

DOUGLAS A-1J SKYRAIDER. VA-176, U.S.S. INTREPID, (CVS-11), 1966. Flown by Cdr. Ray Ashworth, U.S.N.

Upper surfaces - Lusterless (Matt) Light Gull Gray (FS595: 36440).

Undersurfaces, fin and other areas indicated on drawings - Gloss Insignia White (FS595: 17875)

(Feathered demarcations between two colours).

In order to assist you in locating certain decals, these have been given reference letters (A-IJ & A-7E) or numbers (SH-3A).

3" Gloss white (Front face)
6" Gloss insignia red
3" Gloss white

Propeller blades matt black
4" Orange-Yellow (Rear face)

4" Black and white stripes

Instrument Panels
To apply decals, cut suitable shape from this plastic card, and paint face to which decal is to be applied; in the case of the A-7E and SH-3A instrument panels, paint this face Dark Gull Gray, FS595: 36231, then apply decals.

Add anti-collision beacon

Matt black (non-skid) walkways and anti-glare panels on nose.

Note position of 'E' differs both sides

For instrument panel, see inset at right.

Natural metal leading edges to wings, tailplane and fin.

Interior of cowling - Gloss Aircraft Gray (FS595: 16473).

Recommended kit: Airfix, (Note: the Airfix kit has certain minor inaccuracies especially in the nose and cockpit canopy area. The keener modeller may wish to rectify same - the fit of the decals will not be affected.

2. L-T-V A-7E CORSAIR

VA-195, U.S.S. KITTY HAWK (CVW-11), 1970

Upper surfaces: Lusterless (Matt) Light Gull Gray (FS595: 36440).
Undersurfaces, and other areas shown on drawings - Gloss Insignia White (FS595: 17875)
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For instrument panel, see inset above.

Gloss white

Catapult attachment point.

Add anti-collision beacon and fairing.

Natural metal fuselage area at root of all-flying tailplane.

Add extended fairing.

Gloss white intake duct

Rolls Royce badge (silver, black detail applied to both sides of nose of 156889 for SBAC show only. This badge not included on our decals).

Black and Yellow stripes

Add small exhaust pipe

Add fairing and gun port for 6-barrel rotary cannon.

Arrestor hook - black and white stripes.

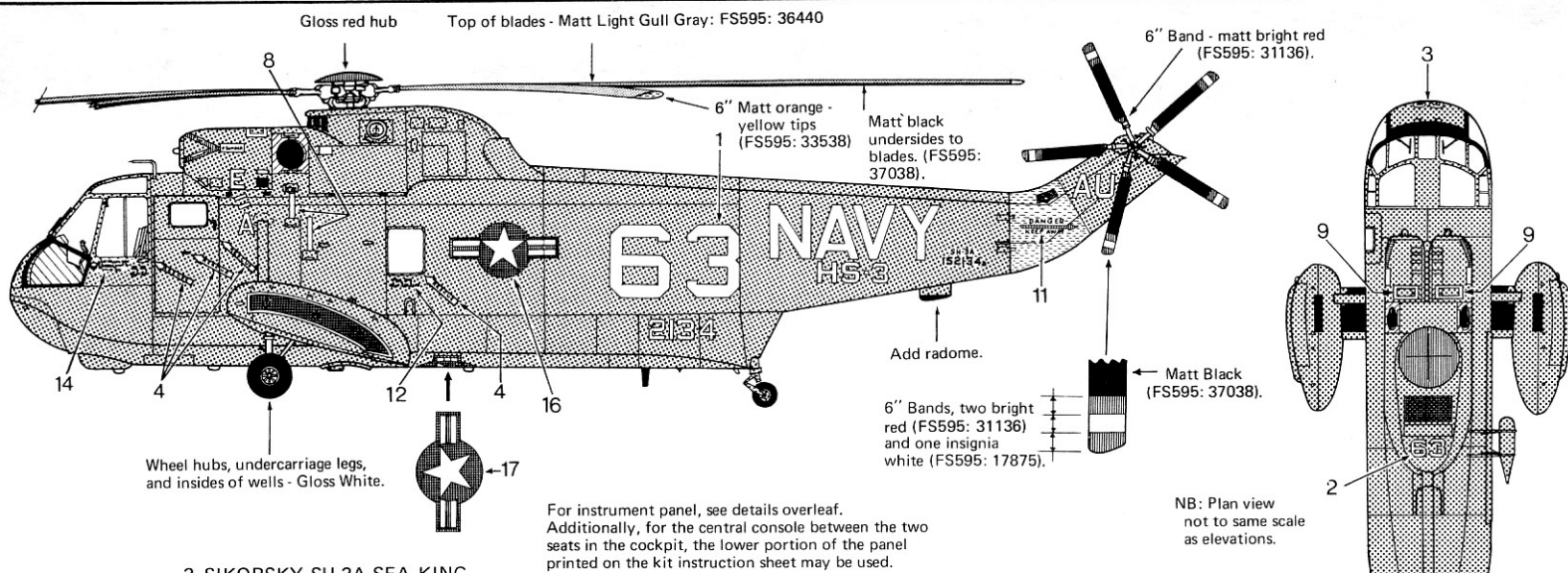
Fill gun ports both sides, and form small intake starboard side only.

