



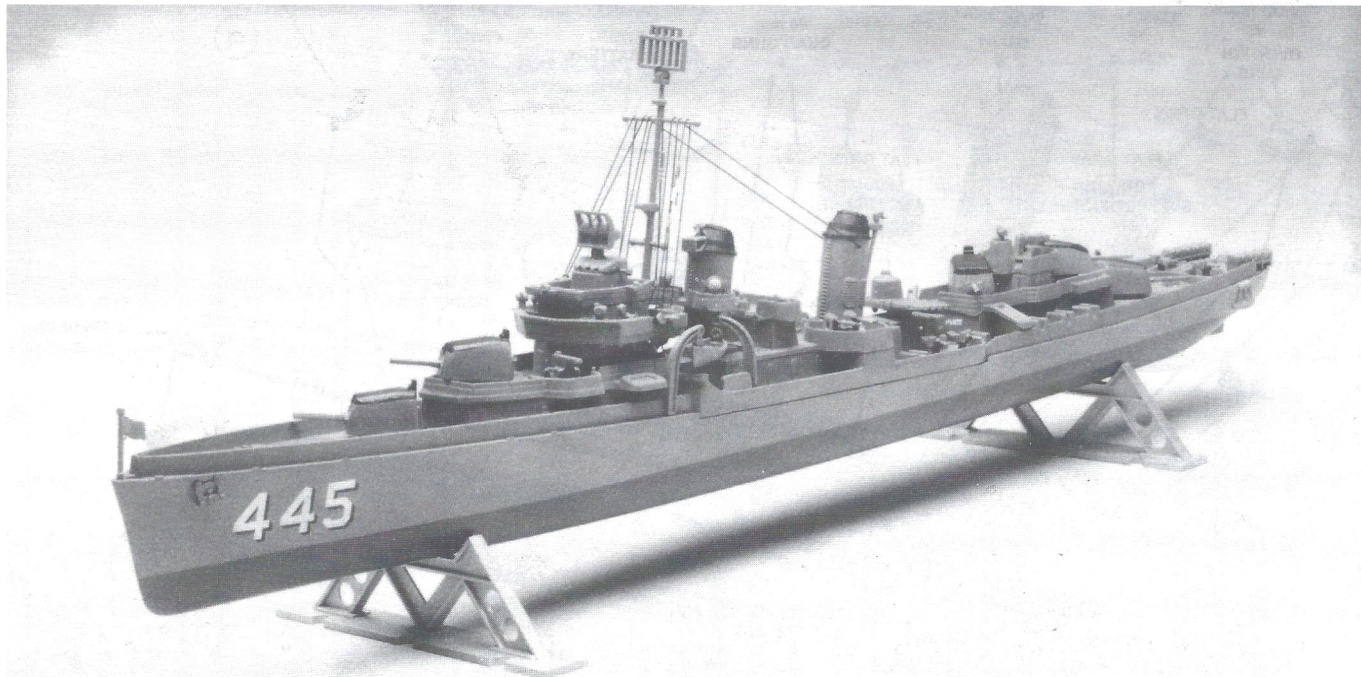
U.S.S. FLETCHER

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November 12-13, 1942, saw strong Japanese attempts to get troops to beleaguere Guadalcanal. They were convinced that the key to the whole campaign was to capture the air strip on the island.

To accomplish this the Japanese dispatched 11 large transports, escorted by 11 destroyers. This group was joined by a supporting force of 14 destroyers, a light cruiser, and the battleships Hiei and Kirishima. When this raiding force was discovered at noon of the 12th, it was still 300 miles north of Guadalcanal. This gave the American forces time to move a large troop convoy to relative safety, and to assemble a force to repel the Japanese attack.

Shortly after midnight, eight American destroyers and five cruisers entered the channel, and proceeded west along the coast of Guadalcanal. Among the destroyer force was the U.S.S. Fletcher. Although greatly outnumbered, the American force had the advantage of being equipped with radar, and also, the Japanese ships had been armed with bombardment ammunition, rather than armor piercing.

