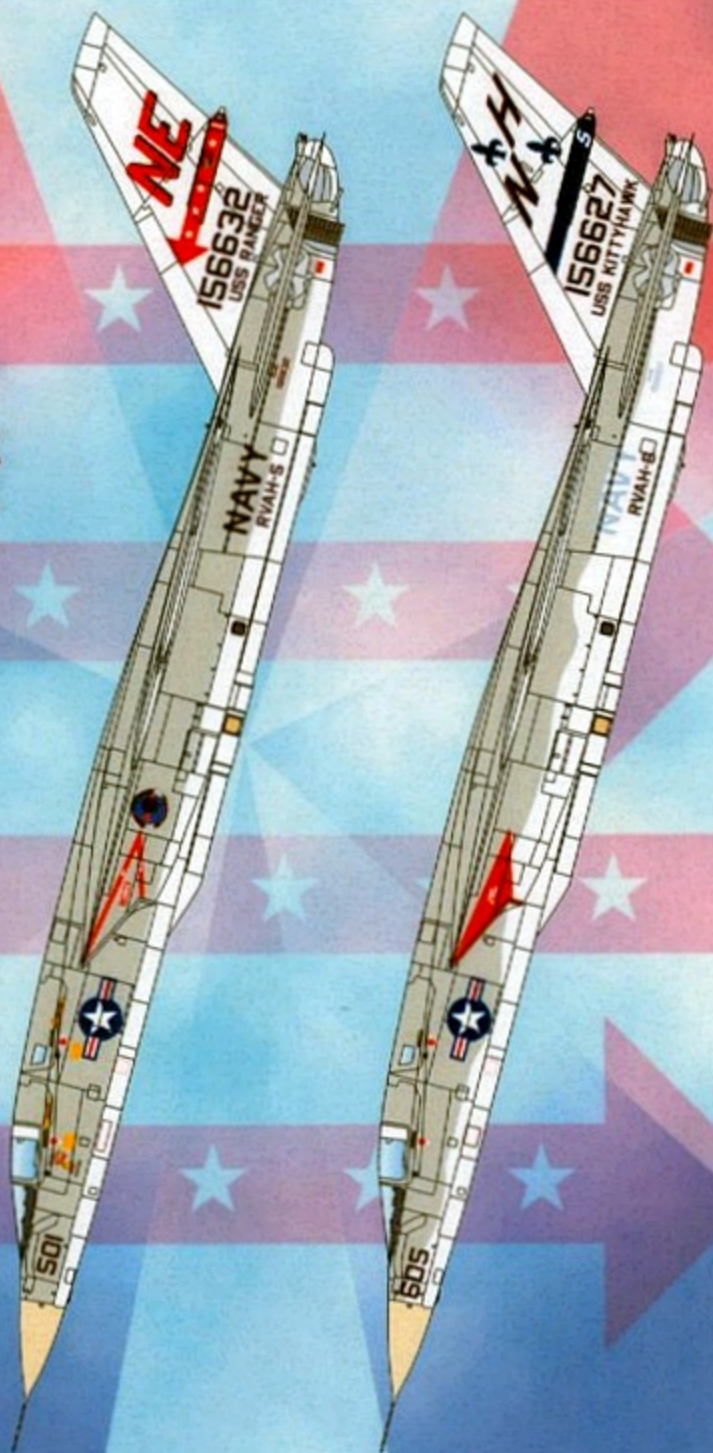


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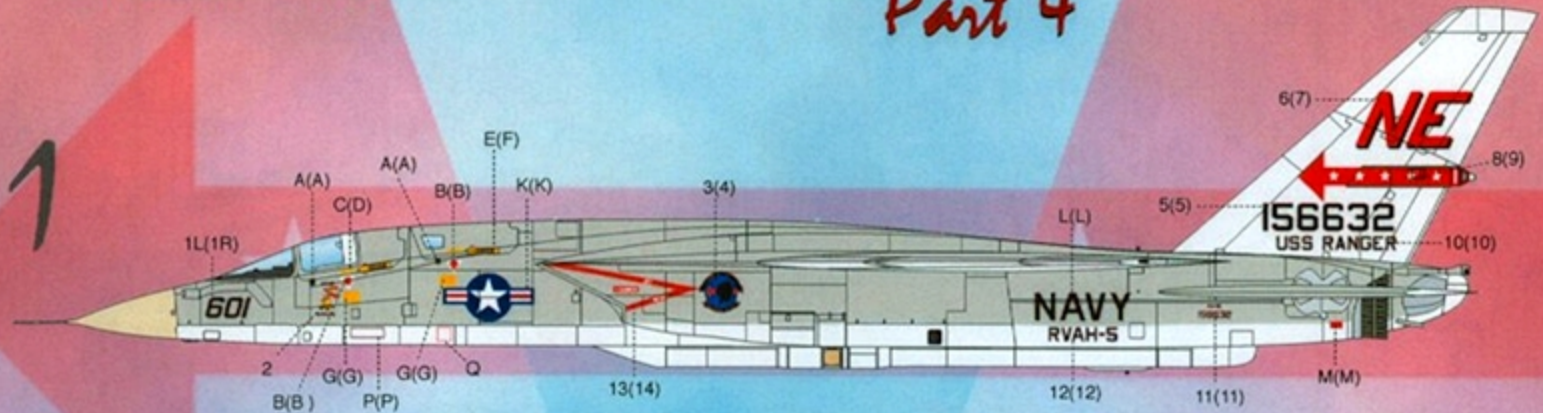
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Suggested Kit: Trumpeter RA-5C Vigilante.

Valiant Vigis Part 4

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RA-5C Vigilante BuNo. 156632. The Savage Sons of RVAH-5 flew their Vigis on several war cruises to Viet Nam. Head Savage was flown by the squadron CO from USS Ranger (CVA61). Non-specular Gull Gray FS36440 upper surfaces with Gloss White FS17875 vertical tail, undersides, control surfaces, landing gear, and wheel wells. Wing leading edge slats Dark Gull Gray FS35231; edges of gear doors painted FS11136 Insignia Red. The radome was natural faberglass Tan.

Although not to the latest Modeling standards of the Industry, the Trumpeter Vigilante is nevertheless, a kit worthy of some extra work, if not the only one in this scale. We suggest you patiently fill all those rivets and check the a/c panel lines with the Aerofax # 9 by Grove and Miller, rescribing as necessary. The fin tip must also be rounded off a little bit at the top front leading edge. Although the upper fuselage hump is not as pronounced as it should be, it is not that noticeable unless you look at it from a perfect 90 degree side angle.

Having input our two cents, we believe the actual color for the wing leading edges on the Vigilante is called "Corrogard" and it is a medium/dark Metallic Gray. This color is commonly seen on many Navy a/c such as Furies, Skyraiders, Skyrays, etc. Since we believe you will only build one Vigilante (where are you going to put them) we decided to give you only two choices per sheet at a much more moderate price. We hope you agree with us. Happy Modeling!!



RA-5C Vigilante BuNo. 156627. The Fleurs of RVAH-6 flew the RA-5C from USS Kittyhawk (CVA63) during war cruise off Viet Nam in 1970/71. Non-specular Gull Gray FS36440 upper surfaces with Gloss White FS17875 vertical fin, undersides, control surfaces, landing gear, wheel wells, and fin tip antenna. Wing leading edge slats Dark Gull Gray FS35231; radome was faded tan, approximately FS23717, and the edges of gear doors were painted FS11136 Insignia Red.

Apply wing stars
(Decals N) to upper
left and lower right wings



Typical Nose



Suggested 1:48 Scale Kits:
Trumpeter RA-5C Vigilante.

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