Insides of rear fuselage wall - yellow-green zinc chromate primer.

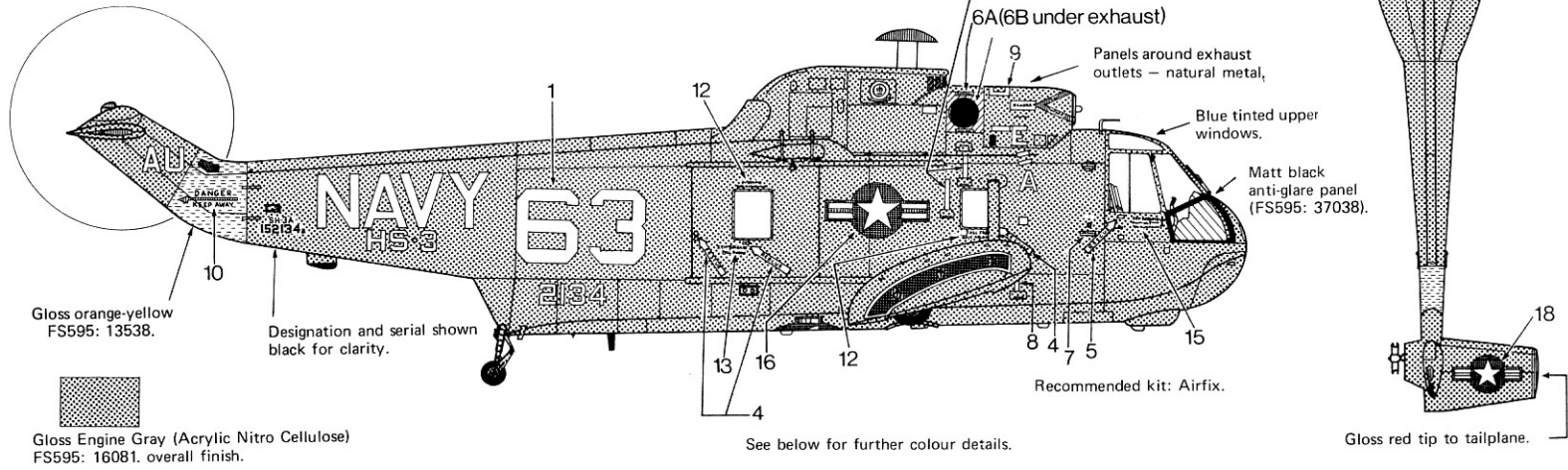
Recommended kit: Revell A-7A or A-7D.
Important Note! Certain of the decals, especially the rudder stripes, have been designed to fit the Revell kit. If other kits are used (e.g. Frog/Hasegawa), you may have to adapt these decals to give the required fit.

Underwing stores can be added as required. Fuel tanks (not included in Revell kit, but can be obtained from Frog/Hasegawa kit) are gloss white with dark green flash. (This flash is not included on our decal sheet).

