

Messerschmitt Bf 109E

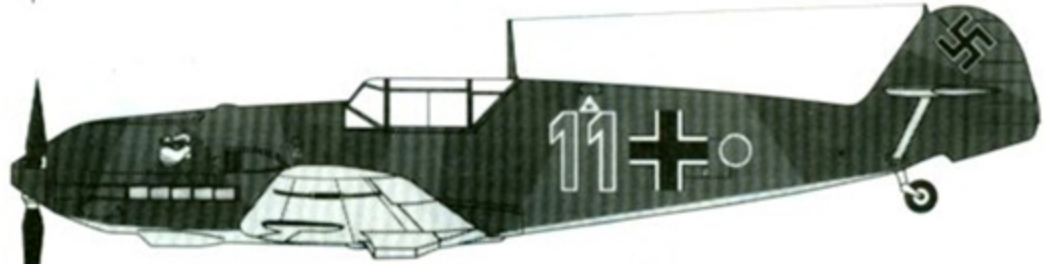
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#1
Bf 109E-1 of JG 21. Aircraft is finished in a camouflage pattern of RLM 70 and 71, with 65 undersurfaces.



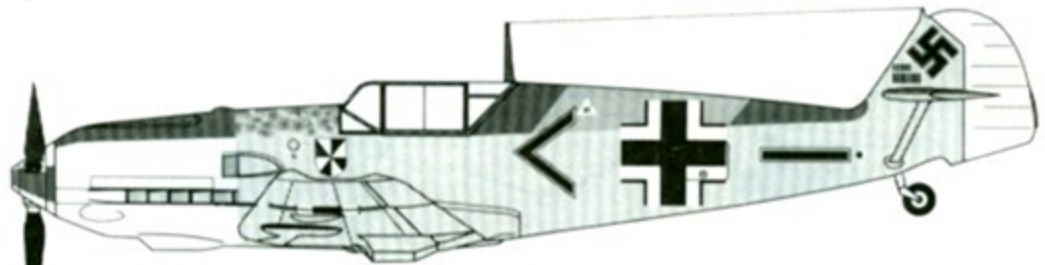
#2
Bf 109E-1 of IV/JG 132 (later I/JG 77), summer 1939. Finish is RLM 70 and 71 with 65 undersurfaces.



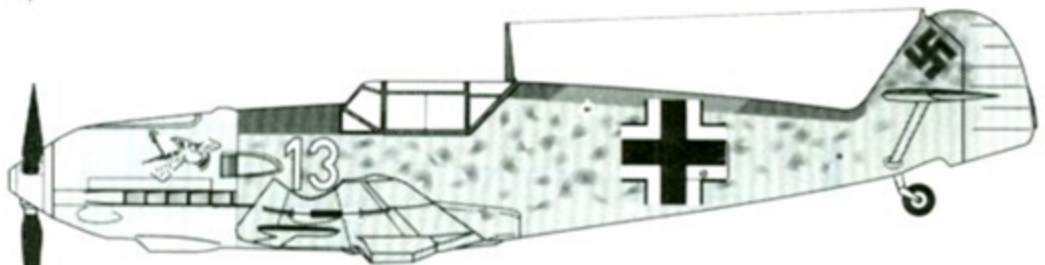
#3
Bf 109E-1 of 3/JG 51, late 1939. Aircraft is finished in RLM 70 and 71, with 65 undersurfaces.



#4
Bf 109E-4, Werk No. 1480, of Oblt. Franz von Werra, II/JG 3. Aircraft crash landed 5 Sept. 1940 near Marden, Kent. Finish is RLM 71 and 02, with 65 sides and undersurface. Note a replacement panel in front of the windscreen which is 65 mottled with 71. Rudder and nose are white; spinner is quartered red and white.



#5
Bf 109E-3, Werk No. 3576, of III/JG 54. Finish is RLM 74 and 75 with undersurface and sides of 76, over which is a mottle of 74 and 75. Nose and rear of rudder are yellow 04. Spinner is white.

