

# ANG North American P-51B

#### RECORD BREAKER

One of the finest of all aircraft to emerge from the Second World War was North American's great P-51 Mustang, designed originally for England's Royal Air Force. From the drawing board to the runway in less than four months, the Mustang was a record breaker from the very beginning.

When the first model was delivered to the British, they could not believe the performance figures and insisted on rerunning their tests. But the figures were correct, and a thoroughbred was born. Although Mustang production increased and the new fighter chalked up victories for the R.A.F., the U.S. Military appeared skeptical as to the Mustang's possibilities.

However, other American observers in England could not help but notice the successes of the trim fighter. Their strong recommendations to the U.S. Army that the Mustang airframe be combined with the superb British Rolls Royce Merlin engine were accepted and led to the P-51B. And a large American order.

#### A NEW BREED

With this Merlin engine, the Mustang was a new breed of airplane. Faster, and with greater range with external tanks, P-51B's flew their first long-range escort mission on December 13, 1943, for a record distance of 490 miles. At last, allied bombers had fighter protection to and from targets. In March, 1944, the German Luftwaffe was startled to see P-51B's with the B-17's and B-24's over the very heart of Berlin.

Above 20,000 feet, the Mustang was far better in performance than any German propeller driven aircraft. To make or Printed in England.

break-off combat was the Mustang pilot's choice. With the P-51B, the tide of war had turned; and the sky over Germany became the arena.

Among the most famous fighters in World War II was the P-51B Mustang piloted by Captain Don Gentile. Gentile was a member of the 336th Fighter Squadron of the 4th Fighter Group. It was this group that first engaged the Luftwaffe over Berlin that day in March, 1944. The 4th Fighter Group is credited with a combined total of 1,016 kills, an all-time record for American fighter units. Gentile himself is credited with more than 20 of these victories.

#### ONE-MAN AIR FORCE

Gentile and his wingman, John Godfrey, were considered by General H. H. "Hap" Arnold as the greatest combat team of World War II. When General Eisenhower presented Gentile with one of the many medals he had earned, the general praised him as a "one-man air force."

Revell's model of the North American P-51B Mustang is a replica of Capt. Gentile's famous plane, "Shangri-La."

We are grateful to the Tallmantz Movieland of the Air for their assistance in developing this model.

### North American P-51B Mustang Specifications

**Dimensions:** 

Wingspan 37 ft. Length 32 ft. 3 in.

Powerplant:

One Packard built Rolls Royce Merlin V-1650

twelve-cylinder 1,380 hp liquid cooled engine

**Armament:** 

Four .50 cal. Browning machine guns Two 1,000 lb. bombs on underwing racks

Performance:

Maximum speed — 440 mph

Service Ceiling:

41,800 ft.

## **GET YOUR TOOLS READY:**



KNIFE TO DETACH AND TRIM PARTS

FILE TO REMOVE EXCESS PLASTIC



TWEEZERS TO
PICK UP
AND
HOLD
SMALL
PARTS



CEMENT CEMENT USE TOOTHPICK PAINT BRUSH OR PIN TO APPLY IT



TAPE AND CLOTHES PINS TO CLAMP AND HOLD PARTS UNTIL THEY ARE DRY



DO NOT DETACH PARTS UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO USE THEM! PARTS ARE NUMBERED TO HELP YOU FIND THEM LOOK FOR THE NUMBER ON TAB NEXT TO PART OR ON PART ITSELF.

