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III Gruppe, JG 54 Grünherz

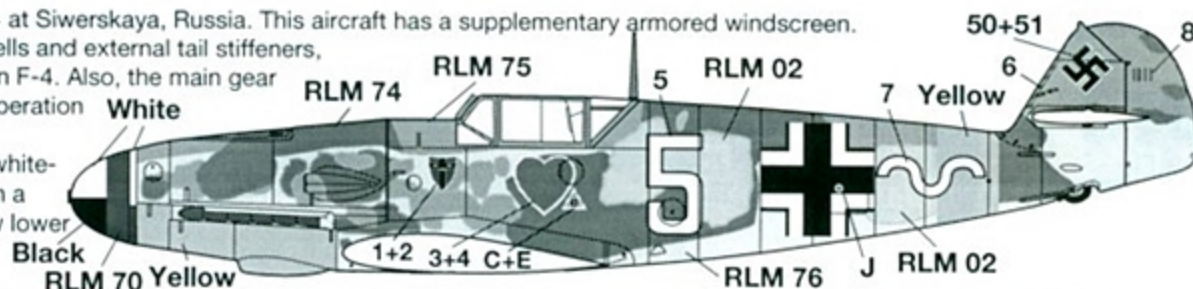
Messerschmitt Bf 109F-2/4

White 5: Bf 109F-4 of 7./JG 54 at Siwerskaya, Russia. This aircraft has a supplementary armored windscreen.

It also has squared-off wheel wells and external tail stiffeners, marking it as an early production F-4. Also, the main gear doors have been removed for operation from snow-covered airfields.

RLM 74/75/02/76 with a black/white-segmented RLM 70 spinner with a RLM 70/white backplate. Yellow lower engine cowl, lower wingtips, and fuselage band. The Werk-

nummer was stenciled at an angle on the vertical fin. Four kills on the left rudder. Optional kills are provided for the right rudder. The original RLM 74/75/76 paint scheme has been heavily retouched, in some places with RLM 02, possibly to obscure a previous squadron's markings. This aircraft may have had 7th Staffel badges on the engine cowl (see White 3, bottom). If so, they have been painted over or the overpainted area is the handiwork of a very talented wartime censor. Optionally, use either set of the provided "extra" Staffel badges.



White 1: Bf 109F-4 of 7./JG 54 flown by OBLT Hans Gotz while in Finland.

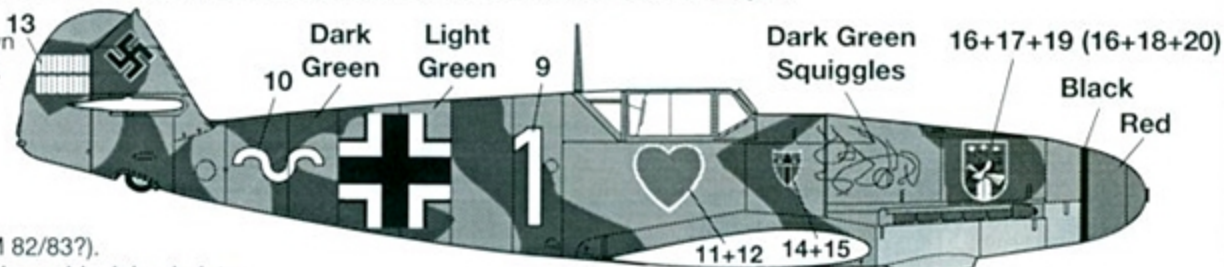
This aircraft has a supplementary armored windscreen, and probably rounded wheel wells. Note the lack of external tail stiffeners.

Upper surfaces are two shades of contrasting green (experimental RLM 82/83?).

RLM 76 undersurfaces. Red spinner has a black backplate.

Yellow lower engine cowl and wingtips. There are dark green squiggles on the engine cowl between the Gruppe badge and Staffel badge. Twenty kills on the right rudder. Optional kills are provided for the left rudder.

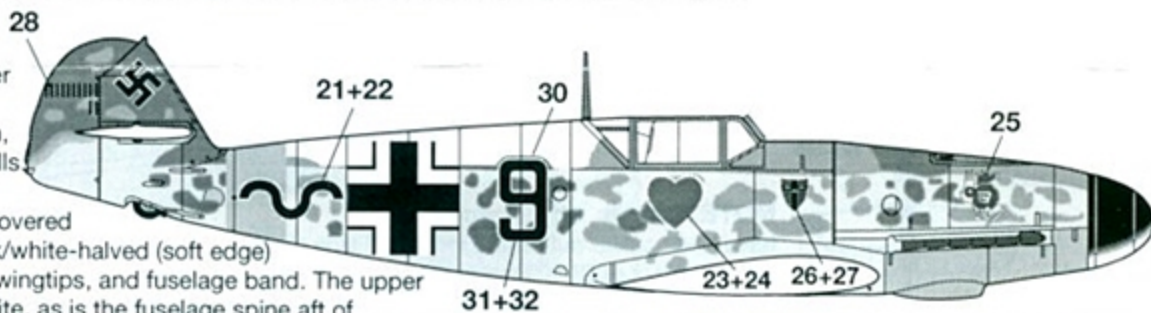
This is but one of the numerous nonstandard camouflage schemes applied to aircraft of JG 54 Grünherz.



