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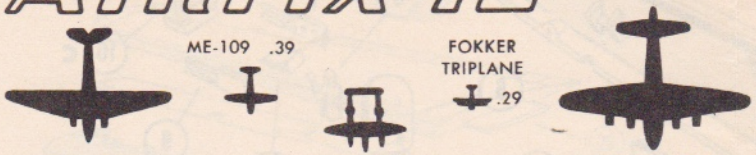

All Airfix 72 planes are made in 1/72 scales (1"=6'0"). For example, the M E 109 has a wingspan of 5½" while the B-17's is 17½". Your entire collection will have the same relationship, ideal for collectors and enthusiasts. You can build over fifty constant scale combat planes in this series.

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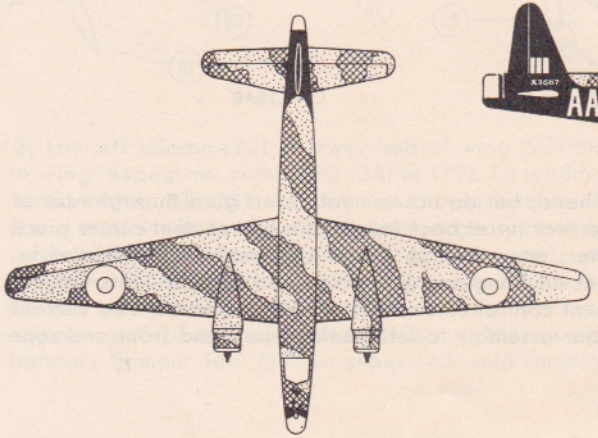
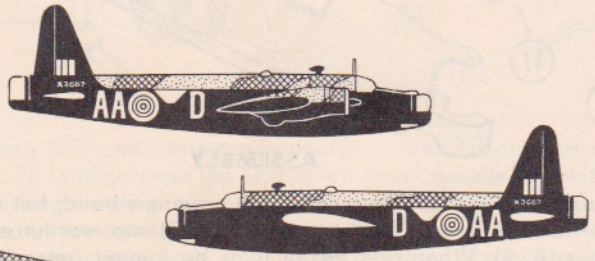
VICKERS-ARMSTRONGS WELLINGTON B. III

The Wellington, affectionately known as the "Wimpey," was the standard Royal Air Force night bomber from 1939 until late in the war, and was built in larger numbers than any other British bomber, 11,450 being produced.

In addition to being used by R.A.F. Bomber Command in the offensive against Germany, Wellingtons were used in large numbers in the Mediterranean theatre, both for bombing and torpedo dropping; in India for raids on Burma; and for mine laying and Coastal Command duties. Later in the war the Wellington was still used in large numbers as an advanced trainer. A notable feature of the Wellington was the geodetic construction, a system of metal strips taking the form of trellis work. This, together with the fabric covering, made the aircraft quicker to produce, and easier to maintain, than the conventional form of construction.

