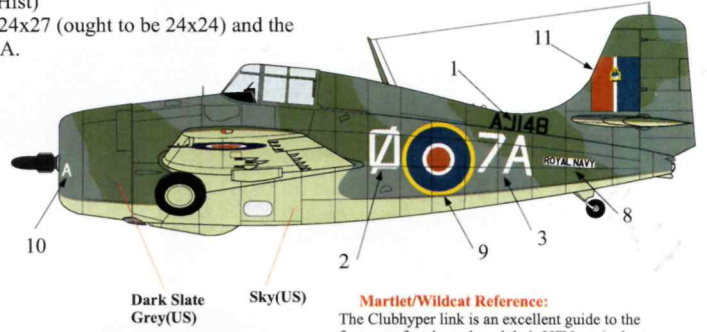
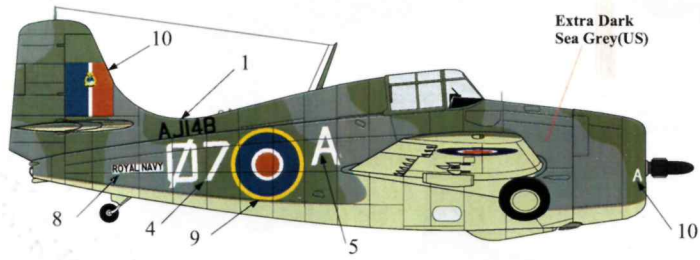


Grumman Martlet Mk II (F4F-4A), AJ148/07-A of 888 NAS, FAA, HMS Formidable, late 1942 (On Sqn 8/42-5/43)
 (Ref: Martlet/Wildcat File - IPMS UK Mag; FAA@War P.42; SqnSig 1191 F4F Wildcat P.34;
 AB FAA Sqn V1. P.360; AB FAA Sqn V2. P.313 S-Hist)
 NOTE: Transition period: The fin flash is a modified 24x27 (ought to be 24x24) and the
 underwing Type C is modified from the 40 inch Type A.



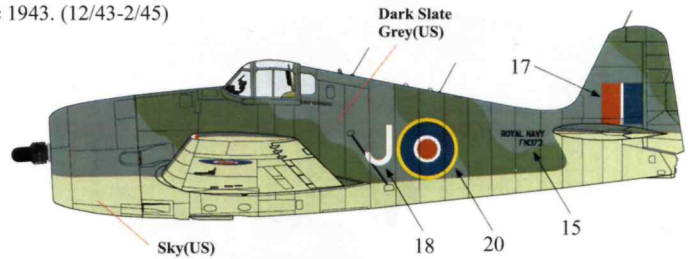
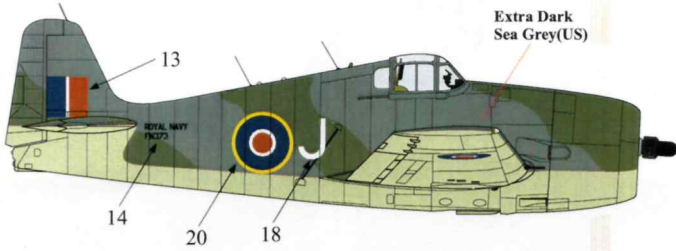
Dark Slate Grey(US)
 Sky(US)

Martlet/Wildcat Reference:

The Clubhyper link is an excellent guide to the features of each mark and their USN equivalent, allowing modellers to choose the appropriate kit available on the market.