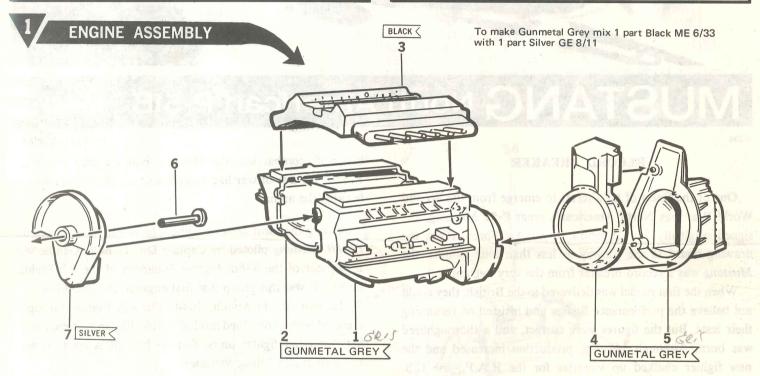
FIRST, FIT PARTS TOGETHER and TRIM EXCESS PLASTIC. THEN, APPLY CEMENT SPARINGLY. Too much cement will damage your model. Use a toothpick, pin or small paint brush to apply cement.

IF YOU WISH TO PAINT YOUR MODEL - See PAINTING on all steps for color suggestions.

Paint small parts before detaching from runner.

Start with the lighter colors.

Scrape off paint where cement is to be applied. Cement will not work on paint.



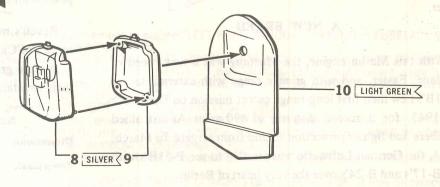
- ENGINE LEFT SIDE
- ENGINE RIGHT SIDE ENGINE TOP SECTION
- SUPERCHARGER FRONT
- SUPERCHARGER REAR
- PROPELLER SHAFT
- HEADER TANK

- Cement ENGINE LEFT SIDE Part (1) to RIGHT SIDE (2).
- 2.
- Cement ENGINE TOP SECTION (3) to assembled sides.
  Cement FRONT (4) and REAR (5) SUPERCHARGER HOUSINGS together and then cement to REAR of ENGINE. 3.
- SLIDE, (DO NOT CEMENT) PROPELLER SHAFT (6) through HEADER TANK (7). Carefully cement CASE to FRONT of ENGINE.



#### FIREWALL **ASSEMBLY**

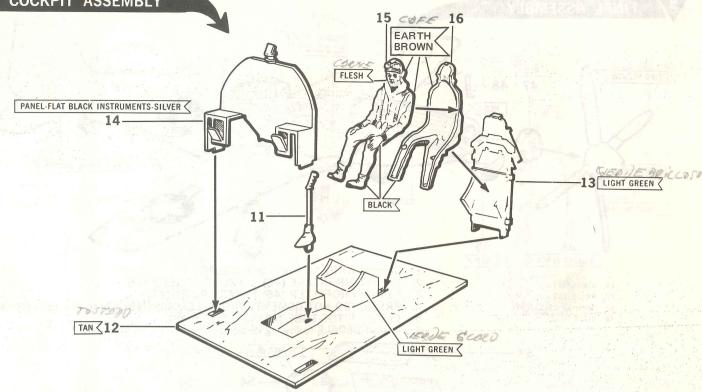
To make Light Green mix 1 part Olive Green ME 3/30 with 2 parts Matt Yellow ME 15/24



- 8 COOLANT TANK FRONT
- 9 COOLANT TANK REAR 10 FIREWALL

- Cement COOLANT TANK FRONT (8) to TANK REAR (9).
- Cement COOLANT TANK to FIREWALL (10).