Black 9: Bf 109F-2 of 8./JG 54 at Siwerskaya, Russia during the winter of 1941-42. This aircraft has a supplementary armored windscreen, and probably squared-off wheel wells.

The main gear doors have been removed for operation from snow-covered airfields. RLM 74/75/76 with a black/white-halved (soft edge) spinner. Yellow lower engine cowl, wingtips, and fuselage band. The upper surfaces of the wing and tail are white, as is the fuselage spine aft of the cockpit. A demarcation separator (30) has been provided to help you keep the white camouflage away from the white-outlined Black 9.

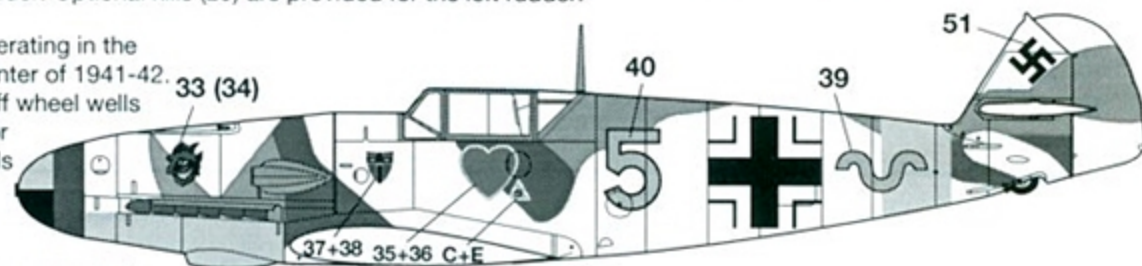
There are twelve kills on the right rudder. Optional kills (29) are provided for the left rudder.



Yellow 5: Bf 109F-2 of 9./JG 54 operating in the northern Russian Front during the winter of 1941-42.

This aircraft probably has squared-off wheel wells with the main gear doors removed for operation from snow-covered airfields. Upper surfaces in two shades of green, (probably similar to White 1) with white disruptive overpainting.

RLM 76 undersurfaces. Black/yellow-segmented RLM 70 spinner. Yellow lower engine cowl, lower wingtips and fuselage band.



White 3: Bf 109F-4 of 7./JG 54 at Siwerskaya, Russia. As per White 5, this aircraft has squared-off wheel wells and external tail stiffeners.

As the actual aircraft number can not be ascertained from the color photo, all possible numbers (3, 5, 6, 8, 9) have been included.

RLM 74/75/76 with a black/white-segmented RLM 70 spinner.

Yellow engine cowl, wing leading edges and wingtips.

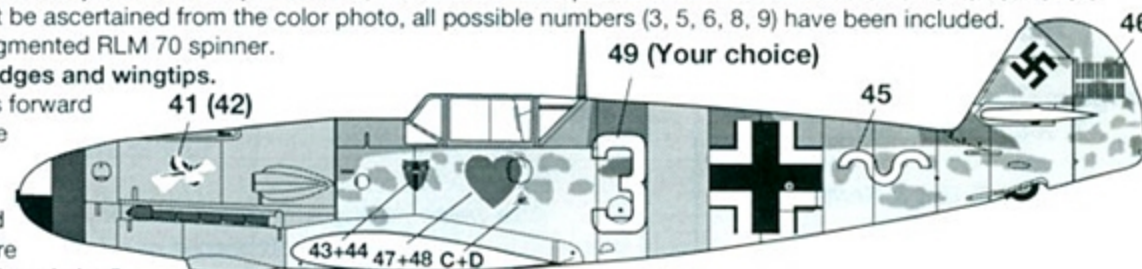
Note that the yellow fuselage band is forward of the fuselage cross. Twenty kills are provided for the left rudder

(two rows of 10?), though the complete tally can not be determined from the color photo. Optional kills are provided for the right rudder. The "winged clog"

Staffel badges are of the style without "feather" detail. The more common style, with feather detail, have also been provided as "extras".