http://www.clubhyper.com/reference/wildcatfaaba_1.htm

Grumman Gannet (Hellcat) MK.I (F6F-3), FN373/J of 1839 NAS, Eglington Dec 1943. (12/43-2/45)
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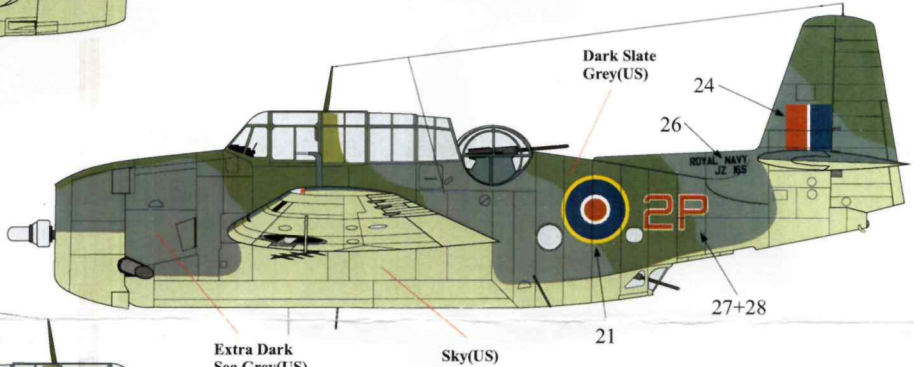
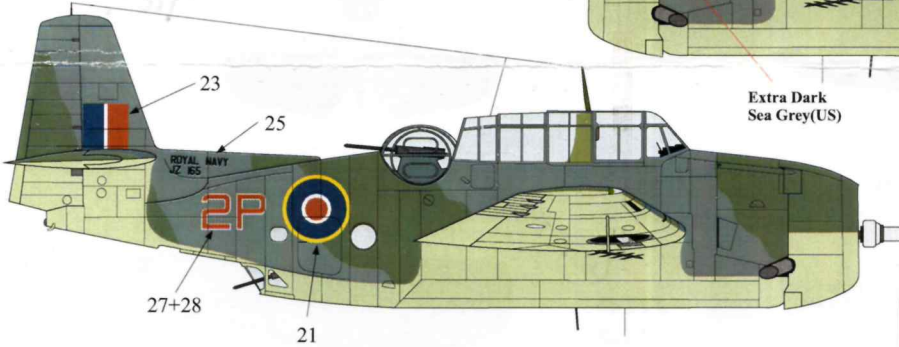


Extra Dark Sea Grey(US)

Dark Slate Grey(US)

Sky(US)

Grumman Tarpon (Avenger) Mk.I (TBF-1), JZ165/2P of 852 NAS, FAA, Squantum, Mass, USA, Nov/Dec 1943.
 (On sqn 1.11/43 -7.3/44). (Ref: AirBrit FAA Sqn 2ndEd. P.287).

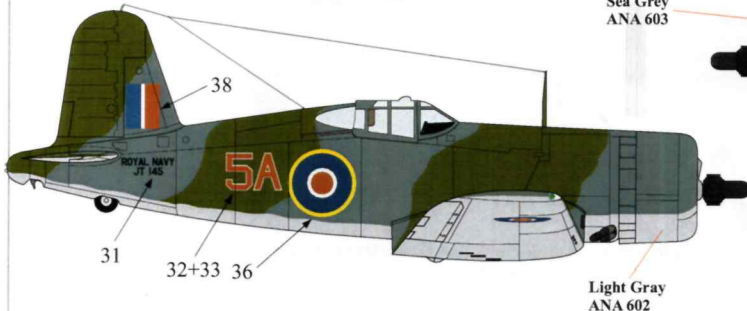


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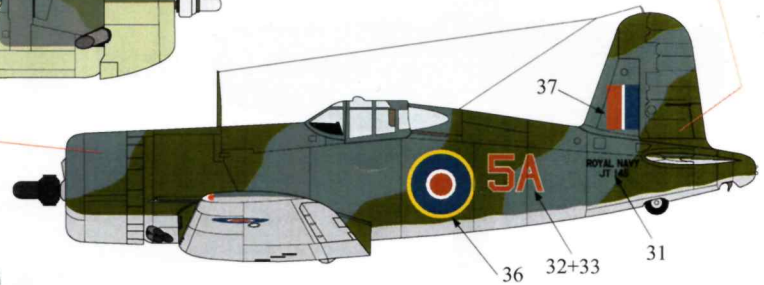
Dark Slate Grey(US)

Sky(US)

Olive Drab ANA 613



Sea Grey ANA 603



Vought Corsair Mk.I (F4U-1), JT145/5A of 1835 NAS, FAA, Quonset Point, RI, USA, July 1943 (Ref: Corsair File- IPMS Mag P.18-Illust)

