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## PART IV TOONUS







Suggested Kit: Monogram P-61 Black Widow



## TOOWS

P-61B-2, 'Cooper's Snooper', 42-39454, 548th NFS, Iwo Jlma, 1945. Pilot George C. Cooper. Overall Jet Black with Red spinners and cowl flaps. You may elect to slice the nose art decal (1) at the junction of the nose gear door and fuselage to ease application, or apply it as one piece after the nose gear door is attached to the fuselage.

Decal stripe represents the sealing tape applied to the joints and access panels on some P-61 noses as illustrated. Application varied from aircraft to aircraft, and was likely reapplied after any maintenance performed on the radar unit.

A/C flown by Lt. Paul A. Smith and R/O Lt. Tierney. P-61A 42-5544, "Lady Gen", 422nd Night Fighter Squadron, Florennes, Belgium, late Dec., 1944. Olive Drab/Neutral Gray finish shown with white D-Day invasion stripes on lower booms and lower wings. Is not known if this A/C had D-Day stripes at the time it showed all these mission tally and kill markings. Spinner not shown for clarity.

P-61A-1 'Moonhappy', 42-5527, 6th NFS, Saipan, 1944. Flown by Lt. Dale Haberman with Lt. Raymond Mooney as R/O. This aircraft scored the first kill for a Black Widow when it shot down a Mitsubishi Betty on June 20, 1944. Olive Drab upper surfaces with Neutral Gray undersurfaces. Radome forward section was unpainted fiberglass with a darker shade (tan or gray) lower section.