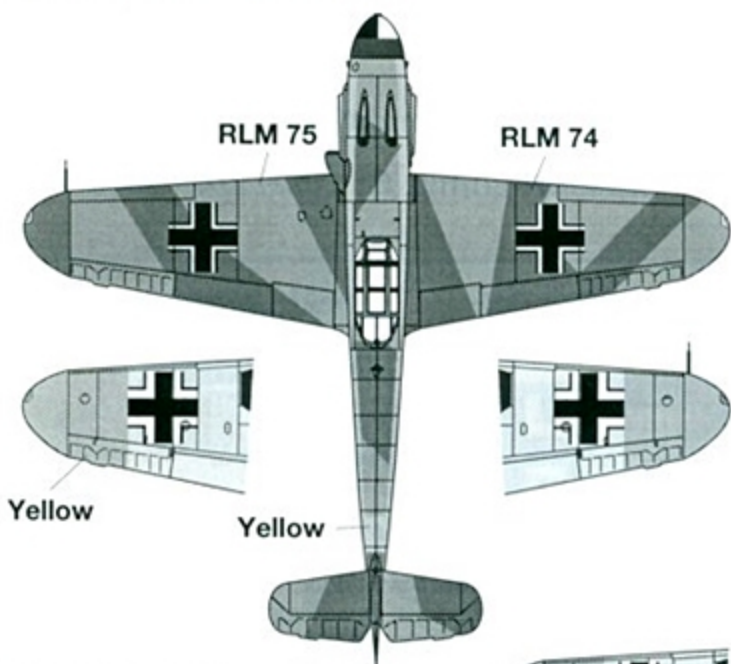
This aircraft is based on a color photo that is occasionally captioned as being LT Max-Hellmuth Ostermann's White 2, or in black/white as LT Karl Kempf's White 5. While their aircraft are similiary marked, this aircraft is definitely not White 2, as the lower right corner of the number is round, not square.

NOTE: Use items on the supplementary sheet to replace like items on the main sheet.

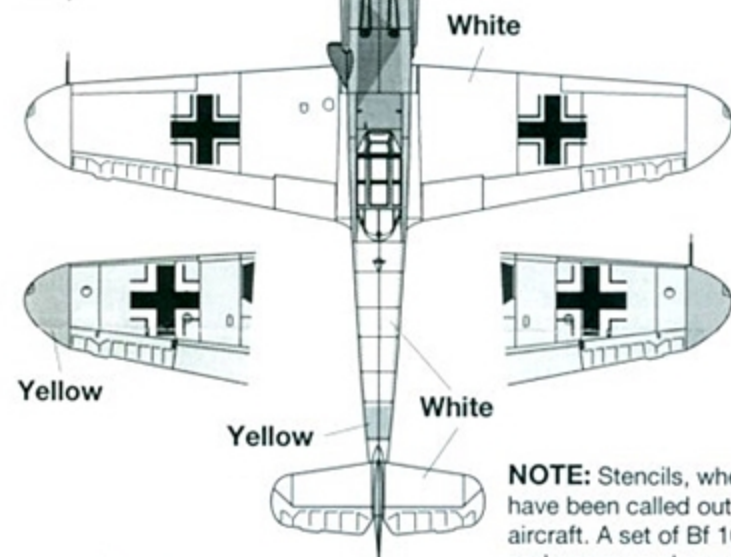


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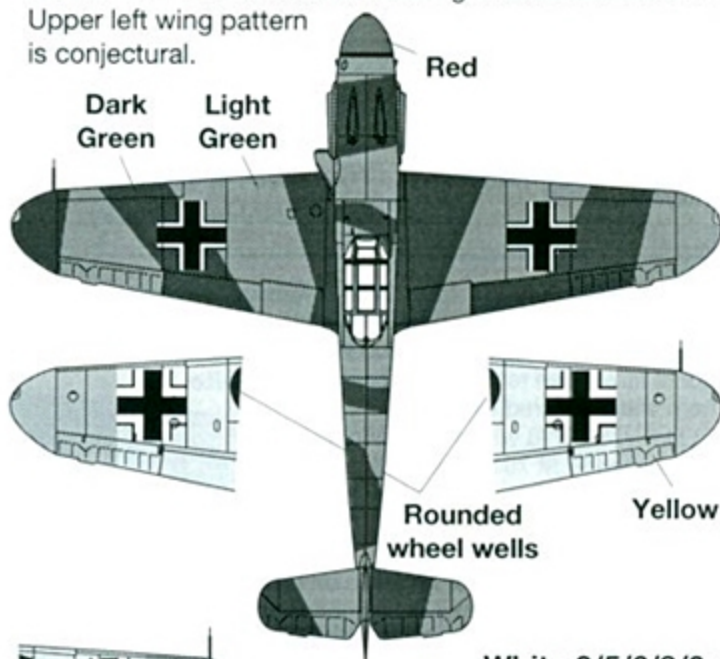
White 5: F-2 in RLM74/75/76.