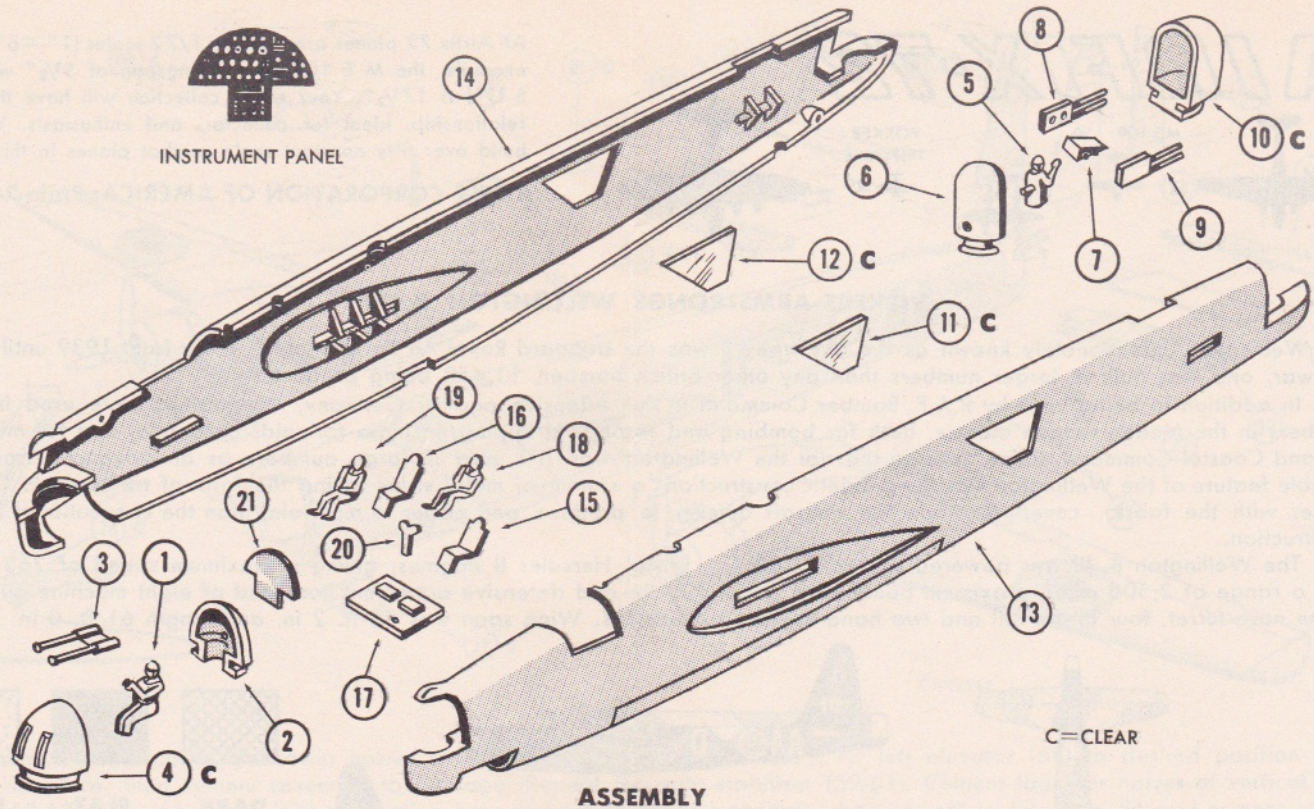
The Wellington B. III was powered by two 1,380 h.p. Bristol Hercules II engines, giving a maximum speed of 263 m.p.h. and a range of 2,500 miles. Maximum bomb load was 4,000 lb. and defensive armament consisted of eight machine guns, two in the nose turret, four in the tail and two hand-operated amidships. Wing span was 86 ft. 2 in. and length 61 ft. 0 in.





