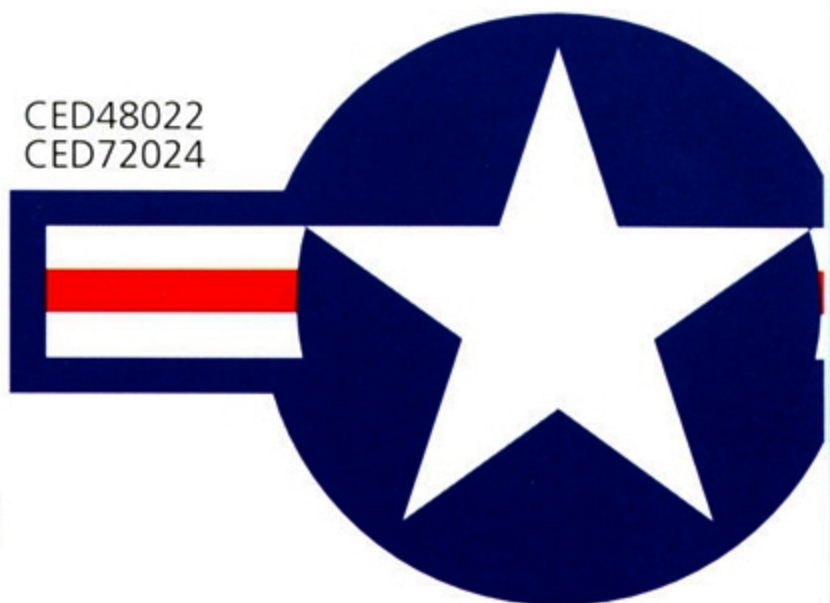


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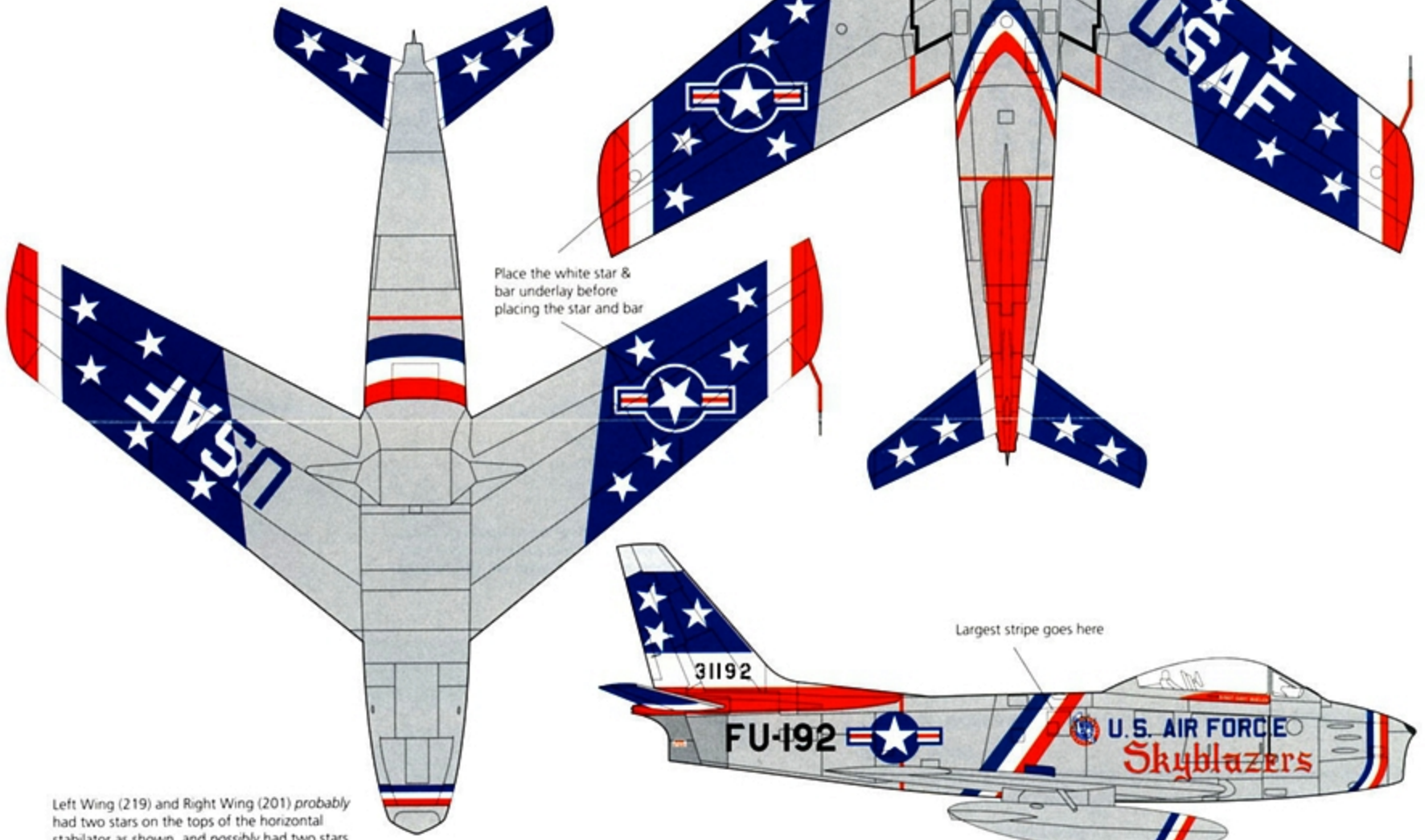
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Smallest stripe goes here

Lead Aircraft

- The Skyblazers were the official US Air Forces in Europe aerobatic team in the 1950s. This scheme was used on all four aircraft during the 1956 show season only.
- Some serial and buzz numbers must be constructed from other available digits on the decal sheet.



