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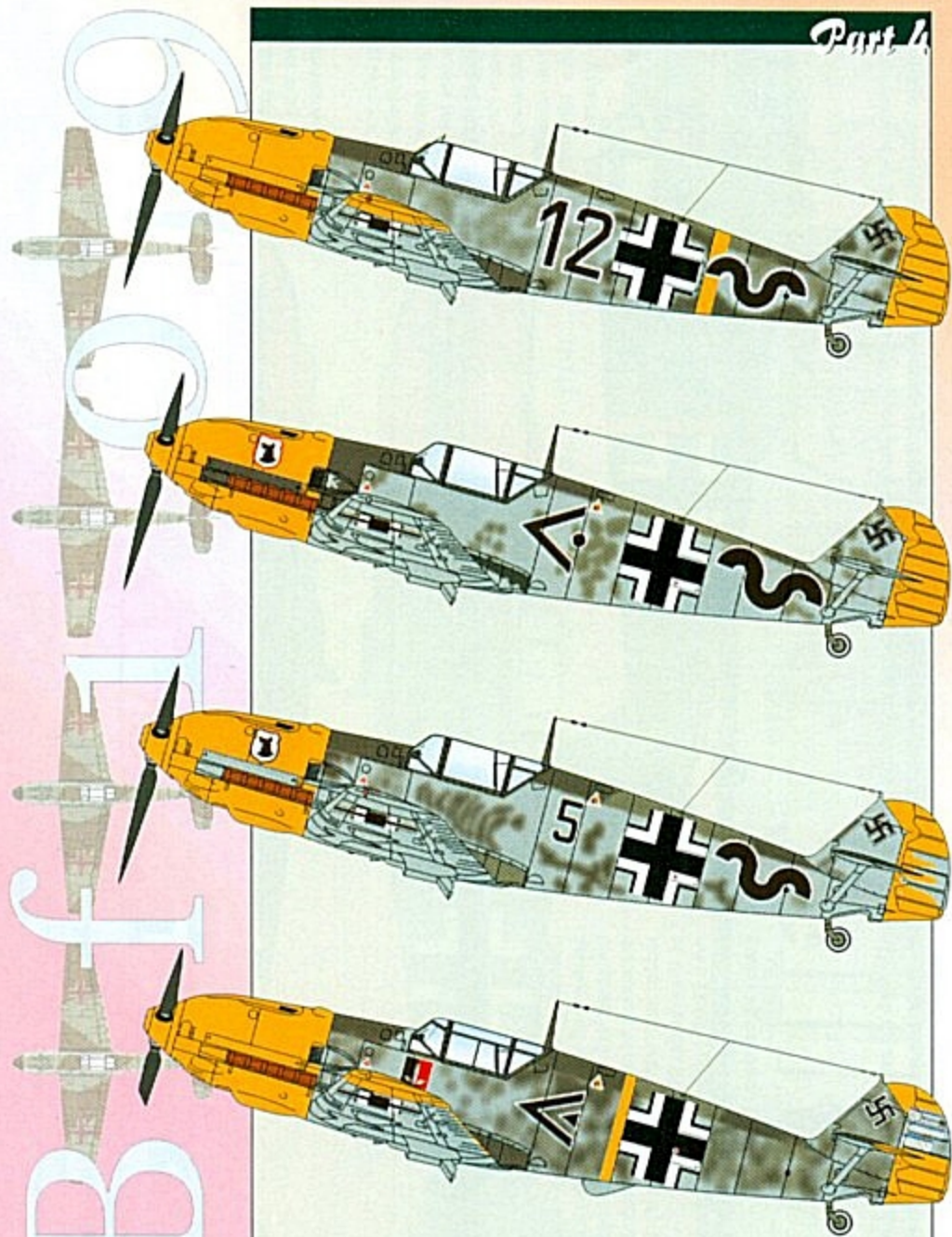


