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# **Bf 109 Friedrichs & Gustavs**



#### White 10

- Standard example of RLM 74/75/76 camouflage.
- Note underwing cannon gondola installed.

Notes on Aircraft

#### Black 8

- Very good example of the unusual camouflage scheme devised by JG 3 as a deviation of the standard desert scheme. Exact identity of the two uppersurface colors is not know, but widely believed to be RLM 75 & 80 (but could easily be field mixed colors, perhaps a light and dark green).
- This is an F-4 Trop (without sand filter) which has the larger supercharger inlet and deep oil cooler (just like G series).

#### White 11

· Aircraft was shot down on 20 May, 1942 after Fischer went after a British Corvette near Newhaven.

#### White 3

· Very interesting emblem on aft fuselage is a bomb striking the island of Malta.

## 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 Reference

- RLM 02 Xtracolor X201, Floquil 303271, Polly Scale 505075
- RLM 04 Xtracolor X213, Floquil 303269, Polly Scale 505017
- RLM 74 Xtracolor X206/144, Polly Scale 505059, Floquil 303247, Gunze Sangyo H068/H319, Tamiya XF62
- RLM 75 Xtracolor X207, Polly Scale 505060, Floquil 303249, Gunze Sangyo H069/H057
- RLM 76 Xtracolor X208/138, Polly Scale 505061, Floquil 303251, Pro Modeler 88-0042, Gunze Sangyo H062, Modelmaster 1731, Tamiya XF66
- RLM 78 [FS 35352] Xtracolor X214
- RLM 79 [FS 33434] Xtracolor X209
- RLM 80 [FS 34052] Xtracolor X109, Gunze Sangyo H065, Humbrol HG01, Pactra IG-14

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