Place the white star & bar underlay before placing the star and bar

Largest stripe goes here

Left Wing (219) and Right Wing (201) probably had two stars on the tops of the horizontal stabilator as shown, and possibly had two stars in similar positions on the stabilator undersides.



Left Wing

Right Wing

1956 Show Season Team:

Lead	FU-192	53-1192	Capt Jim Reynolds
Right Wing	FU-201	53-1201	Lt James Foster
Left Wing	FU-162	53-1219	Lt Harold Homan
Slot	FU-186	53-1186	Lt Warren Efting

Slot's fin tip was quite grimy by the end of each demonstration flight due to flying in Lead's exhaust plume!

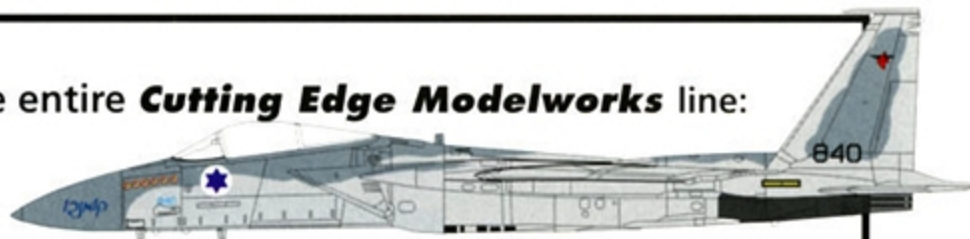


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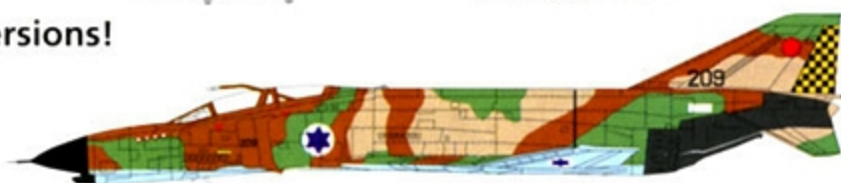
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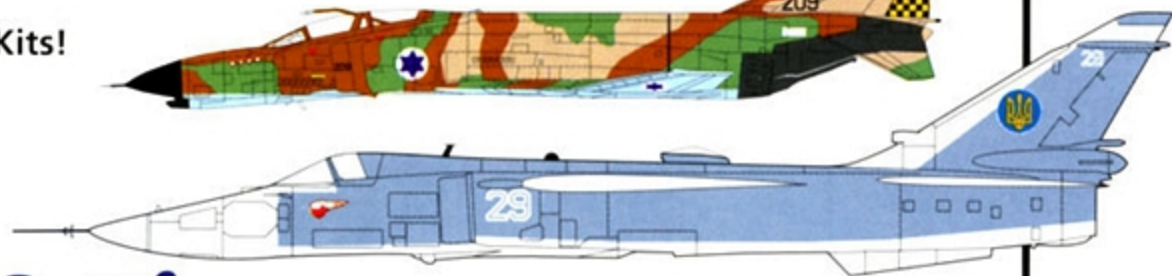
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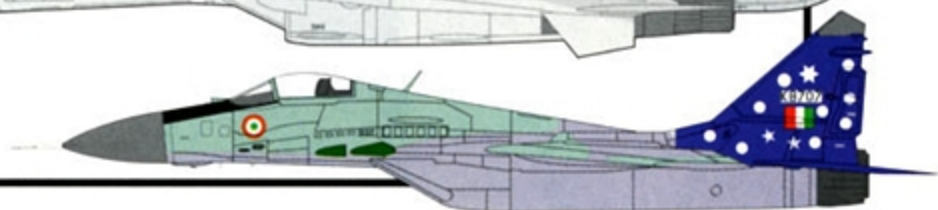
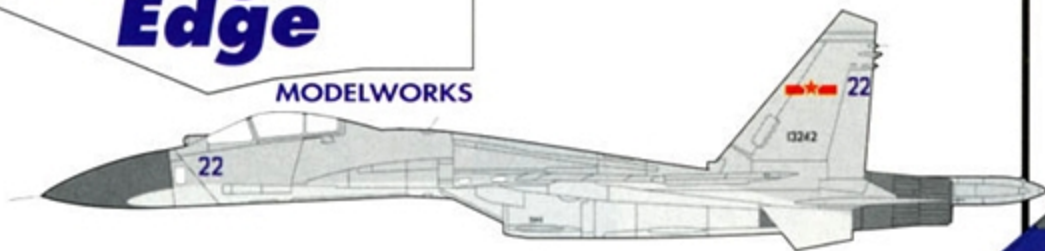


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- In general, the Hasegawa F-86F kits are gorgeous and will require only minimal corrections and possibly the addition of an aftermarket cockpit.
- Decal set CED48028 from **Cutting Edge Modelworks** contains a full set of accurate stenciling for the Sabre, along with accurate Korean War identification stripes.
- **F-86F-25/30/35**
 - These variants can be built directly from the Hasegawa F-86F-30 box, except as follows:
 - The air intakes on the fuselage at the wing trailing edge. On the kit they face the tail (e.g., they're exhausts) while they should open towards the nose (e.g., they are actually small auxiliary intakes). This will be fairly tough to fix and probably wouldn't be worth the effort except to the most fastidious modelers.
 - The air scoop on the fuselage in front of the right side air brake must be removed (only the F-86F-40 has this scoop).

Notes on Specific Aircraft

Skyblazers

This team was the official US Air Forces in Europe aerial demonstration team throughout most of the 1950s, flying first F-86Fs and then F-100s. Their markings varied somewhat over the years, and the scheme on this sheet is applicable to the 1956 show season.

FS 595 Color Cross References:

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