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Beaufighters #2

Notes on Specific Aircraft



CED48058 CFD72058

All Aircraft

- · We've given you Red Oxide Primer color gun port patches as typically seen on Beaufighters. Note that some color photos from WW II suggest that in some cases these fabric patches were overpainted with a bright red paint instead of Red Oxide Primer.
- The stencils replace the poor quality decals in the kit.
- A super detailed cockpit set for the Beaufighter is available as Cutting Edge Modelworks resin set CEC48096.
- For those aircraft that need it, flat (horizontal) tailplanes and rear fuselage conversion are available from Cutting Edge Modelworks as resin set CEC48097.

NG•R R2101

- This is the aircraft Cunningham & Rawnsley used to shoot down their 12th victory on 6 May 1941. It was shot down by return fire from a He 111 the next night (7 May) while being flown by another crew.
- Only 12 victory markings were displayed on this aircraft, so remove the 13th kill marking (the top swastika) from the decal before applying it to your model.

Dominican AF 310

An extended fin is available from Cutting Edge Modelworks as resin set CEC48101.

YD•G R2402

 The Beaufighter Mk.II is a MAJOR conversion in 1/48 to the Tamiya kit. Use Cutting Edge Modelworks resin conversion set CEC48099 to provide all parts needed to make this version.

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.

FS 595 Color Cross References

(Taken from the IPMS Color Cross-Reference Guide—used with permission)

Dark Earth

[FS 30118] (called Dark Brown on color sheet) Xtracolor X2; Floquil 303145

Dark Green

[FS 34079] Xtracolor X1; Floquil 303143

Medium Sea Grey

[FS 36270] Xtracolor X3; Floquil 303151

Night Sky Type "S" [FS 37038] Xtracolor X12

[FS 34504] Xtracolor X7; Floquil 303147

RAAF Dark Green [FS 34050] Xtracolor X204, Floquil 303241, Polly Scale 505055, Pro Modeler 88-0043

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