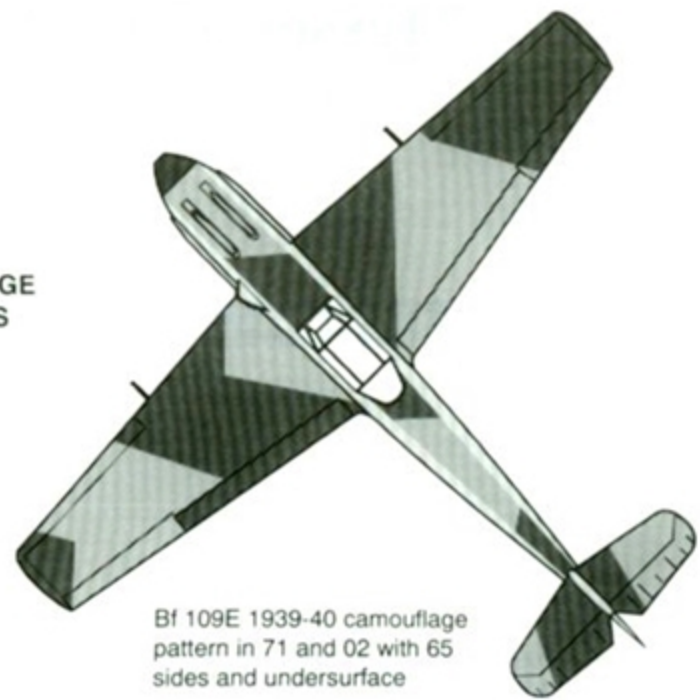


#6
Bf 109E-4, Werk No. 3726, of 6/LG 2. Finish is RLM 71 and 02 with 65 undersurface and sides. Fuselage sides are mottled with 71 and 02. Nose and rudder are yellow 04. Spinner is yellow and black.

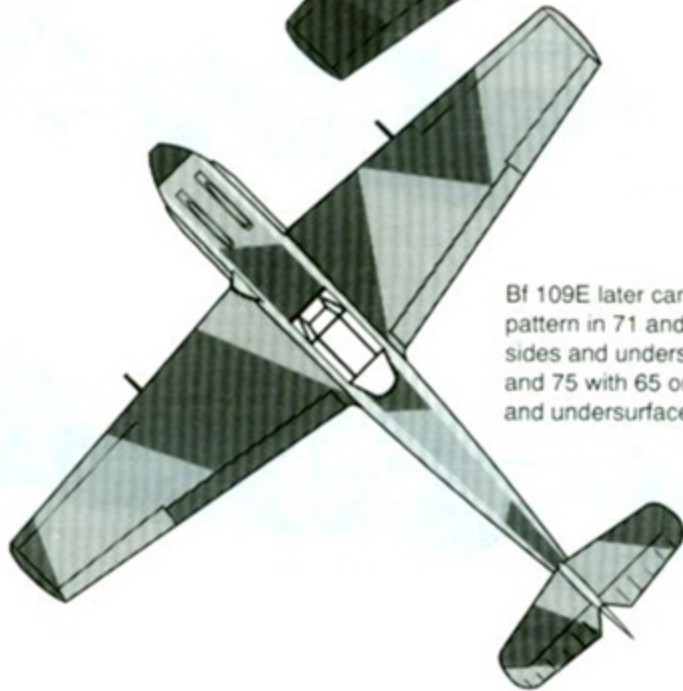


Bf 109E common camouflage pattern for the 1939 period of 70 and 71

CAMOUFLAGE PATTERNS



Bf 109E 1939-40 camouflage pattern in 71 and 02 with 65 sides and undersurface



Bf 109E later camouflage pattern in 71 and 02 with 65 sides and undersurface, or 74 and 75 with 65 or 76 sides and undersurface

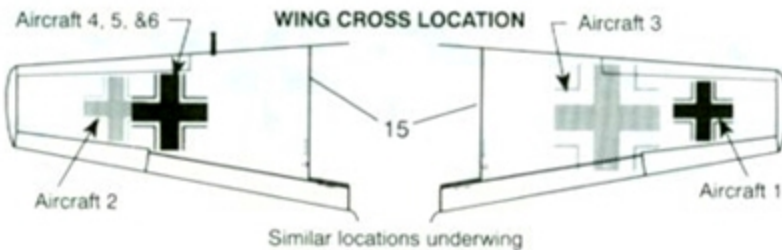
KITS

At present the only 1/48 scale Bf 109E kits worth consideration are the excellent series of releases from Hasegawa.

