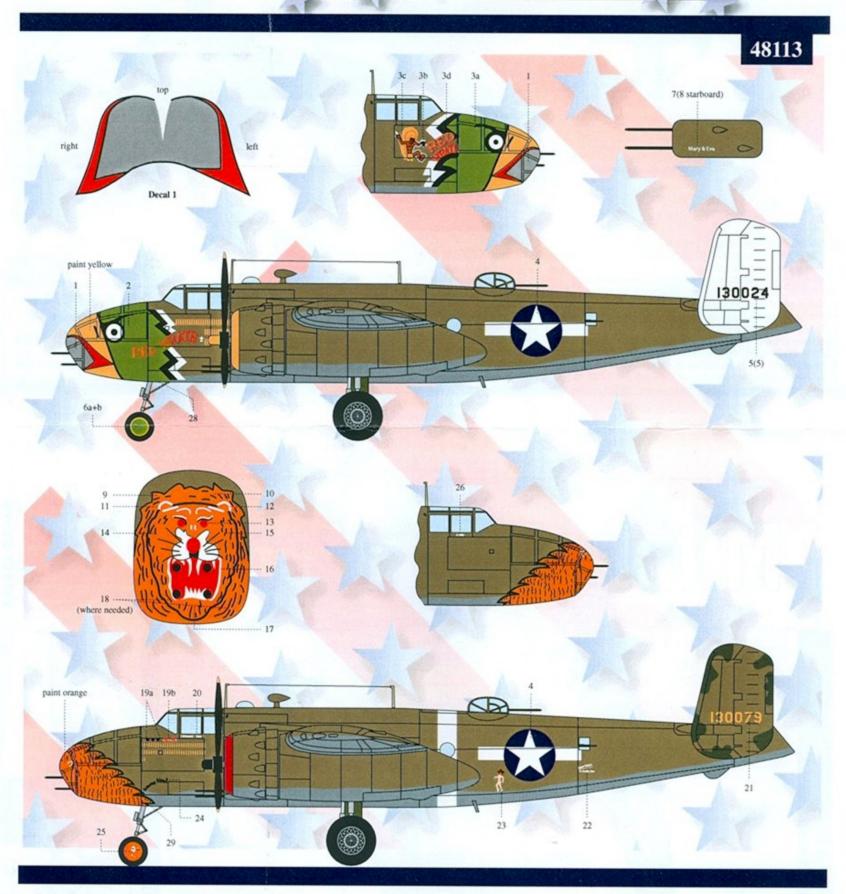








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Depicted as it appeared in February 1944, "Red Wrath," a B-25D-1 of the 498th BS, sports standard Olive Drab/Neutral Gray camouflage with a white fin & rudder (both sides) and yellow cowl fronts & prop spinner. Note the wheel hub decoration. Close examination of color photos of similarly painted B-25D's reveals that the "parrot's head" colors were probably U.S. Navy Willow Green and Lemon Yellow. To apply the nose art, first spray the forward nose Lemon Yellow. Then apply decals 2 and 3a then 3b, 3c and 3d. Finally, apply the mouth area, decal 1. Note that the mouth area is not symmetrical, left-to-right.

Also as it appeared in February 1944, "Saturday Nite," a B-25D-1 of the 500th BS, wears Olive Drab over Neutral Gray with a white fuselage band and red cowl fronts. Note the Medium Green mottling & colorful wheel hub decoration. To apply the nose art, first spray the forward nose Orange. Apply decals 9 & 10 then 11 & 12. Add the mouth area (decal 16) and eyes/brows (decal 13). Finally, apply the fur stripes, decals 14, 15 & 17. Fill-in any missing fur stripes with extra decals 18.



Decaling: Apply decals only to a glossy surface.

- 1. With a sharp scissors or knife, carefully cut item to be used, being careful of not cutting off the clear film around it or that belonging to an adjacent item.
- Submerge in clean tap water for over 10 seconds and lay over an absorbent paper towel. Decal will slide freely in about 20 seconds. Do not leave decal on water bowl over ten seconds, or adhesive quality will suffer.
- 3. With a clean brush, apply a setting solution to the area where the decal will finally lay. (Micro, Super or Aero Set will do). With a clean pointed brush slide the decal on to the final area. Allow the setting solution to dry for about 3-5 minutes.
- 4. With another clean brush, apply a solvent solution over the decal (Micro, Super or Aero Sol will do). Do this if possible in one stroke since your decal will soften up and wrinkle immediately. This is an important step in the process, whatever you do DO NOT TOUCH THE DECAL, after this process until it is totally dry, preferably overnight.
- 5. When thoroughly dry, rinse your model with tap water and mild soap to wash of excess glue.
- 6. Finish your model with the desired final coat (gloss, flat, or semi-gloss).





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