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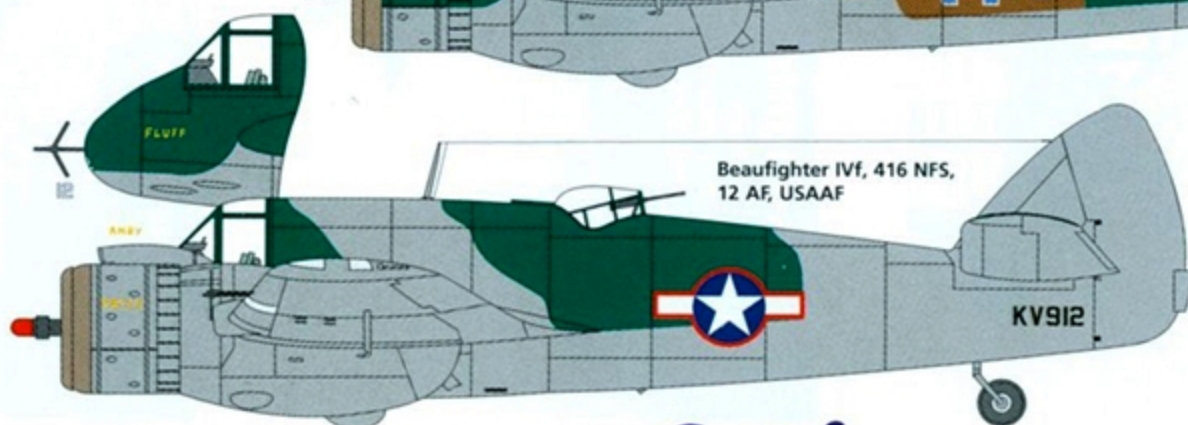
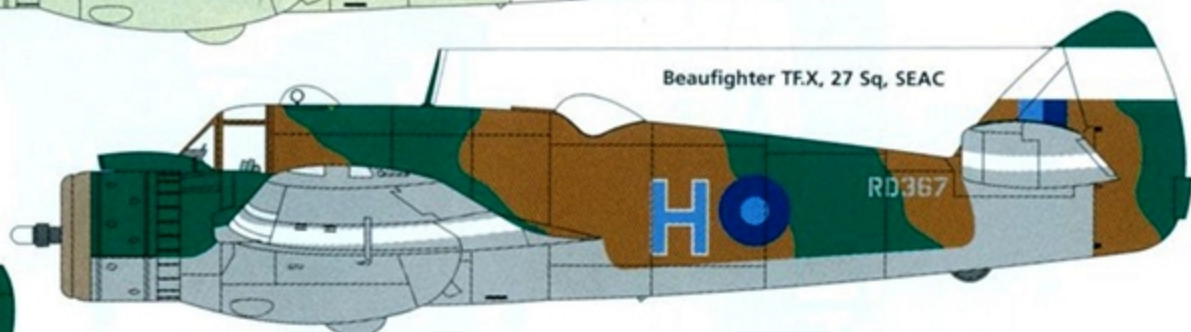
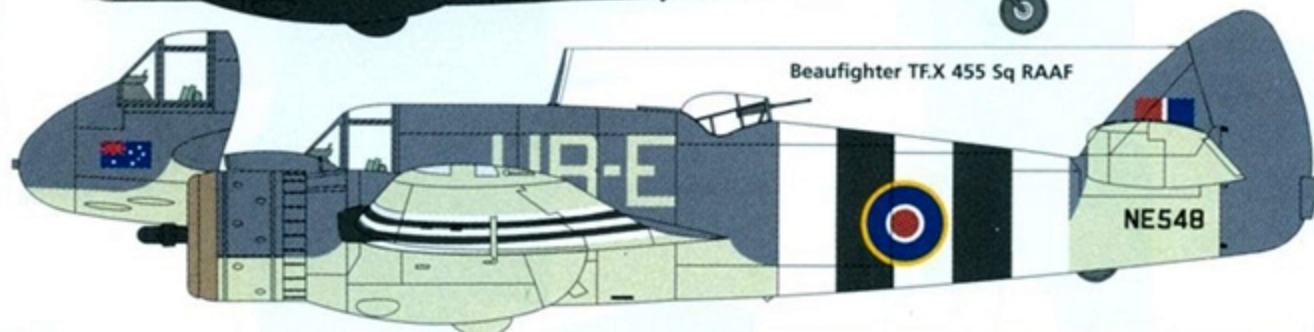
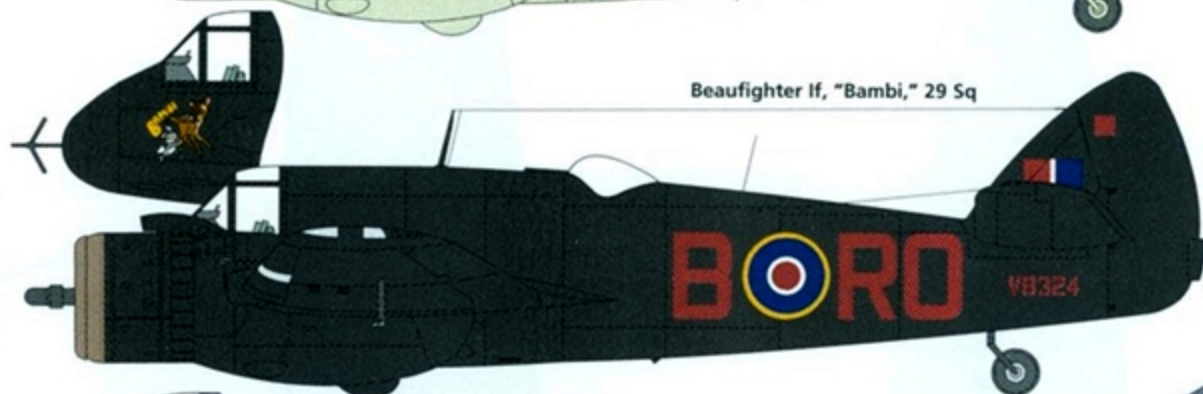
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# Beaufighter