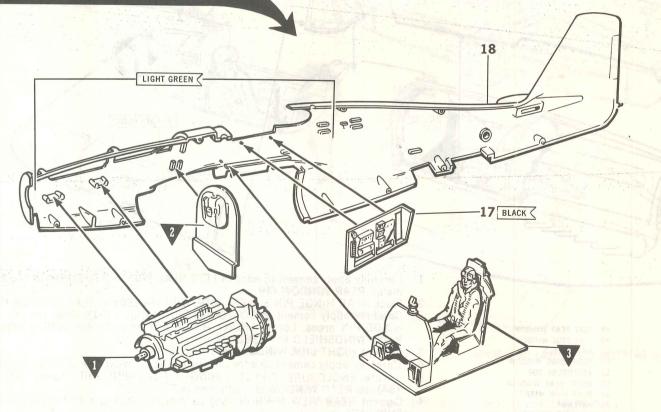




- 11 CONTROL STICK 12 COCKPIT FLOOR
- 13 PILOT SEAT BACK
- 14 INSTRUMENT PANEL
- PILOT FRONT
- 16 PILOT BACK

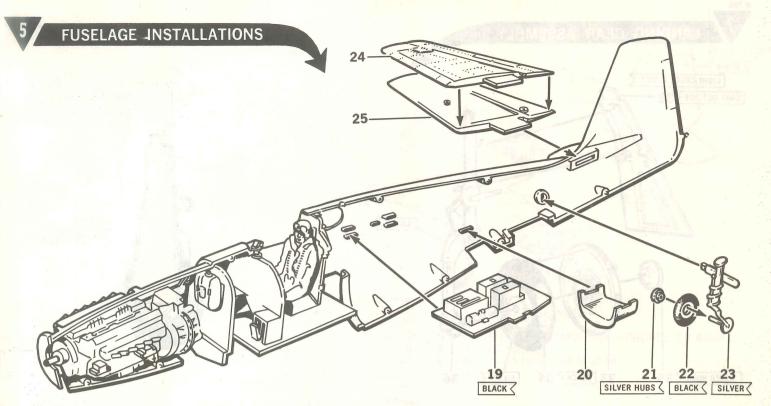
- Cement CONTROL STICK (11) to COCKPIT FLOOR (12).
   Cement PILOT SEAT BACK (13) to FLOOR.
   Cement INSTRUMENT PANEL (14) to FLOOR.
   Cement FRONT of PILOT (15) to BACK HALF (16). Cement PILOT to SEAT.

# **FUSELAGE INSTALLATIONS**

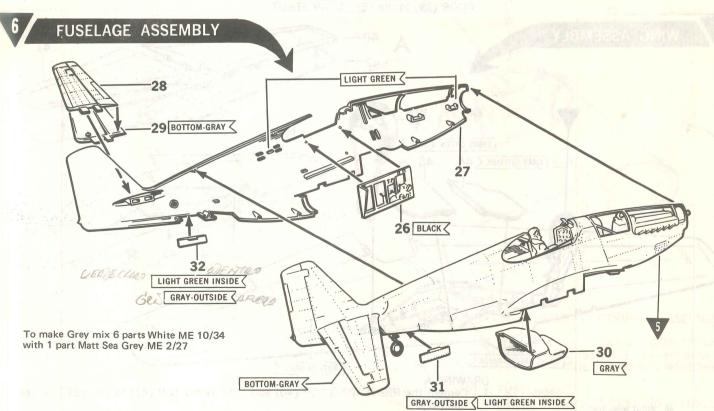


- 17 COCKPIT RIGHT SIDE
- 18 FUSELAGE RIGHT SIDE
- Cement COCKPIT RIGHT SIDE PANEL (17) to RIGHT SIDE of FUSELAGE (18). Cement COCKPIT ASSEMBLY STEP 3 to FUSELAGE (18). Cement FIREWALL STEP 2 to FUSELAGE.

- 4. Cement ENGINE STEP 1 to FUSELAGE.