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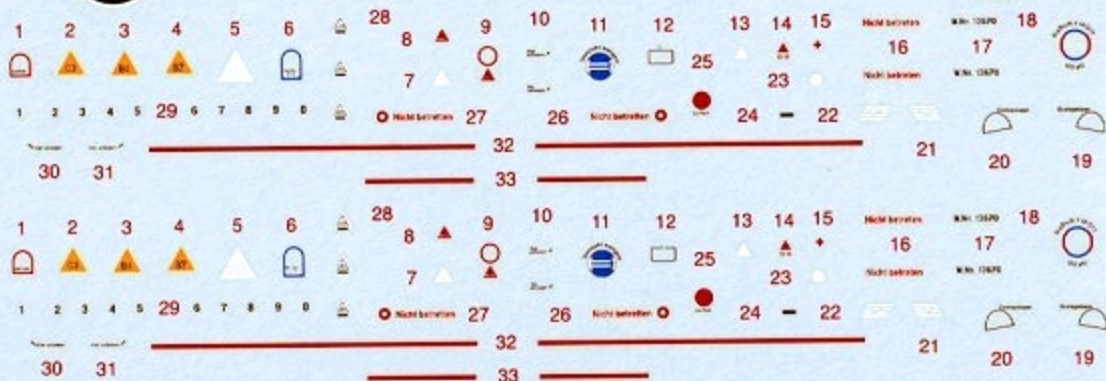
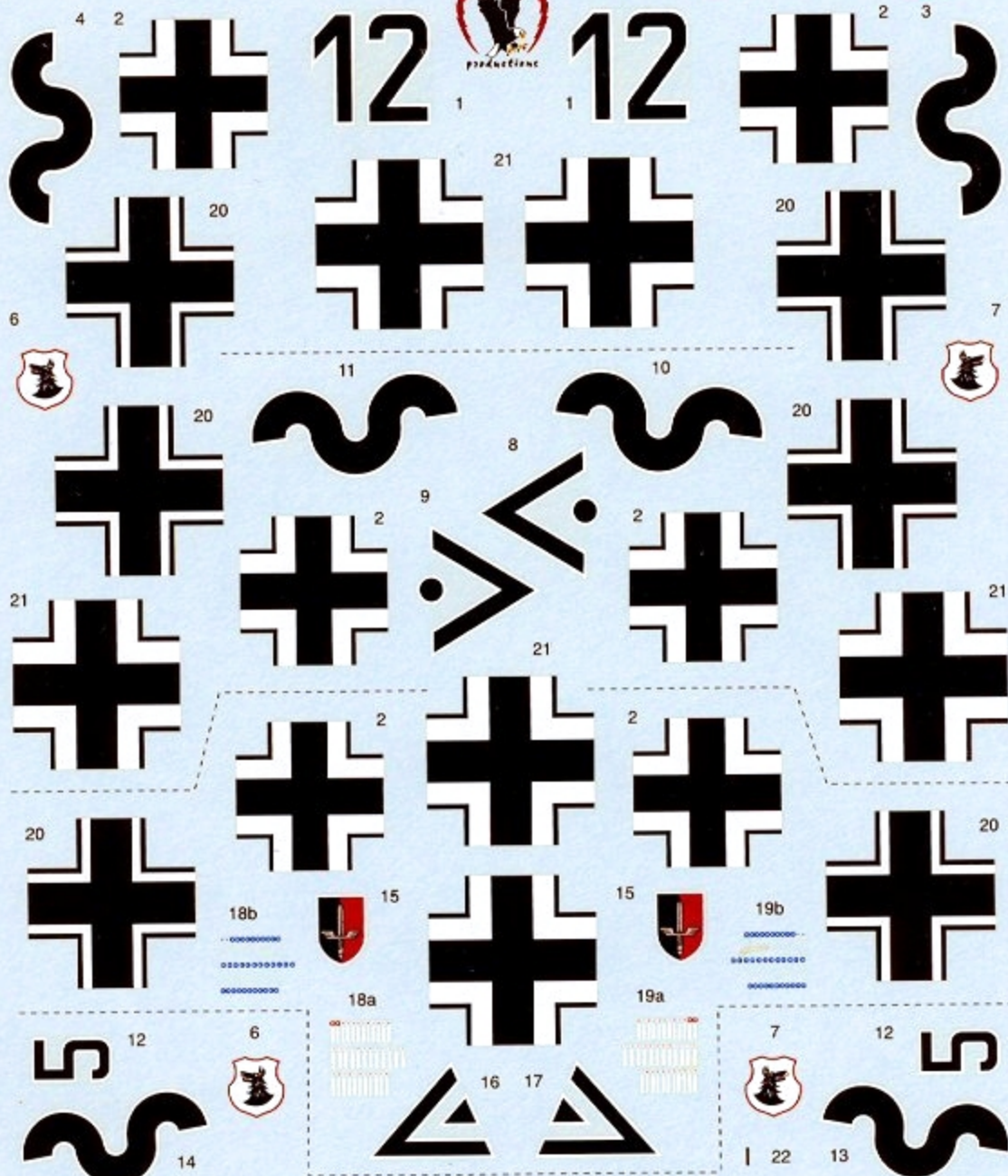


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Suggested Kit: Tamiya/Hasegawa Bf 109E Family.