Black 9: F-2 in RLM 74/75/76 with white upper wings, tail, and fuselage spine aft of cockpit.

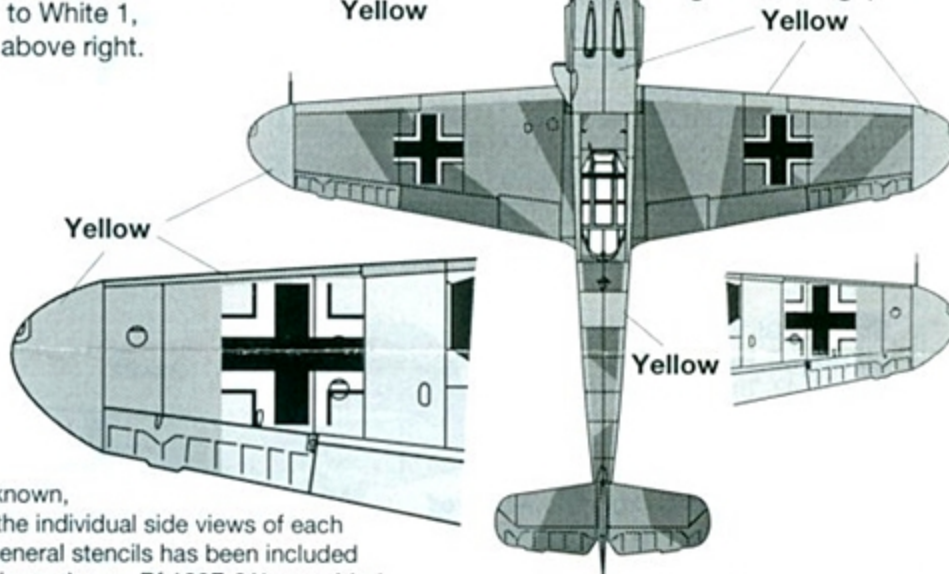


White 1: F-4 in Dark Green and Light Green over RLM 76. Upper left wing pattern is conjectural.

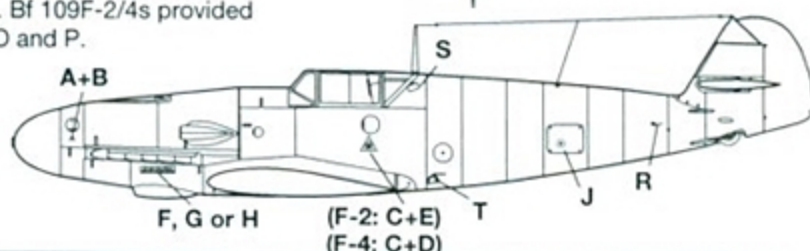
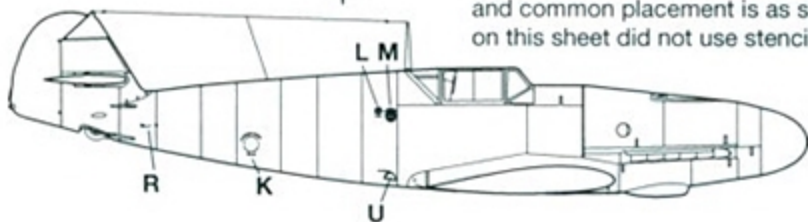


Yellow 5: Upper surface pattern not known, though probably similar to White 1, above right.

White 3/5/6/8/9: F-4 in RLM 74/75/76. Yellow wing leading edges and wingtips.



NOTE: Stencils, where known, have been called out on the individual side views of each aircraft. A set of Bf 109 general stencils has been included and common placement is as shown. Bf 109F-2/4s provided on this sheet did not use stencils N, O and P.



SUGGESTED KITS

HASEGAWA Bf 109F series

REFERENCES

Monogram Close-Up #9 Bf 109F:
T. Hitchcock, 1990

*Mess. Bf 109 F, G & K Series;
An Illustrated Study:*
J. Prien & P. Rodeike, 1993

War In The Air 1939-1945:
R. Humble, 1975

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION

Cut a decal from the backing sheet. Removal of excess clear film will enhance the finished look, though you will risk the possibility of ink bleeding should you cut into the decal proper. Place the decal in a container of warm water and briefly submerge it. Remove the decal from the container and set the decal aside. Apply SuperScale's *SuperSol Setting Solution* to a glossy painted surface, apply the decal and then apply SuperScale's *SuperSol Setting Solution* on top of the decal. Position the decal accordingly. Relief cuts may be necessary over irregular surfaces.

SUGGESTIONS?

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