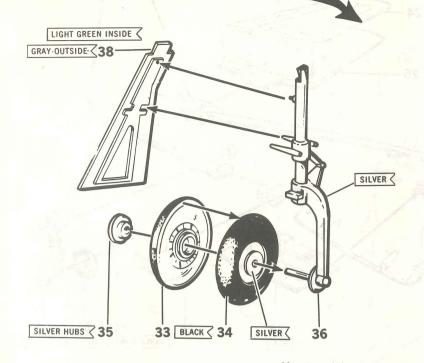


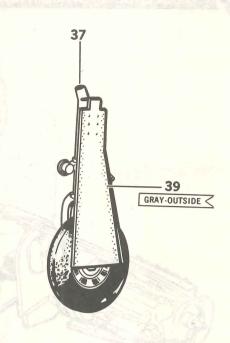
- RADIO SHELF
- RADIATOR OUTLET
- 21 TAILWHEEL HUB
- TAILWHEEL
- 23 TAILWHEEL STRUT
- RIGHT STABILIZER TOP
- RIGHT STABILIZER BOTTOM
- 1.
- Cement RADIO SHELF (19) to FUSELAGE.
  Cement RADIATOR OUTLET (20) to FUSELAGE.
  PLACE, (DO NOT CEMENT) TAIL WHEEL HUB (21) in TAIL WHEEL (22). Press HUB on TAILWHEEL STRUT (23).
  Cement TAILWHEEL STRUT to FUSELAGE.
- Cement RIGHT HORIZONTAL STABILIZER TOP (24) to BOTTOM (25). Cement STABILIZER to FUSELAGE.



- COCKPIT LEFT SIDE
- FUSELAGE LEFT SIDE
- LEFT STABILIZER TOP 28
- LEFT STABILIZER BOTTOM
- RADIATOR INTAKE DUCT
- TAILWHEEL DOOR RIGHT TAILWHEEL DOOR LEFT
- Cement COCKPIT LEFT SIDE PANEL (26) to LEFT FUSELAGE HALF (27). Carefully fit LEFT and RIGHT HALVES of FUSELAGE together making sure all parts
- locate properly and then cement together.
  Cement LEFT HORIZONTAL STABILIZER TOP (28) to BOTTOM (29). Cement STABILIZER to FUSELAGE.
- Cement RADIATOR INTAKE DUCT (30) to BOTTOM of FUSELAGE.
  Cement TAIL WHEEL DOORS RIGHT (31) and LEFT (32) to FUSELAGE.

# LANDING GEAR ASSEMBLY

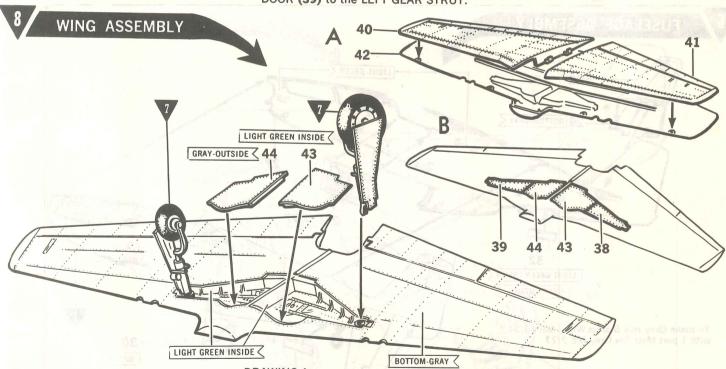




- MAIN WHEEL OUTSIDE HALF (2 Parts)
- MAIN WHEEL INSIDE HALF (2 Parts) 34
- 35 WHEEL HUB (2 Parts)
- MAIN GEAR STRUT RIGHT
- 37 MAIN GEAR STRUT LEFT 38
- RIGHT STRUT DOOR 39 LEFT STRUT DOOR

Your model may be assembled in either a "GEAR UP" or "GEAR DOWN" position. If you choose to build your model with the Landing Gear in Up position skip this step and proceed to Step 8.

- Cement the two MAIN WHEEL OUTSIDE HALVES (33) to the INSIDE HALVES (34).
   PLACE, (DO NOT CEMENT) a WHEEL HUB (35) in each WHEEL from the OUTSIDE.
   Press one WHEEL Assembly onto a MAIN GEAR STRUT RIGHT (36) and LEFT (37).
- Cement the RIGHT STRUT DOOR (38) to the RIGHT GEAR STRUT and LEFT STRUT DOOR (39) to the LEFT GEAR STRUT.