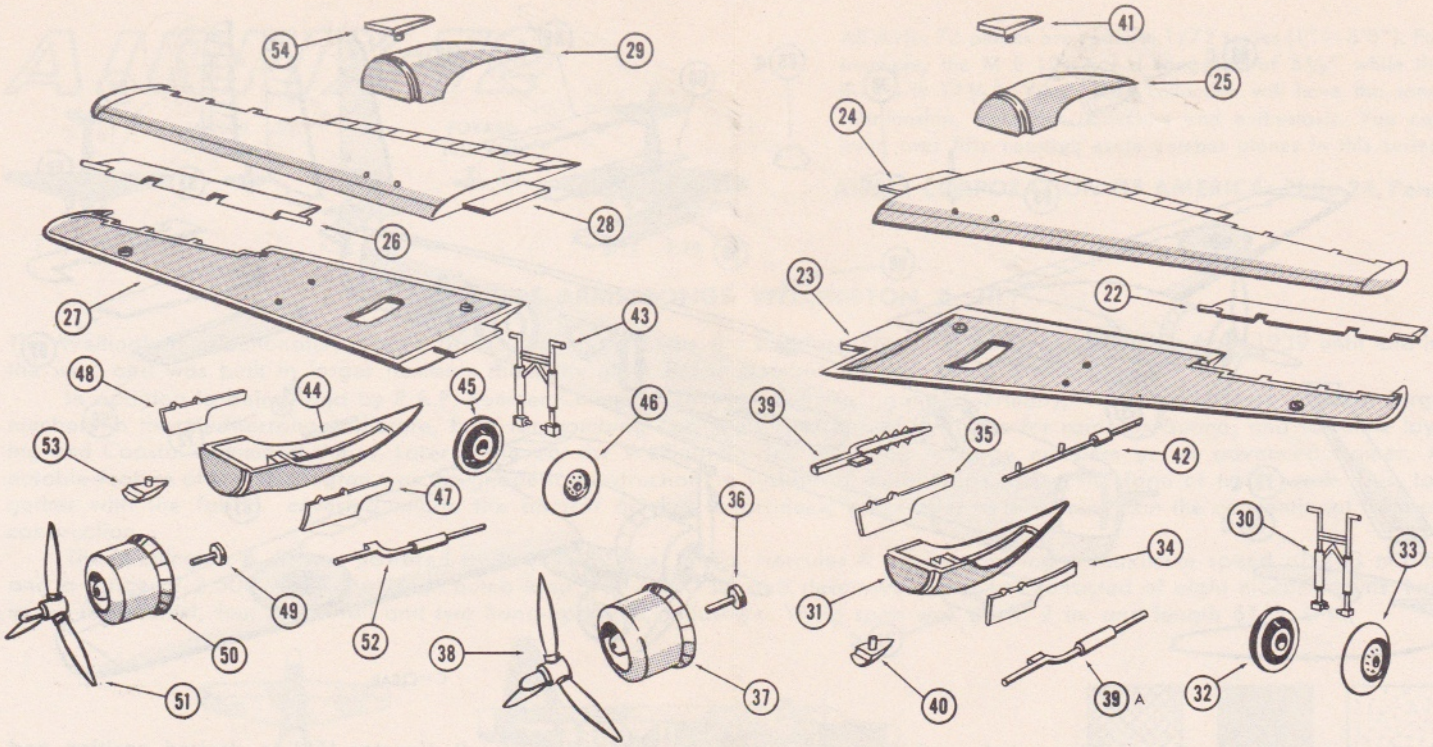
DARK GREEN **FLAT BLACK** **DARK BROWN**

The location of the decals is shown on the box top and in the assembly sketches. Cut decals apart with scissors, dip into water for a few moments and slide off paper backing onto model. Blot with a soft cloth.