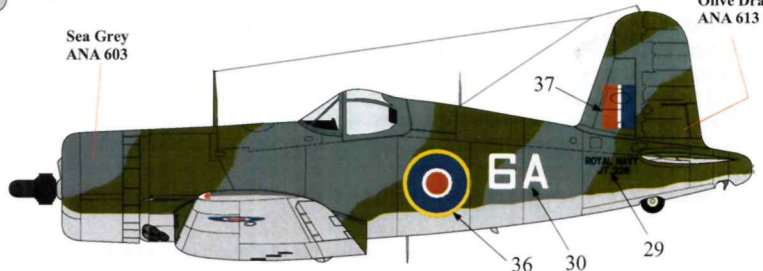
Sea Grey ANA 603

Olive Drab ANA 613

Vought Corsair Mk.II (F4U-1A), JT228/6A of 1833 NAS, FAA, Machrihanish, 9 Dec 1943. (On sqn 23.9/43-3/44).
 (Ref: AirBrit FAA Sqn 2ndEd. P.346)

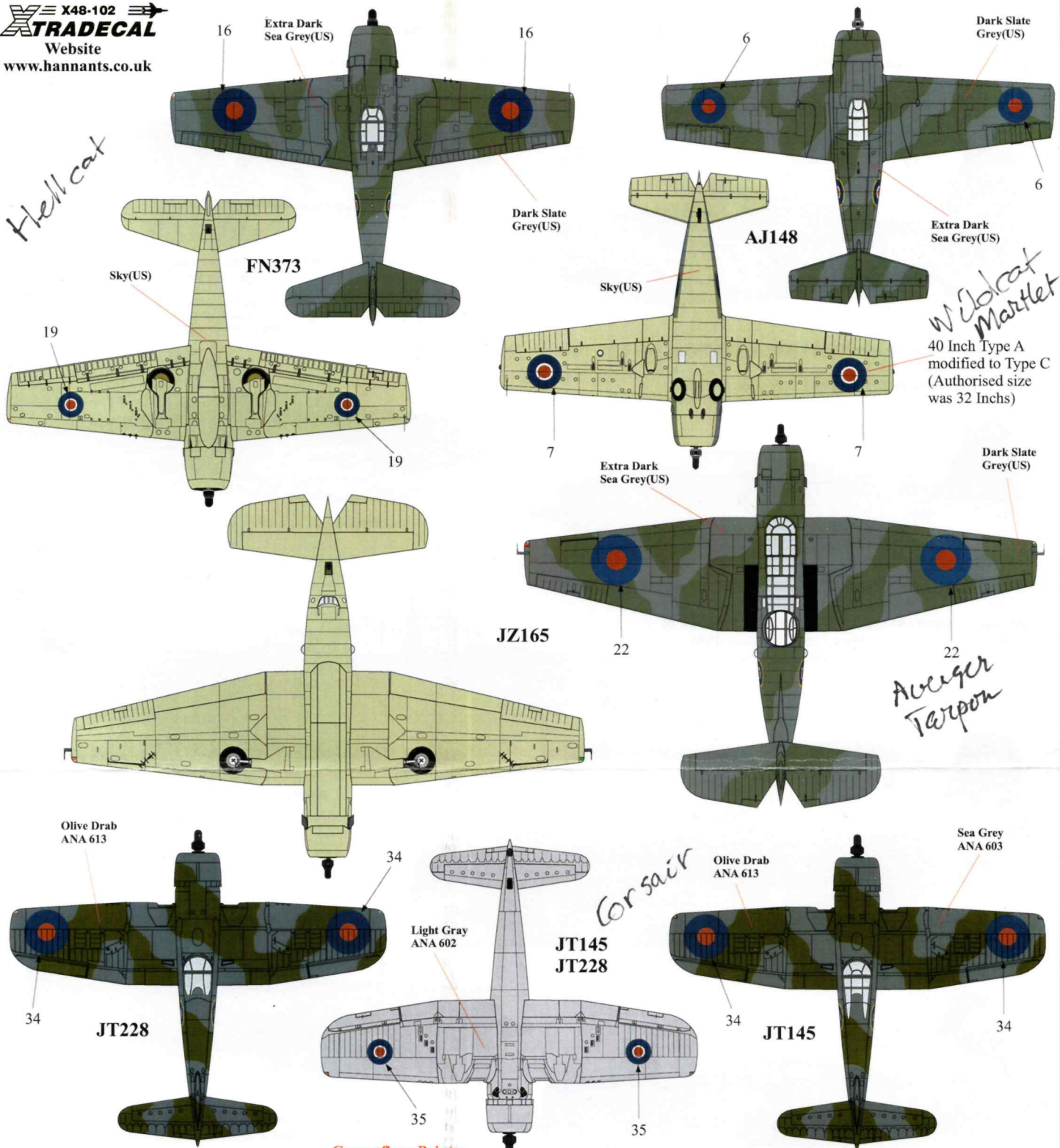


Light Gray ANA 602



NOTE:- Modern FS paints are not always direct equivalents of the original ANA version. For instance, FS36440 Light Gull Gray is quoted for ANA602 Light Gray. In 1944 ANA602 was replaced by ANA621 Dark Gull Gray (a seemingly strange choice!), yet it was included in TTC-C-595 of 1950 as (?)3635, which was then superseded by FS36440 Light Gull Gray in FS595 of 1956. The use of FS595 provides a modern convenient GUIDE for modellers to the general appearance of a colour. Truer representations of the paints can be found on paint cards, such as those found in US Navy & Marine Corps Aircraft Color Guides by Elliott or US Army Air Service & Air Corps Aircraft Color Guide by Archer Both Monogram) and USAAF Aircraft Markings & Camouflage 1941-7 by Archer (Schiffer)

Hellcat



Camouflage Paints:

A/c built by Grumman. (TBF-1 Avenger and Hellcat) were finished in MAP equivalent paints, Extra Dark Sea Grey/Dark Slate Grey/Sky. The source is unidentified but most likely from a US manufacturer. However, colour photos of Hellcats (probably MK.IIs) do show tones that strongly suggest the use of substitute paints, probably on later (1944!!) aircraft. Production by other companies (Eastern built the Wildcat 5 & 6; General Motors built TBM Avenger II & III) and the Vought Corsair were