These two groups closed on each other at better than 40 knots, and even though the Helena's radar picked up the enemy at 27,000 yards, the lead destroyer, Cushing, had to turn hard to port to avoid collision with the head of the enemy column. This sudden meeting threw each fleet into confusion, and there was no hope of a coordinated attack. Ships fired at random, and in many cases at their own ships. In the general melee, which lasted 24 minutes,

both sides suffered severe losses. Before 2:15 a.m. the Japanese fleet was retiring in disorder. The battleship Hiei was hit more than fifty times and was out of action, several other units were severely damaged, and one destroyer was sunk. The Hiei lasted until the following evening, when she was finally sunk by American planes and torpedoes. Three hundred of her seaman were lost.

The American fleet fared far worse. Four destroyers, the Laffey, Barton, Cushing and Monssen were sunk. The Atlanta was damaged beyond salvage and was scuttled. Of the remaining ships, only the FLETCHER had come through unscathed. As the remnants of the fleet were returning to base, a Japanese submarine sent a torpedo into the already weakened cruiser JUNEAU, which broke in half and sank in less than a minute. Only ten of her crew of 700 were rescued.

Although the American force was terribly battered, it had repulsed the attempted reinforcement of the island, and reduced the Japanese Imperial Navy by some 34,530 tons.

The U.S.S. Fletcher survived the war and was converted into a Destroyer Escort in 1948. Her overall length is 376 feet, six inches, her beam, 39 feet, and her displacement is 2,050 tons. The armament of the ship has varied from time to time, and at one time her second forward gun was replaced by rocket launchers. Her keel was laid in October of 1941, and she was completed late in 1942. She remains one of the real veterans of the South Pacific.

READ THIS BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Study the assembly drawings.
- Each plastic part is identified by a number.
- Check the fit of each piece before cementing in place.
- Do not use too much cement to join parts.
- Use only cement for polystyrene plastic.
- Model may be painted to match photos on box.
- Allow paint to dry thoroughly before handling parts.
- Scrape paint from areas to be cemented.
- For better paint and decal adhesion, wash the plastic parts in a mild detergent solution. Rinse and let air dry.

LISEZ CE QUI SUIT AVANT DE COMMENCER

LE MONTAGE

- Etudier les schémas d'assemblage.
- Chaque pièce plastique porte un numéro d'identification.

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- Contrôler que pièce soit bien conforme avant de la coller à sa place.
- N'utilisez pas trop de colle pour réunir les pièces.
- Utilisez uniquement une colle spéciale pour polystyrène.
- Le modèle peut être peint conformément aux photos sur la boîte.
- Laissez sécher la peinture complètement, avant de manipuler les pièces.
- Grattez la peinture sur les surfaces devant être collées.
- Pour assurer la meilleure adhésion possible de la peinture et des décalcomanies, laver les pièces de plastique avec une légère solution savonneuse. Rincer et laisser sécher à l'air.

LEA ESTO ANTES DE EMPEZAR

- Estudie los dibujos de ensamblaje.
- Cada pieza de plástico se identifica por un número.
- Verifique que cada pieza encaje bien antes de pegar en posición.
- No use demasiado pegamento para unir las piezas.
- Use únicamente pegamento para plástico de poliestireno.
- El modelo puede pintarse de acuerdo con las fotografías de la caja.
- Permita que se seque la pintura completamente antes de tocar las piezas.
- Raspe la pintura de las superficies que serán pegadas.
- Para una mejor fijación de la pintura y de las calcomanías, lávense las piezas plásticas en una solución de detergente suave. Enjuáguese y déjense secar al aire.