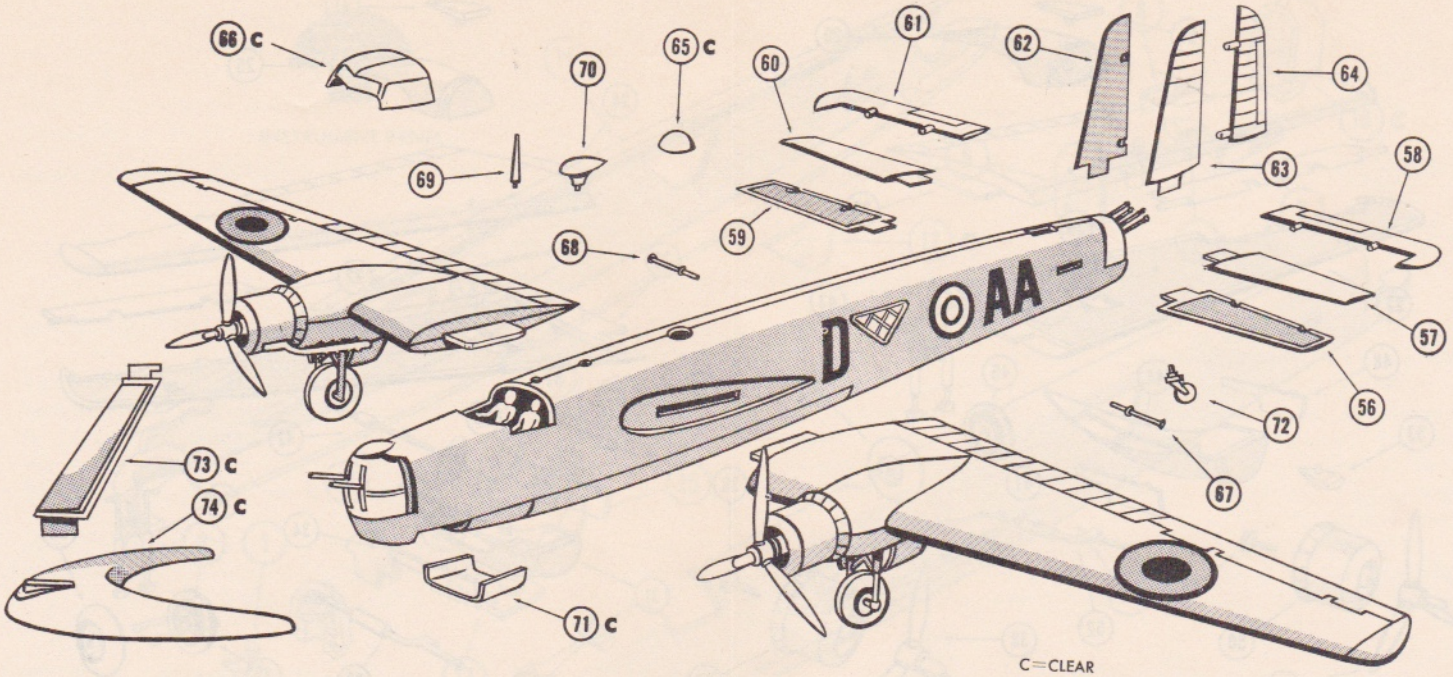


ASSEMBLY

1. Cement front gunner (1) into turret rear (2). Locate guns (3) into gunners hand, but do not cement. Insert guns through rear of turret blister (4), then cement blister to turret rear. Cement rear gunner (5) into rear turret back (6). Locate and cement center piece (7) between left and right rear guns (8, 9). When dry, locate guns on gunner, pass through blister (10) and cement blister in. Insert side windows (11,12) into locations in fuselage halves (13,14). Cement on flanges only. Locate and cement seats (15,16) to cockpit floor (17). Cement pilot (18) and crew member (19) to seats. Cement control column (20) in place. Cut out and cement printed instruments to instrument panel (21) and set panel in place. Cement floor assembly to left fuselage half and front and rear turrets to right half, then cement halves together.



2. Lay left aileron (22) in lower half of wing (23) and cement on upper half (24). Locate and cement left upper nacelle half (25) to wing. Repeat for right wing (26) to (29). Fit landing gear leg (30) to left lower nacelle (31) with pins in nacelle sides. Cement two wheel halves (32,33) together, and snap into landing gear legs. The desired landing gear position should now be selected. For a model with completely retracted gear, the legs should be swung back and the wheel doors (34,35) fixed in the closed position. For a model with working gear, the doors are fixed in the open position. Cement the lower nacelle to the upper. Push the propeller shaft (36) through the engine cowling (37) and cement to the rear of the propeller (38), then cement cowling to nacelle, be sure the locating slot for the exhaust is on the inboard side. Now cement combat exhaust (39) or alternate exhaust (39-A) to engine cowling, and air intakes (40) and (41) in place. (The longer intake on the top of nacelle and the shorter intake on the bottom.) Cement fuel jettison pipes (42) into locations at underside of wing. Repeat for right wing (43) to (55).



3. Cement together upper and lower halves of left horizontal stabilizer (56,57). Fit left elevator (58) to desired position and cement in place, then cement assembly to fuselage. Repeat for right stabilizer (59-61). Cement together halves of vertical stabilizer (62,63). Cement rudder (64) to locating hole and set at desired position, then cement to fuselage. Fit and cement wings in place. Cement clear astradome (65) and clear cockpit canopy (66) in place. Cement side machine guns (67, 68), antenna (69), direction finding loop (70), bombadiers windows (71), and tailwheel (72) in place. Cement together both parts of stand (73, 74). Cement arm of stand into slot in bottom of fuselage.

FOR REPLACEMENT OF PARTS send name of kit, name and number of parts, together with a stamped self-addressed envelope to M.P.C., 360 Hubbard Avenue, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.