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3. SIKORSKY SH-3A SEA KING.
HS-3, U.S.S. RANDOLPH, circa 1967.



GENERAL NOTES:

The A-1J Skyraider, 142028, was flown by Cdr. Ray Ashworth, USN, while the squadron was based on board USS Intrepid (CVS-11) during a tour of duty in the South China Sea in 1966. Nicknamed the "Thunderbolts", VA-176 at this time formed part of Air Wing Ten, the first all attack air wing to undertake war operations with a USN carrier. For further details, and indeed a very thorough history of the famous "Spad" in USN service, we recommend you to read "Douglas Skyraider" by Berkely R. Jackson, published by Aero Publishers Inc. This book also contains many photographs and some excellent artwork.

The A-7E Corsair II of VA-195, serial 156889, is one that will be familiar to many enthusiasts in Great Britain, for along with sister aircraft 156888 coded '401' it appeared at the SBAC Show at Farnborough, Hants, in September 1970. '400' remained in the static display, while '401' undertook all flying displays. Of interest is that during the show this, and several other aircraft sponsored by Rolls Royce Ltd. received small 'RR' labels; on '400' these were applied either side of the nose immediately behind the intake warning stripes, though '401' seemed to escape this additional adornment. Even more interesting is that 156889, assigned to Cdr. J.F. O'Hara and Lt. Jack Clark, appeared for a brief period earlier in 1970 with the nose code '000' (i.e. 'Triple Zilch'), the first '0' of the code in the same style as the last two; multi-coloured fin emblem and rudder stripes, and the top of the fin black instead of green. It is believed these colours were applied for one flight only.

The SH-3A Sea King of HS-3, with somewhat less exotic colour scheme than the A-1J and A-7E, is more representative of the typical everyday workhorse squadron machine. Its overall gloss engine gray finish provides an interesting alternative to the grey/white scheme allowed for in the Airfix Kit. Your models of all three aircraft will require certain minor modifications, especially the A-7E Corsair, kits of which are (at the time of writing) for the earlier A-7A variant. (The Revell A-7D kit is identical to their A-7A version, only the box, instruction sheet and decals varying to make it appear as an A-7D.) Also, much additional internal and minor external detailing and stenciling can be included on the Sea King model. The more essential modifications are noted on the drawings, but we strongly recommend that you take every opportunity to study all available photographs and data on the variants concerned, and wherever possible inspect the real machines.

ADDITIONAL COLOUR NOTES:

The undercarriage wells, legs and wheel hubs of all three machines are Gloss Insignia White (FS595:17875), except for the polished metal oleo sections, and the tailwheel leg and struts of the Sea King, which are engine gray. Cockpit walls, floors, seats of the A-1J and A-7E, and seat frames of the SH-3A, instrument panels of the A-7E and SH-3A, and interior surfaces of the rear operations cabin of the SH-3A, are all finished in Matt Dark Gull Gray Lacquer, (FS595:36231.) However, in the SH-3A, the interior of the cockpit roof, coaming above the main instrument panel, interior framework of the cockpit windows, and the upper faces of the floor-mounted consoles between the pilots seats are all matt black (FS595:37038). Control columns and the like are either semi-gloss light gray or natural metal finish, with semi-gloss black handgrips and controls. The seat cushions and backrests of the SH-3A are red-orange. The Gloss Engine Gray overall finish of the SH-3A is a very dark gray with a slight brownish hue as opposed to the more common blueish tint one finds in most grays. You will note that reference is made to FS595 colours; these refer to the large range of colour chips contained in Federal Standard 595, as used by the American aircraft industry and other organisations for painting aircraft, and which the modeller will find of great use. The latest edition, FS595A, is obtainable from The General Services Administration, Business Service Center, Region 3, Washington 25, DC, USA. The price should be ascertained from this organisation before ordering.

Application of decals:- all items on this decal sheet are individually varnished, and any excess varnish surround can be carefully trimmed off before application. Each subject should be cut out and used as required, and great care should be taken to only wet the backing paper for sufficient time to allow the decal to be released. Prolonged soaking will impair the adhesive quality of the decals.

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