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CED48163

A-4 Skyhawks

A-4C & A4D-1



Recommended kit:
1/48 Hasegawa A-4

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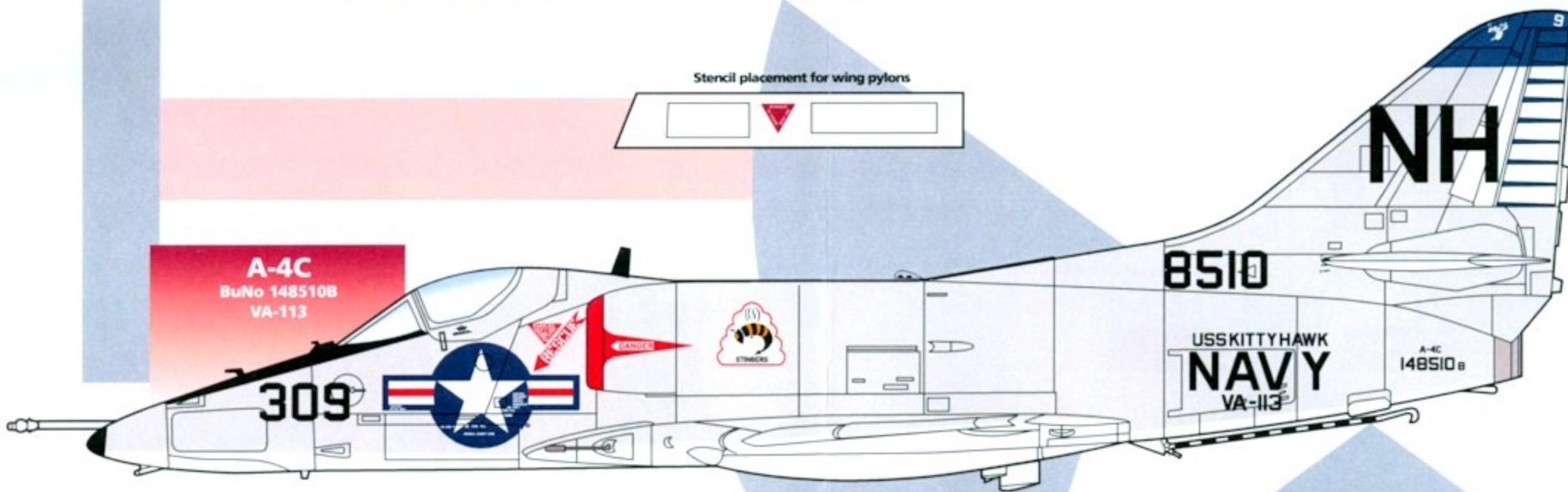


FS 25102

Stencil placement for wing pylons

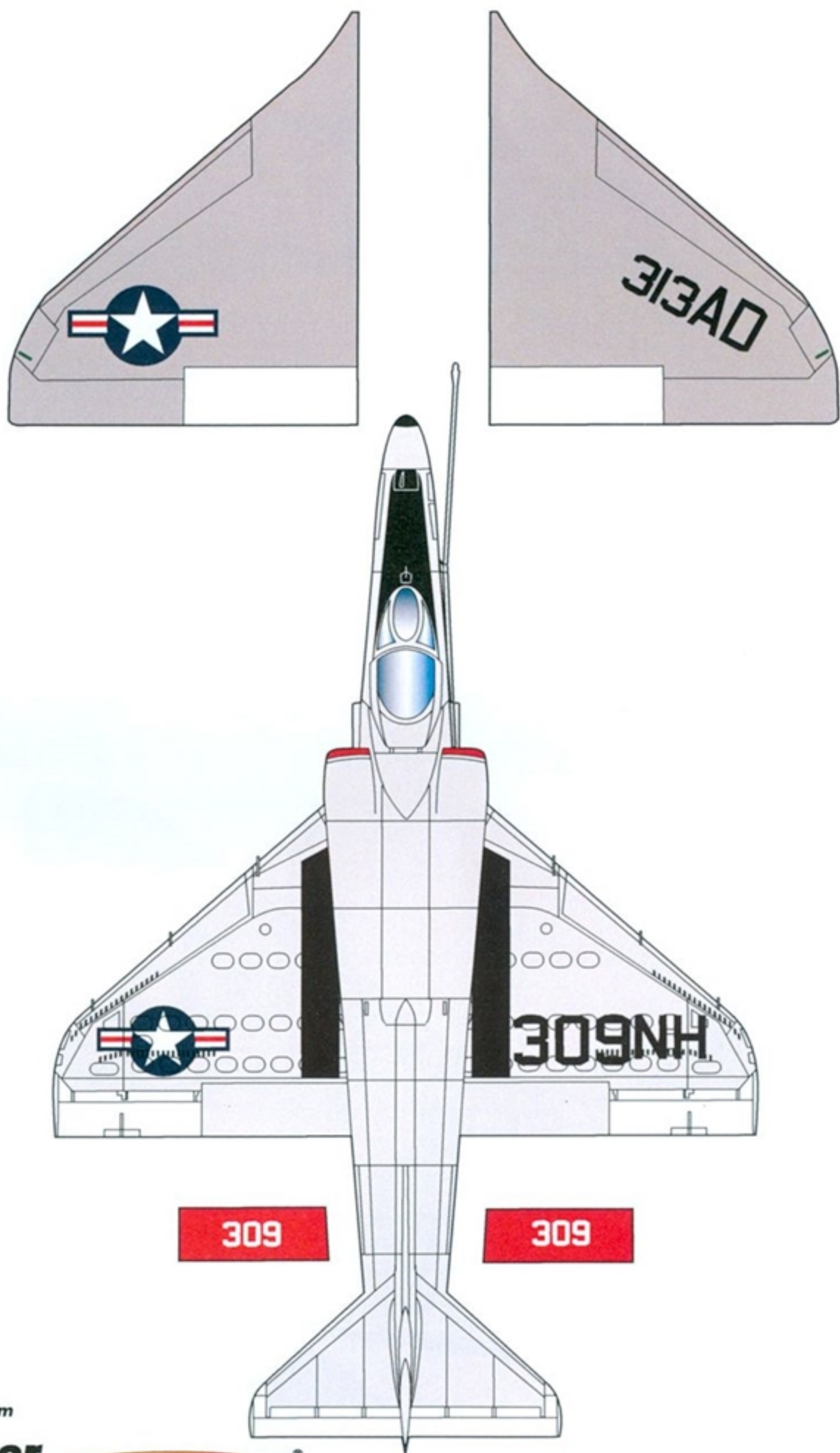


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ANA 620 Light Gull Gray ANA 511 Insignia White





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Notes on Aircraft

All aircraft

- These A-4s both carried the standard U.S. Navy two-tone camouflage scheme of the period consisting of Light Gull Gray (FS 26440) and White (FS 27875).

- The blue color used on both aircraft was approximately FS 25102.

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

Light Gull Gray FS 6440

Xtracolor X137, Modelmaster 1729/1730, Gunze Sangyo H315/325, Pro Modeler 88-0033, Polly Scale 505326

White FS 7875

Any white paint

Dark Blue FS 5102

Floquil 303046

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Numerous photos in the Dave Klaus collection