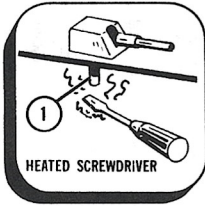
**OPTIONAL PARTS
PIECES EN OPTION
PIEZAS OPCIONALES**

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| FLAT BLACK | NEGRO APAGADO | NOIR TERNE |
| FLAT GRAY | GRIS | GRIS |
| FLAT RED | ROJO | ROUGE |

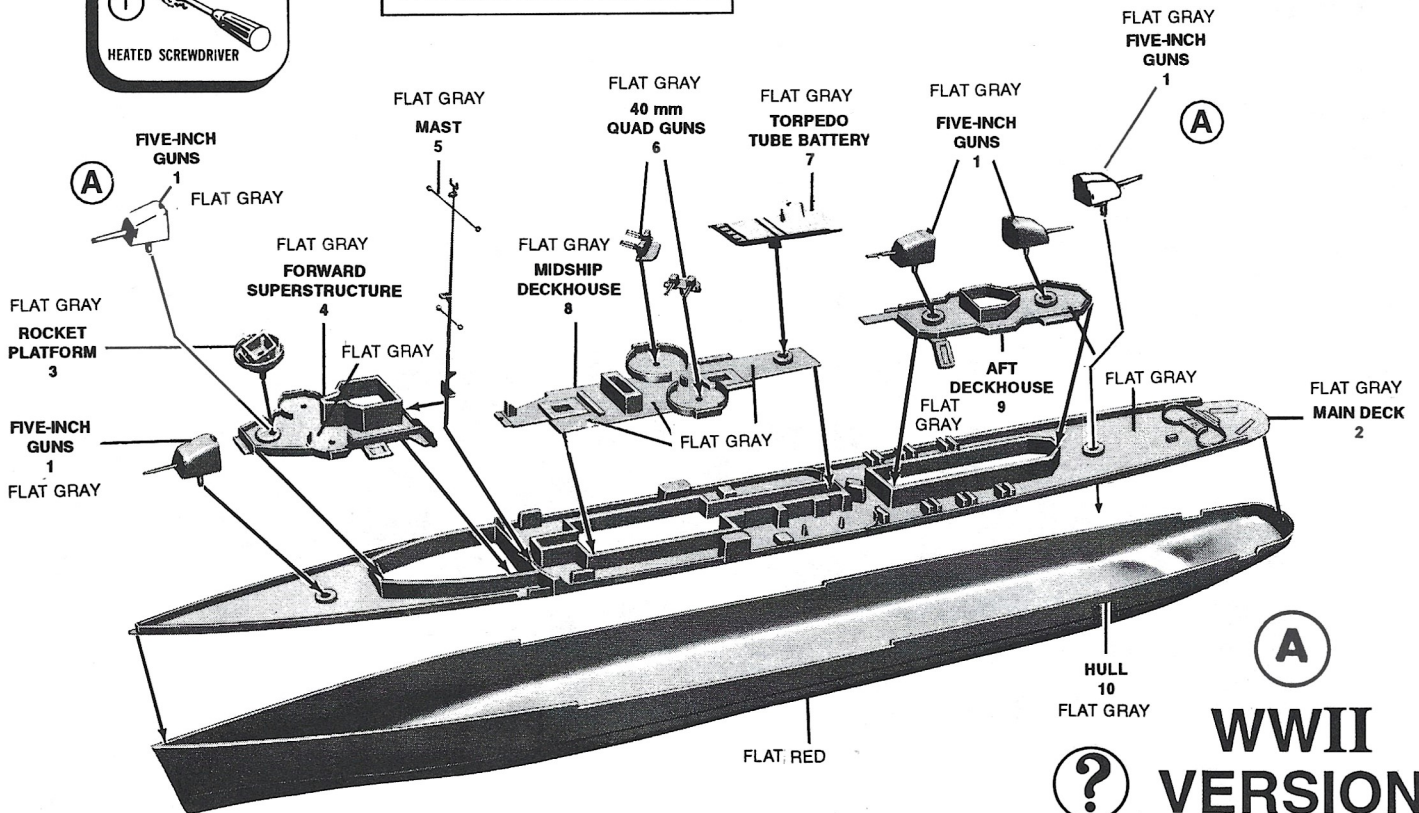


**DECAL (DIP IN WATER)
DECALCOMANIE (A PLONGER DANS L'EAU)
DECALCOMANIA (MOJÉ CON AGUA)**

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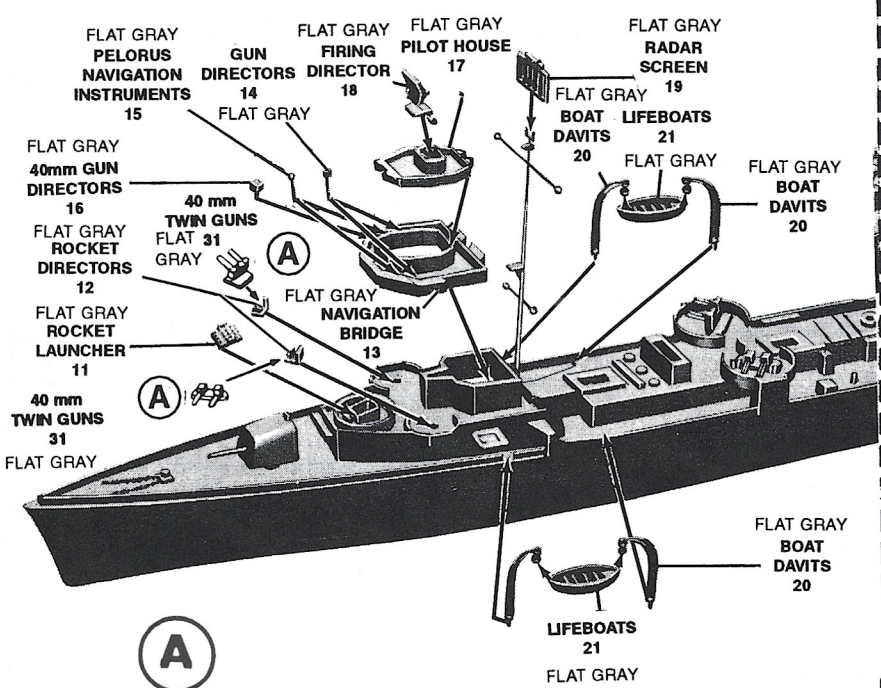