## Part 1

Mk.1f, Mk.IIf, Mk.IVf & TF.X



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**Beaufighter If**

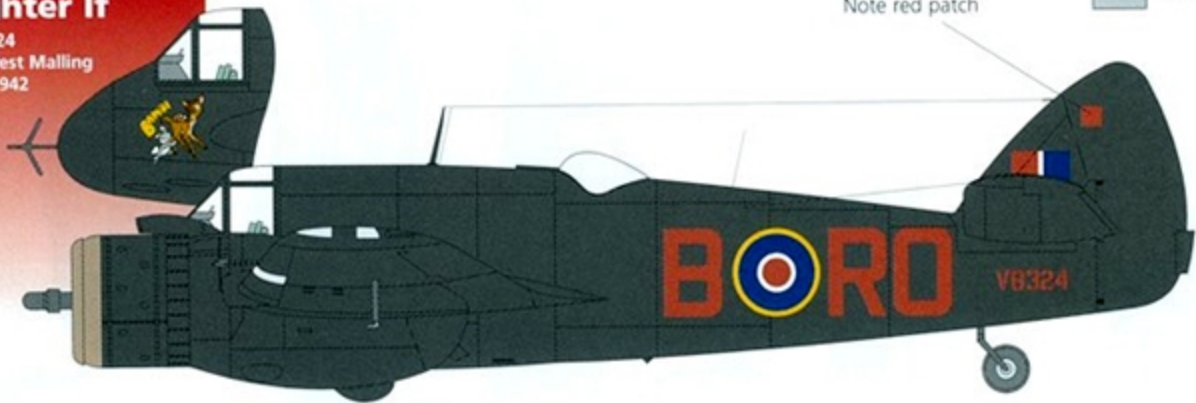
R2069  
25 Sq, Summer 1940



- Sky
- Dark Brown
- Dark Green
- Special Night
- Extra Dark Sea Grey
- Medium Sea Grey