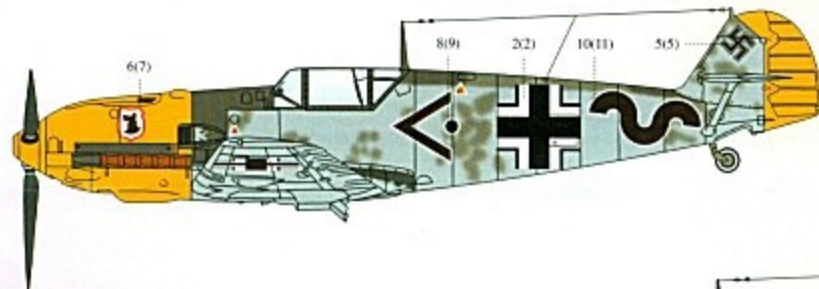
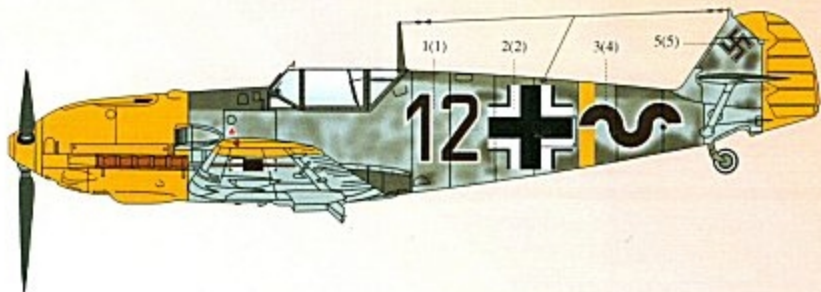




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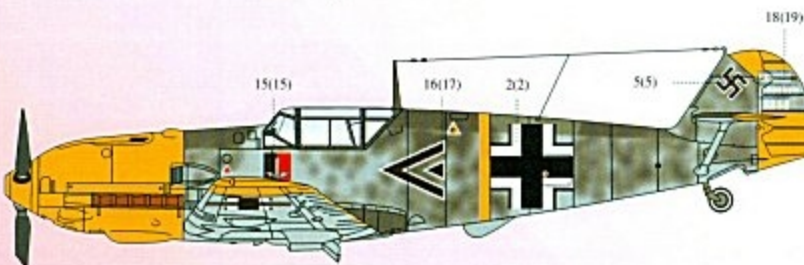
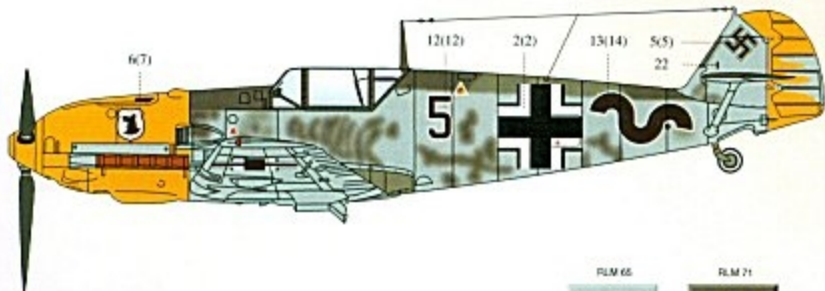
A/C 1 Bf-109E (37) of 8/JG52 Romania, late 1940/41. RLM 71/02 upper surfaces with sides mottled in 02 and 71. Fuselage sides are completely covered with this mottling, which apparently was applied bordering the squiggle, swastika and cross. Number 12 seems to have been applied after the camouflage. Note the thick numbers and markings on these A/C, as well as the rear view mirror and armored windscreen. Fuselage Balkenkreuz is approx. 4-6 inches in front of its normal position.



A/C 2 Bf-109E? of III/JG77. Standard RLM 71/02 scheme with very light 02 mottling on fuselage sides. Notice two replacement cowling parts as well as the misaligned overly stick squiggle on the fuselage.



A/C 3 Bf-109E? of 8/JG77, Greece, April 1941. Another "Herzias" A/C in typical Balkan scheme, although this time without Yellow lower wing tips. Again, misaligned squiggle characterizes this A/C.



A/C 4 Bf-109E-3 with very interesting markings consisting on a very heavy dappling of 71/02 fuselage and splinter of the same colors on wing and horizontal tail. Yellow has not been spared in the decoration of this machine, with elevators, partial rudder, nose and spinner, wing tip and trailing edge of wings in this RLM 04 color.

Aero Detail I claims the belly blisser to be an added oil tank (page 59). Any help on this fact will be greatly appreciated.

This series of 109E was created with the purpose of depicting the A/C colors and markings, and not to feature any particular unit or pilot. Although the colors used on the camouflage scheme were very well standardized with the RLM 71/02/65 combination, individual markings offer the modeller a large selection to choose from. Propellers were almost invariably RLM 70 with RLM 02 gearwells, struts and cover interiors. Some of the converted E-1 may have had 02 interiors and usually well hubs were semigloss Black. We are showing to you upper wing pattern possibilities, but we do not know which one (if either one) was used. We wish you good luck, success and many hours of fun while building your Balkan Collection.