PAINT TOPS OF FIVE-INCH GUNS FLAT BLACK



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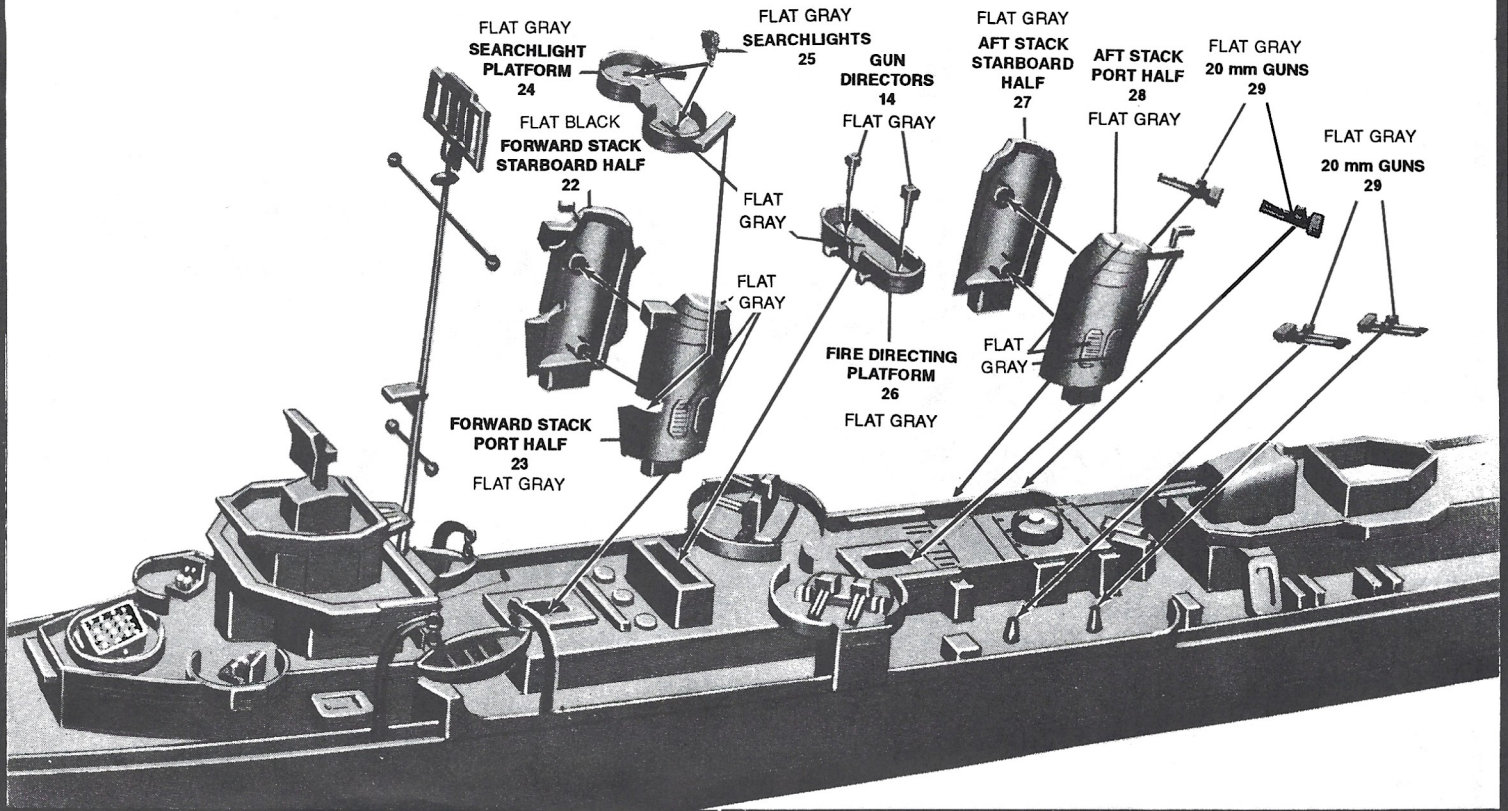
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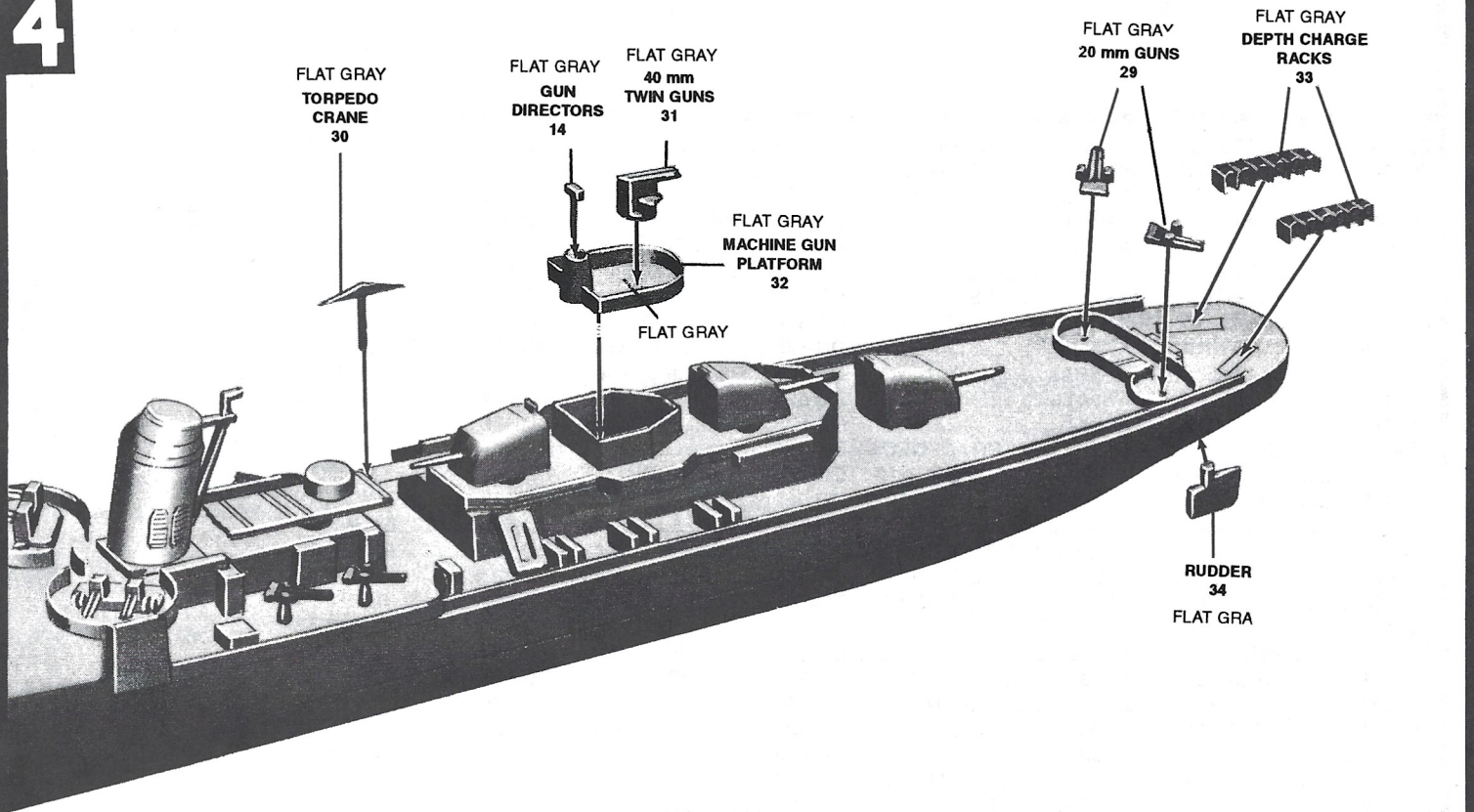