finished in US Substitute paints, agreed by the Joint Aircraft Committee (JAC), Sub-Committee on Camouflage & Markings; namely :- SEa Gray ANA 603 (Approx FS36118) for Ex Dark Sea Grey; Olive Drab ANA 613 (approx FS 34087) for Dark Slate Grey; Sky (Blue) = NA 610 for Sky. However, there is photographic and anecdotal evidence that ANA 602 Light Gray was used in place of Sky ANA 610 i.e. Vought Corsairs). NOTE: the colour issue is the subject of considerable debate and I have illustrated following "my take" from various discussion threads -

It is suggested that modellers may follow the above or finish their model based on their own conclusions.

Aircraft Names

On 1st January 1944, the Fleet Air Arm names for the Martlet, Gannet and Tarpon were discontinued in favour of their American names, Wildcat, Hellcat and Avenger. Some of the aircraft on this decal date before 1944, so, where applicable, we have quoted the FAA name with the American name in brackets.

Xtracolor Paints:

Extra Dark Sea Grey	X005
Sky (See Note re-ANA 610)	X007
Night Black	X012
Dark Slate Grey	X025
Olive Drab ANA 613	X112
FS16118 (ANA 603 Sea Gray)	X130
White	X141

Xtracrylix Paints:

Extra Dark Sea Grey	XA1005
Sky (See Note re-ANA 610)	XA1007
Night Black	XA1012
Dark Slate Grey	XA1025
Olive Drab ANA 613	XA1112
FS16118 (ANA 603 Sea Gray)	XA1130
White	XA1141

Grumman paint Note:-

The Grumman equivalent TSS colours are noted on the instructions as Sky(US), etc. For modelling purposes use the standard UK TSS paint colours.

Sky Note:-

ANA610 Sky Blue. Use RAF Sky plus a small drop of OD