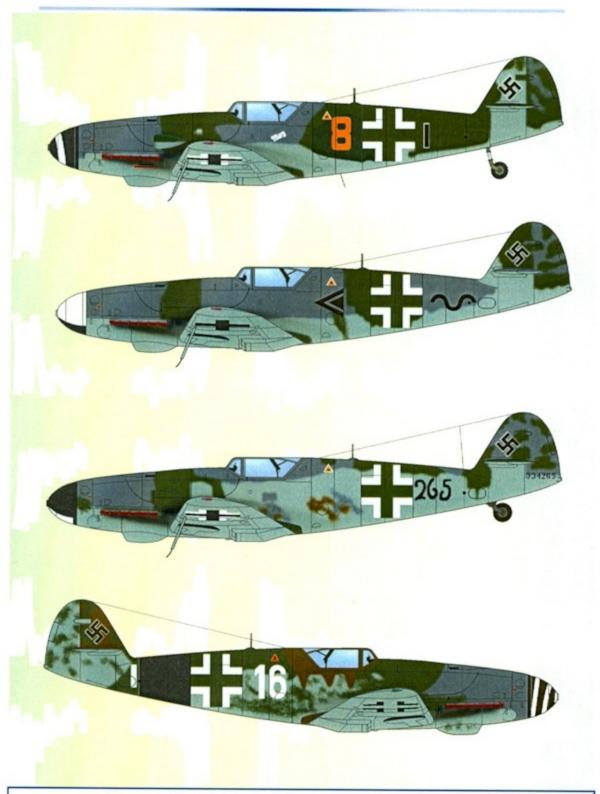
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Suggested Kit: Hasegawa, Revell/Monogram, Hobbycraft.



An intriguing A/C, the K4 seems to have been mostly photographed in scrap yards or as cannibalized A/C in occupied and captured airfields. One of the best books on the A/C is our number one reference, Messerschmitt Bf109K by Japo. Highly recommended. Since a definite color order has not been accepted for the Luftwaffe in WWII, and to avoid further confusion, we have used the order followed by our paint line, where RLM 81 is Braunviolett, RLM 82 is Dark Green, and RLM 83 is Medium Green, Right or wrong, this is how we designate these colors. There was never a RLM 84 issued by the Air Ministry, but we have used this number to designate the mysterious Gray Green found on the later fighter A/C of the Luftwaffe. Some of these K4 A/C had the "saw tooth" wing leading edge pattern, for which a master has been provided. Carefully transfer it to tape, trim and use as a masking template. We are only suggesting a known K-4 upper surfaces pattern, however, we know that many others existed, but are not aware of specifics. According to our reference #4, the tailwheel on A/C #1 seems to have been fixed.

A/C 1 • Bf109K-4, II./JG3, March 1945. RLM 75/82/76 camouflage with Black spinner and White spiral. Very typical late war K-4 machine. Notice pilot girl friend or Wife's name on the side of the fuselage. Notice dark panel behind #8. RLM 70...66...?

A/C 4 • Bf109K-4 of IIL/JG 53. Camouflaged in RLM 81/82/76 this A/C seems to have borrowed the engine from a RLM 75/82 painted airplane. This occurrence seems to have been common during the last days. Black (or RLM 70) spinner with White spiral.

A/C 2 • Bf109K-4, Stab III./JG 52, May 1945. Camouflaged as per A/C 1 but in what seems a more Gray than Green pattern. Spinner segmented in 1/3 White, 2/3 Black (or RLM 70), very unusual for late war A/C, whose spirals or solid color spinner were the order of the day. Presumably flown by III./JG 52 Gruppen Kommandeur Major Adolf Borchers.

A/C 3 • Bf109K-4 WrNr. 334265. Found abandoned at Amberg Airfield. Camouflaged in RLM 75/82/76, this A/C has a fixed tail wheel, similar to a G-6's. Again, another segmented spinner, this time with a Black (or RLM 70) back plate and a slightly different pattern.