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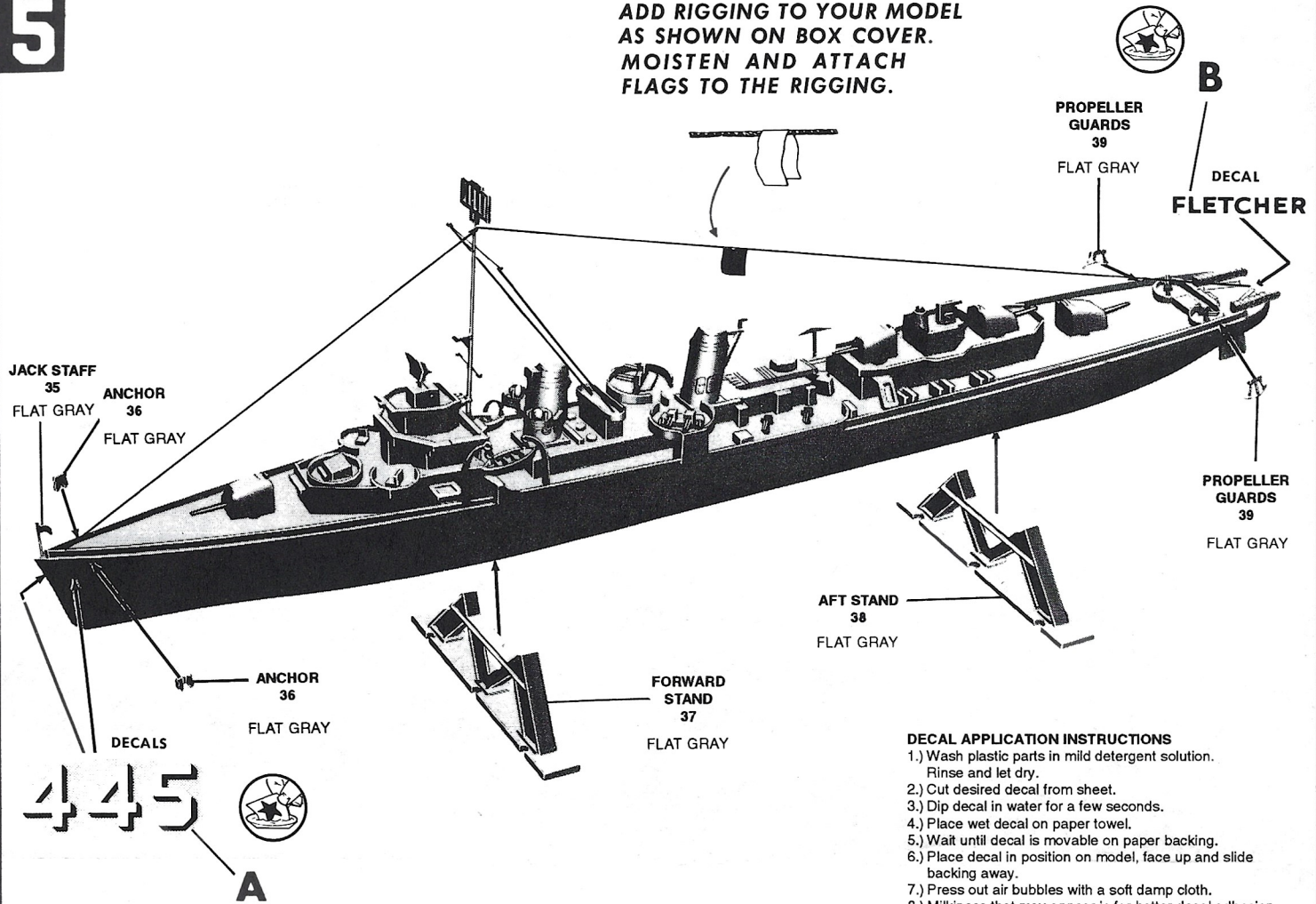
PAINT TOPS OF FORE AND AFT SMOKE STACKS FLAT BLACK



