

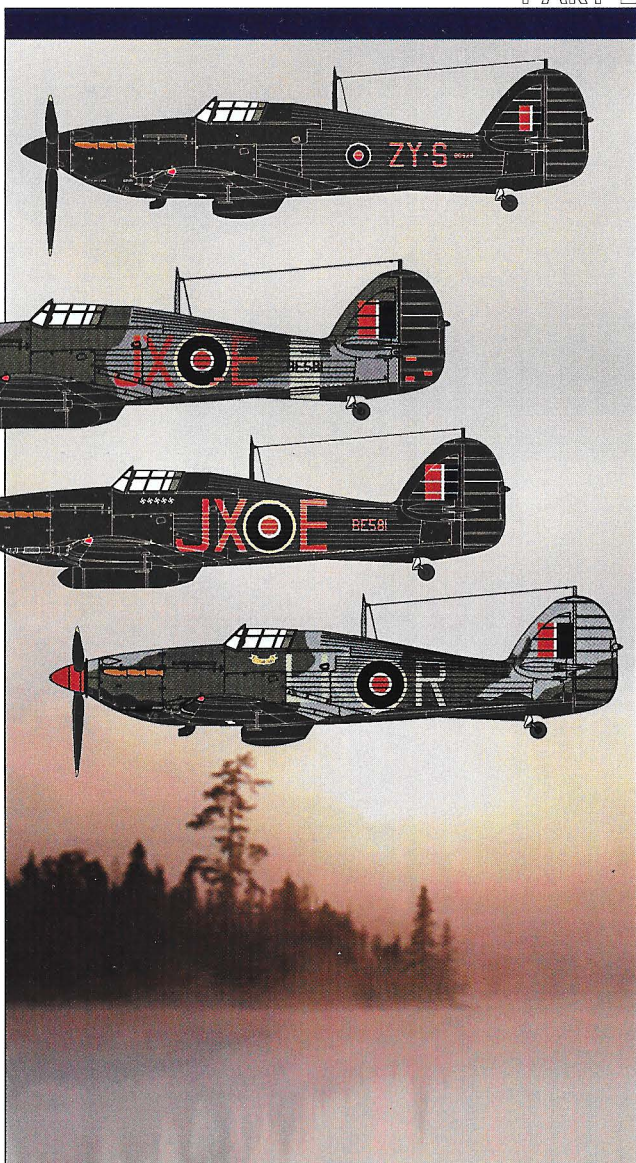
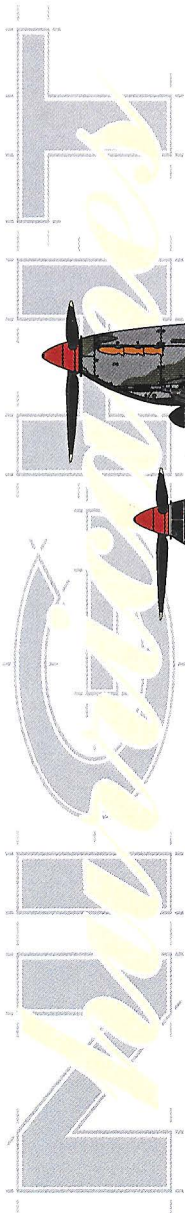
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NIGHT *hurricanes*

PART 2



Suggested Kit: Hasegawa Hurricane MK II C



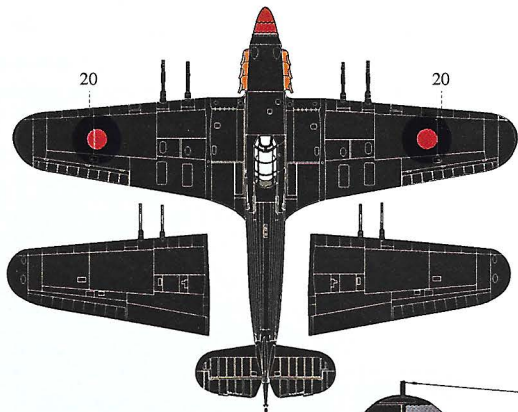
1 Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc BD929 ZY-S. 247 Squadron RAF, Exeter 1942. 247 Squadron was one of the first to use the new style national insignia markings. Unusually opting for the 'small' size of 18" and serials in 4" high letters.

2 Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc BE581 JX-E 'Night Reaper'. Flt.Lt. K.M. Kuttelwascher DFC & bar, 1 Squadron RAF, Redhill, May 1942. By now a leading exponent of night fighting, on the 2 May 1942 over St Andre, France, Kuttelwascher destroyed 3 Heinkel He111s. Note the replacement Special Night rudder and extensive repairs!

3 Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc BE581 JX-E. Flt.Lt. K.M. Kuttelwascher, 1 Squadron RAF, Redhill, May 1942. Flt. Lt. Kuttelwascher was a Czech pilot flying with 1 Squadron. This early depiction of BE581 shows it in Special Night finish and additional under-wing fuel tanks. At this point, Kuttelwascher's tally stood at 5 enemy aircraft.