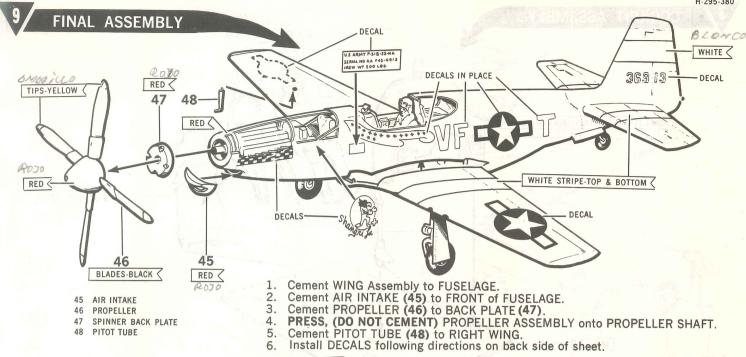


- 40 RIGHT WING TOP
- LEFT WING TOP 41
- WING BOTTOM
- 38 RIGHT STRUT DOOR
- 39 LEFT STRUT DOOR
- RIGHT WHEEL DOOR 43
- 44 LEFT WHEEL DOOR

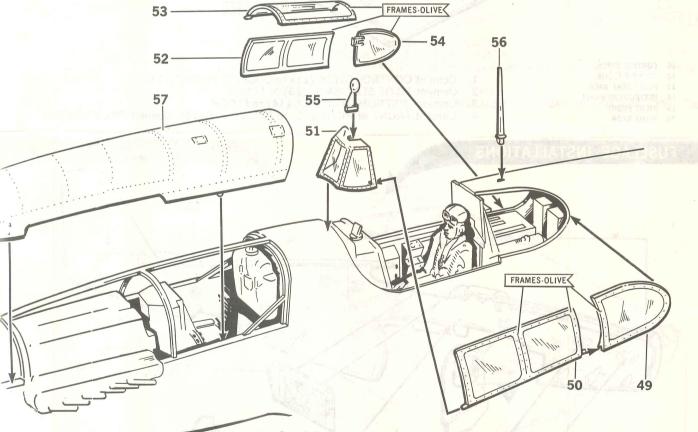
- Cement the RIGHT WING TOP (40) and LEFT WING TOP (41) to the BOTTOM Section (42).

DRAWING B FOR GEAR UP INSTALLATION

- Cement the RIGHT (38) and LEFT (39) STRUT DOORS in GEAR RECESS. Cement RIGHT (43) and LEFT (44) WHEEL DOORS in GEAR RECESS. FOR GEAR DOWN INSTALLATION
- Cement RIGHT and LEFT GEAR Assemblies from STEP 7 to WING.
  Cement WHEEL DOORS RIGHT (43) and LEFT (44) to GEAR RECESS in a CLOSED POSITION.



- SPINNER BACK PLATE
- PITOT TUBE



- LEFT REAR WINDOW
- 50 LEFT SIDE WINDOW
- 51 WINDSHIELD
- 52 RIGHT SIDE WINDOW
- ENCLOSURE TOP 53
- 54 RIGHT REAR WINDOW
- 55 REAR VIEW MIRROR ANTENNA
- ENGINE COWLING

- Carefully apply cement to edge of LEFT REAR WINDOW OPENING in FUSELAGE and install REAR WINDOW (49).

  Place REAR HINGE PIN on LEFT SIDE WINDOW (50) in REAR WINDOW RETAINER.

  Carefully apply cement to BOTTOM of WINDSHIELD (51). Keep cement away from HINGE PIN areas. Locate FRONT HINGE PIN on SIDE WINDOW to WINDSHIELD. locate WINDSHIELD to FUSELAGE.
  Cement RIGHT SIDE WINDOW (52) to FUSELAGE.
- Carefully apply cement to edges of RIGHT REAR WINDOW OPENING in FUSELAGE.
- Locate ENCLOSURE TOP (53) HINGE PINS to WINDSHIELD and REAR WINDOW (54) as REAR WINDOW is positioned in FUSELAGE.

  Cement REAR VIEW MIRROR (55) to WINDSHIELD and ANTENNA MAST (56) to
  - FUSELAGE.
- SNAP, (DO NOT CEMENT) ENGINE COWLING (57) to FUSELAGE. It may be removed to display ENGINE.