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ADD RIGGING TO YOUR MODEL AS SHOWN ON BOX COVER. MOISTEN AND ATTACH FLAGS TO THE RIGGING.



DECAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.) Wash plastic parts in mild detergent solution. Rinse and let dry.
- 2.) Cut desired decal from sheet.
- 3.) Dip decal in water for a few seconds.
- 4.) Place wet decal on paper towel.
- 5.) Wait until decal is movable on paper backing.
- 6.) Place decal in position on model, face up and slide backing away.
- 7.) Press out air bubbles with a soft damp cloth.
- 8.) Milkiness that may appear is for better decal adhesion and will dry clear. Wipe away any excess adhesive.
- 9.) Do not touch decal until fully dry.

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| DD-445.....FLETCHER | DD-530TRATHEN | DD-567WATTS | DD-630.....BRAINE | DD-671GATLING |
| DD-446RADFORD | DD-531HAZELWOOD | DD-568WREN | DD-631.....ERBEN | DD-672.....HEALY |
| DD-447JENKINS | DD-532.....HEERMANN | DD-569AULICK | DD-642.....HALE | DD-673.....HICKOX |
| DD-448LA VALLETTE | DD-534.....McCORD | DD-570...CHARLES AUSBURNE | DD-643.....SIGOURNEY | DD-674HUNT |
| DD-449.....NICHOLAS | DD-535.....MILLER | DD-571CLAXTON | DD-644STEMBEL | DD-675.....LEWIS HANCOCK |
| DD-450.....O'BANNON | DD-536.....OWEN | DD-572.....DYSON | DD-649...ALBERT W. GRANT | DD-676MARSHALL |
| DD-465.....SAUFLAY | DD-537.....THE SULLIVANS | DD-573HARRISON | DD-650CAPERTON | DD-677McDERMUT |
| DD-466WALLER | DD-538...STEPHEN POTTER | DD-574JOHN RODGERS | DD-651.....COGSWELL | DD-678.....McGOWAN |
| DD-468TAYLOR | DD-539.....TINGEY | DD-575McKEE | DD-652INGERSOLL | DD-679.....McNAIR |
| DD-470.....BACHE | DD-540.....TWINING | DD-576MURRAY | DD-653.....KNAPP | DD-680.....MELVIN |
| DD-471BEALE | DD-541.....YARNALL | DD-577SPROSTON | DD-654BEARSS | DD-681.....HOPEWELL |
| DD-472.....GUEST | DD-544BOYD | DD-578WICKES | DD-655JOHN HOOD | DD-682PORTERFIELD |
| DD-473BENNETT | DD-545.....BRADFORD | DD-580YOUNG | DD-656...VAN VALKENBURGH | DD-683.....STOCKHAM |
| DD-474.....FULLAM | DD-546.....BROWN | DD-581CHARRETTE | DD-657...CHARLES J. BADGER | DD-684WEDDERBURN |
| DD-475.....HUDSON | DD-547.....COWELL | DD-582.....CONNER | DD-658COLAHAN | DD-685PICKING |
| DD-478.....STANLY | DD-550.....CAPPS | DD-583HALL | DD-659DASHIELL | DD-686...HALSEY POWELL |
| DD-479.....STEVENS | DD-551.....DAVID W. TAYLOR | DD-585HARADEN | DD-660BULLARD | DD-687UHLMANN |
| DD-480.....HALFORD | DD-553JOHN D. HENLEY | DD-587BELL | DD-661.....KIDD | DD-688.....REMEY |
| DD-498.....PHILIP | DD-554FRANKS | DD-588.....BURNS | DD-662.....BENNION | DD-689WADLEIGH |
| DD-499.....RENSHAW | DD-556.....HAILEY | DD-589IZARD | DD-663...HEYWOOD L. EDWARDS | DD-690...NORMAN SCOTT |
| DD-500RINGGOLD | DD-558.....LAWS | DD-590PAUL HAMILTON | DD-664RICHARD P. LEARY | DD-691MERTZ |
| DD-501SCHROEDER | DD-561PRICHETT | DD-592.....HOWORTH | DD-665BRYANT | DD-793...CASSIN YOUNG |
| DD-502SIGSBEE | DD-562ROBINSON | DD-593KILLEN | DD-666BLACK | DD-799.....JARVIS |
| DD-507.....CONWAY | DD-563ROSS | DD-594HART | DD-667CHAUNCEY | DD-800PORTER |
| DD-508CONY | DD-564ROWE | DD-595METCALF | DD-668...CLARENCE K. BRONSON | DD-802GREGORY |
| DD-509CONVERSE | DD-565SMALLEY | DD-597WILEY | DD-669.....COTTEN | DD-804ROOKS |
| DD-510EATON | DD-566STODDARD | DD-629.....ABBOT | DD-670.....DORTCH | |

'FLETCHER' Class (1940-42)

Displacement: 2,050 tons, 3,040f/l

Dimensions: 369'3 (wl), 376'6 (oa)x39'8x17'9

Machinery: Two shafts, steam turbines, SHP 60,000 •• 37kt

Endurance: 6,500/15

Armament: 5x5in/38, 10x40mm AA guns, 10x21in TT

Units marked*: 4x5in/38, 6x3 in./50 guns

Complement: 273

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