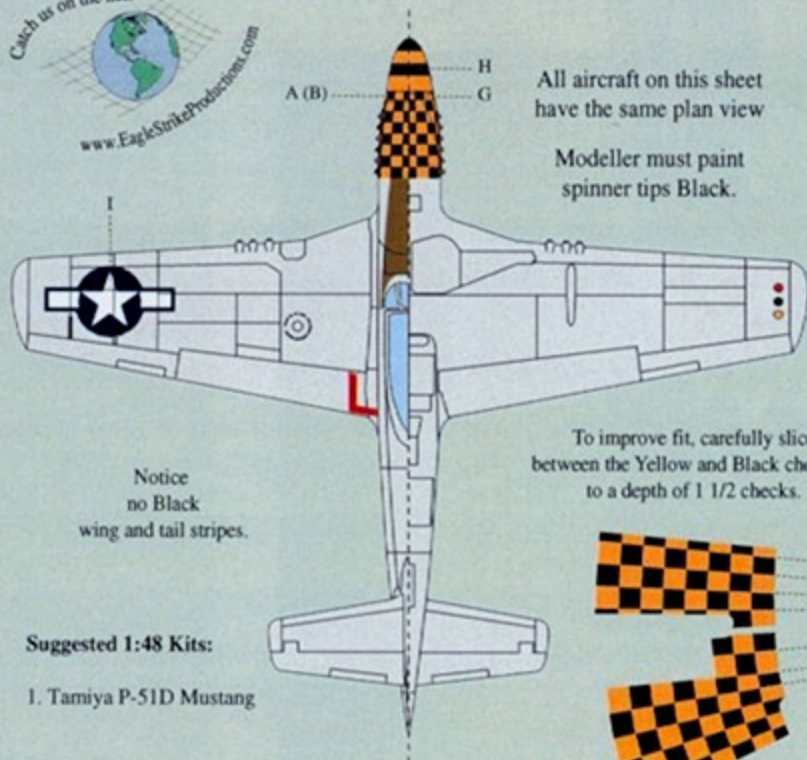
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1. P-51K-5-NT 44-11624 Donna-mite, 352nd Fighter Squadron in February 1945. Overall Natural Metal Finish with Olive Drab antiglare panel. The 353rd FG's distinctive markings were spinner bands and cowl checks in Black and Yellow. The P-51K was a Dallas-built version of the P-51D, which featured an Aeroproducts propeller and a bulged canopy. The name Donna-mite appeared on both sides of the nose. Codes on the right side read M•SX, the underlined M indicating the second M-coded aircraft in the squadron. Black was the 352nd FS color. Note rear view mirror. Ref. 5, page 76. Apply decals 1a, 3a and 4a before decals 1b, 3b and 4b.

2. P-51D-20-NA 44-73060 Dove of Peace flown by Col Glenn E. Duncan, Commanding Officer, 353rd Fighter Group in April of 1945. Overall Natural Metal. Standard 353rd FG Black/Yellow checkerboard, nose band and spinner. Col Duncan's two personal markings consisted of a sixgun-toting skeleton riding a saddled machine gun and a dove of peace. Both emblems appeared under the left and right side exhausts. Flak downed Duncan's P-47 over Germany in July, 1944, but he evaded capture and returned to lead the Group again in April, 1945. The right side codes read X•LH. Note the canopy rear view mirror. Apply decals 6a, 9a and 11a before decals 6b, 9b and 11b.



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All aircraft on this sheet have the same plan view

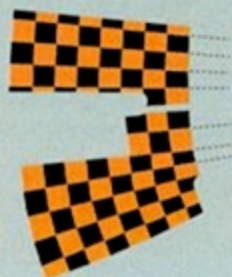
Modeller must paint spinner tips Black.

Notice no Black wing and tail stripes.

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To improve fit, carefully slice between the Yellow and Black checkers to a depth of 1 1/2 checks.



References:

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