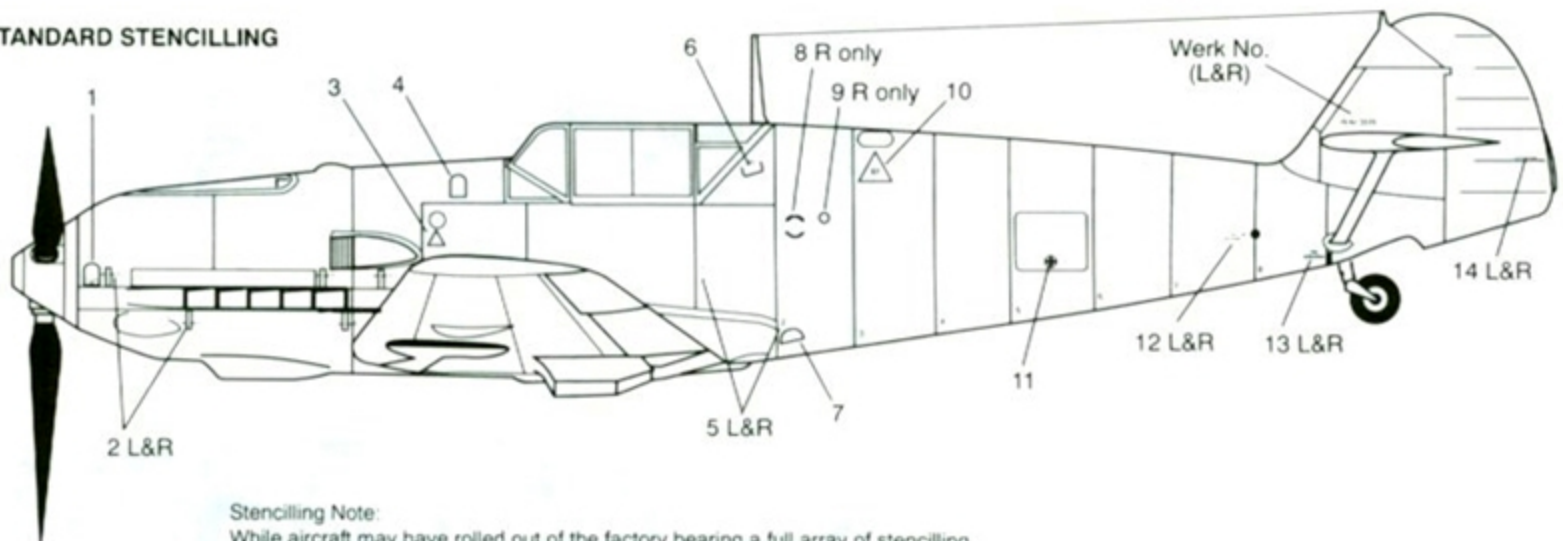
REFERENCES

References on the Bf 109 and its sundry camouflage schemes and markings abound. Among those most useful for building and finishing the aircraft on this decal sheet are the following:

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- Augsburg Eagle, the Messerschmitt Bf 109, by William Green
- German Aircraft Markings 1939-1945, by K.A. Merrick
- The Modeller's Luftwaffe Painting Guide, by Smith, Pentland, & Lutz
- The Official Monogram Painting Guide to German Aircraft 1935-1945, by Merrick & Hitchcock
- Markings and Camouflage Systems of Luftwaffe Aircraft in World War II, by Karl Ries
- Various issues of Scale Aircraft Modelling



STANDARD STENCILLING



Stencilling Note:
While aircraft may have rolled out of the factory bearing a full array of stencilling, photographs show that machines in the field rarely did. After frequent repaintings and touch-ups obliterated stencilling was often not reapplied, and many operational aircraft carried little more than the basic fueling and replenishment markings.