4 Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc (serial unknown) LK-R 'Night Duty' 87 Squadron RAF, Charny Down, September 1942. LK-R has been converted from Special Night camouflage to this Intruder scheme using Mixed Gray and Dark Green uppersurfaces in a non-standard camouflage pattern. This may account for the lack of serial markings.

* FOR MIXED GRAY, MIX BLACK AND WHITE IN A 1:7 RATIO. EASY ??



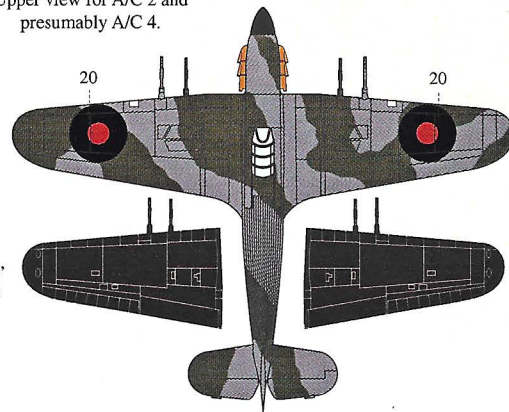
Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc - Night Fighter

With the start of the Luftwaffe's night bombing campaign against Britain, it soon became apparent that the RAF sadly lacked an aircraft of good night fighting capability. As a stop-gap measure the Hawker Hurricane was pressed into this role. Although for a long time, without any radar intercept equipment, the Mk.IIc made up for this with its four 20mm Hispano or Oerlikon canon fire power. While not contributing much to the Luftwaffe night bomber losses, the Hurricane helped establish combat techniques and night fighting technology that would benefit the later dedicated night fighting force of Beaufighters and Mosquitos.

Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc - Intruder

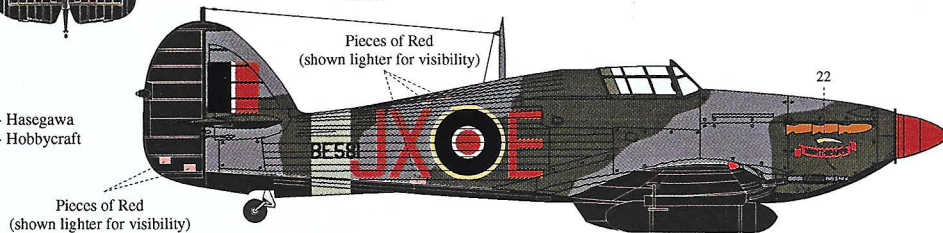
The end of the Battle of Britain provided the RAF with the opportunity of taking the fight back to the enemy and various intruder operations began in late 1940. Cross-Channel raids known as 'Rhubarbs', 'Rodeos' and 'Rangers' (dependent on the number of aircraft) were operated both day and night. The Hurricane Mk.IIc gained a reputation as a night intruder, where its powerful gun platform disabled many returning Luftwaffe bombers as they prepared to land on their aerodromes in France.

Upper view for A/C 2 and presumably A/C 4.



Recommended 1/48 Kits:

- Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc - Hasegawa
- Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc - Hobbycraft



References:

- The Hawker Hurricane 1939-1945 in RAF, Commonwealth and FAA service, HC Bridgwater, Combat Colours No.2, Scale Aircraft Modelling Colours, Guideline Publications
- Hawker Hurricane, Peter Jacobs, Crowood Aviation Series, The Crowood Press
- The Hawker Hurricane IIc, Francis K Mason, Aircraft in Profile Volume 1, Profile Publications Limited
- Hurricane at War, Chaz Bowyer, Ian Allen Ltd.

Decaling: Apply decals only to a glossy surface.

1. With a sharp scissors or knife, carefully cut item to be used, being careful of not cutting off the clear film around it or that belonging to an adjacent item.
2. Submerge in clean tap water for over 10 seconds and lay over an absorbent paper towel. Decal will slide freely in about 20 seconds. Do not leave decal on water bowl over ten seconds, or adhesive quality will suffer.
3. With a clean brush, apply a setting solution to the area where the decal will finally lay. (Micro, Super or Aero Set will do). With a clean pointed brush slide the decal on to the final area. Allow the setting solution to dry for about 3-5 minutes.
4. With another clean brush, apply a solvent solution over the decal (Micro, Super or Aero Sol will do). Do this if possible in one stroke since your decal will soften up and wrinkle immediately. This is an important step in the process, whatever you do DO NOT TOUCH THE DECAL, after this process until it is totally dry, preferably overnight.
5. When thoroughly dry, rinse your model with tap water and mild soap to wash of excess glue.
6. Finish your model with the desired final coat (gloss, flat, or semi-gloss).