**Beaufighter If**

V8324  
29 Sq, RAF West Malling  
Mid-1942



Note red patch

**Beaufighter TF.X**

NE548  
455 Sq, RAAF  
Mid-1944



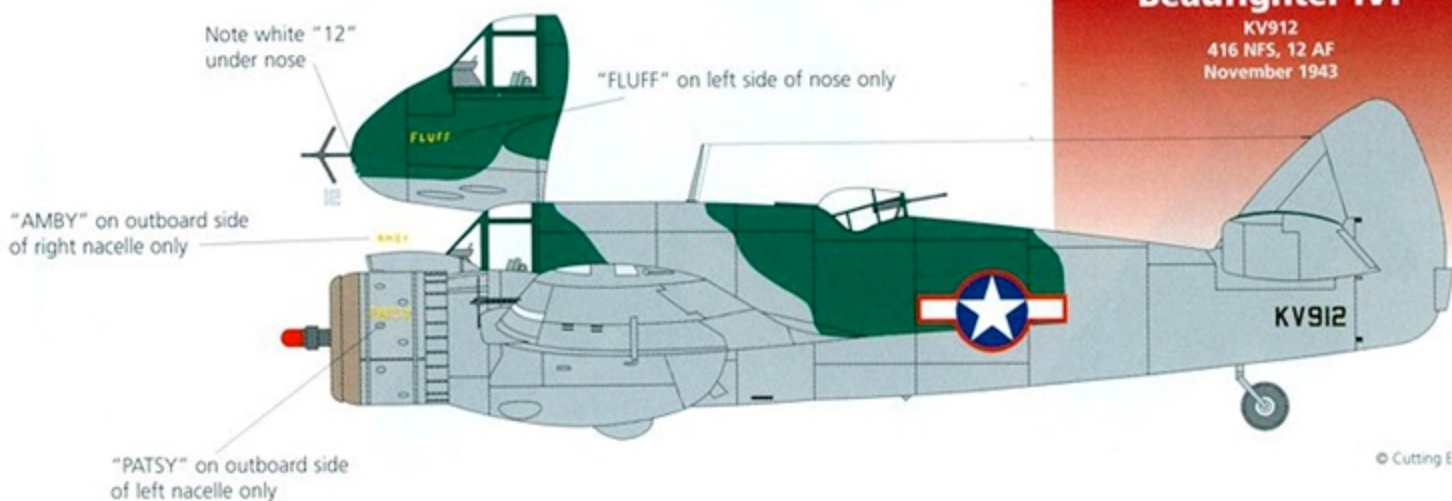
**Beaufighter TF.X**

RD367  
27 Sq, Mid-1945



**Beaufighter IVf**

KV912  
416 NFS, 12 AF  
November 1943



Note white "12"  
under nose

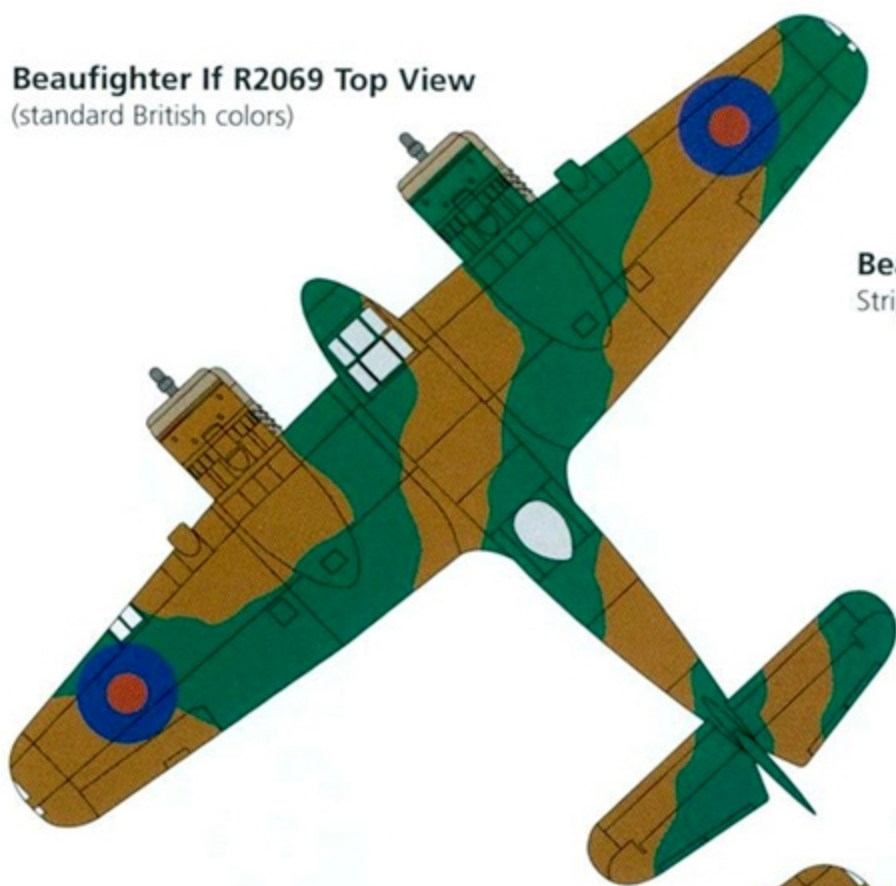
"FLUFF" on left side of nose only

"AMBY" on outboard side  
of right nacelle only

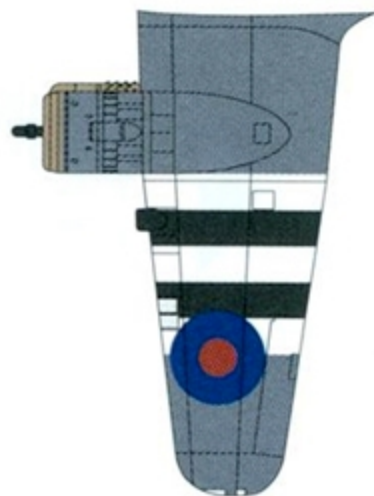
"PATSY" on outboard side  
of left nacelle only



