





F-8 Crusader Part 4



Duck

 The duck on the upper wing has a black stippled outline to it. Before applying the decal, cut out the supplied template and use a paint brush (not airbrush) roughly stipple black paint as shown on the top view illustration.
 When finished, allow paint to dry and apply decal.

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Although Trip Trey never took their Crusaders to Southeast Asia, they flew many ground attack training sorties
at MCAS Yuma and other locations. Photos of Trip Trey F-8s often show heavy gunsmoke staining streaming back
from the gun ports, and pre-mission photos show heavy bomb loads.

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

FS 6440 Xtracolor X137, Modelmaster 1729/1730, Gunze Sangyo H315/325, Pro Modeler 88-

0033, Polly Scale 505326

FS 7875 Any white paint

Bibliography

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