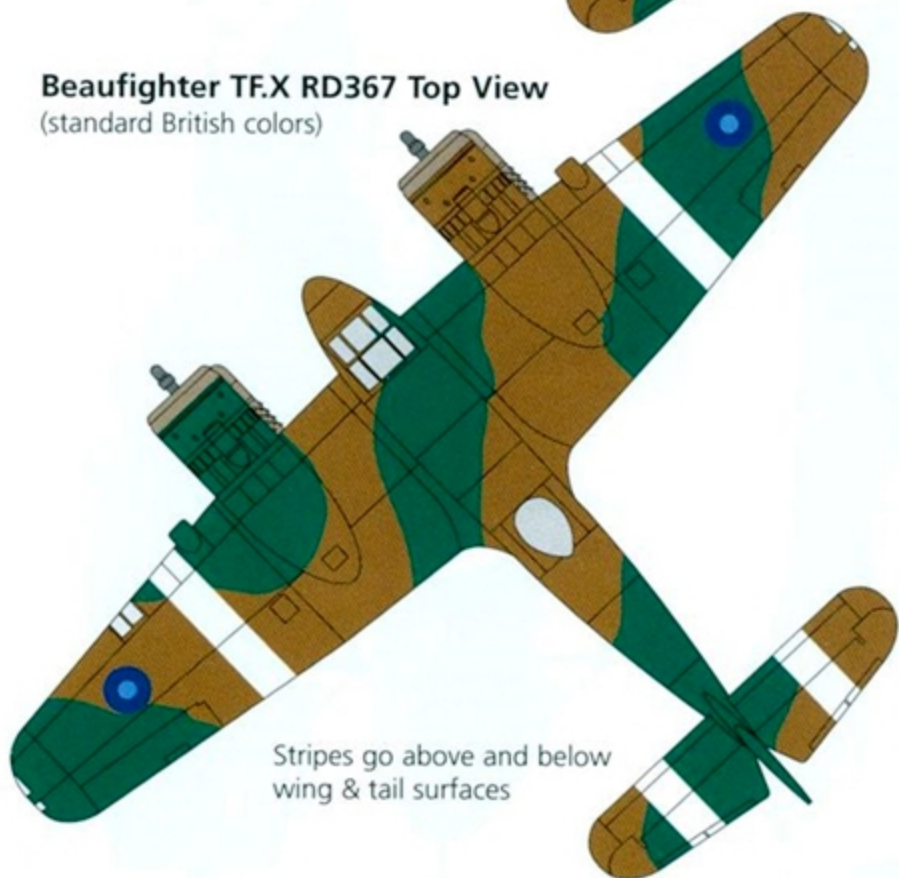
**Beaufighter If R2069 Top View**  
(standard British colors)



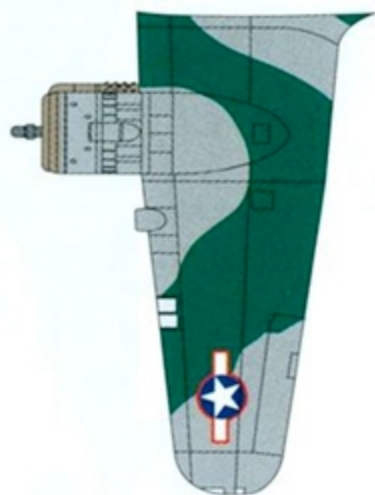
**Beaufighter TF.X UB-E Wing Top**  
Stripes go on top and bottom of wing



**Beaufighter TF.X RD367 Top View**  
(standard British colors)



Stripes go above and below  
wing & tail surfaces



**Beaufighter IVf KV912  
Wing Top**

- Standard British colors
- Star above left and below right wings

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away!



# Beaufighters #1

## Notes on Specific Aircraft



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### 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.

### ZK•A R2069

- This aircraft had the early style exhausts.
- Note full spinners painted black.
- Note flat style horizontal tailplanes.

### UB-E NE548

- Stripes are 24" wide.
- Most photos of this aircraft show it armed with underwing RAF 60 lb. rockets (remember wing guns were removed when rockets were fitted).
- Entire prop hub painted black.
- Use the UB-E codes from the correction sheet, not the main decal sheet.
- Note the small camera mount in the center of the nose.

### H RD367

- South East Asia Command (SEAC) identification stripes are 24" wide.
- Note white prop domes.
- Roundels were the same size in all positions; don't use the large roundels from the main decal sheet.

### USAAF KV912

- Prop domes painted red.

## 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
Extra Dark Sea Grey	[FS 36118] Xtracolor X5; Floquil 303157
Medium Sea Grey	[FS 36270] Xtracolor X3; Floquil 303151
Night	[FS 37038] Xtracolor X12
Sky Type "S"	[FS 34504] Xtracolor X7; Floquil 303147

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