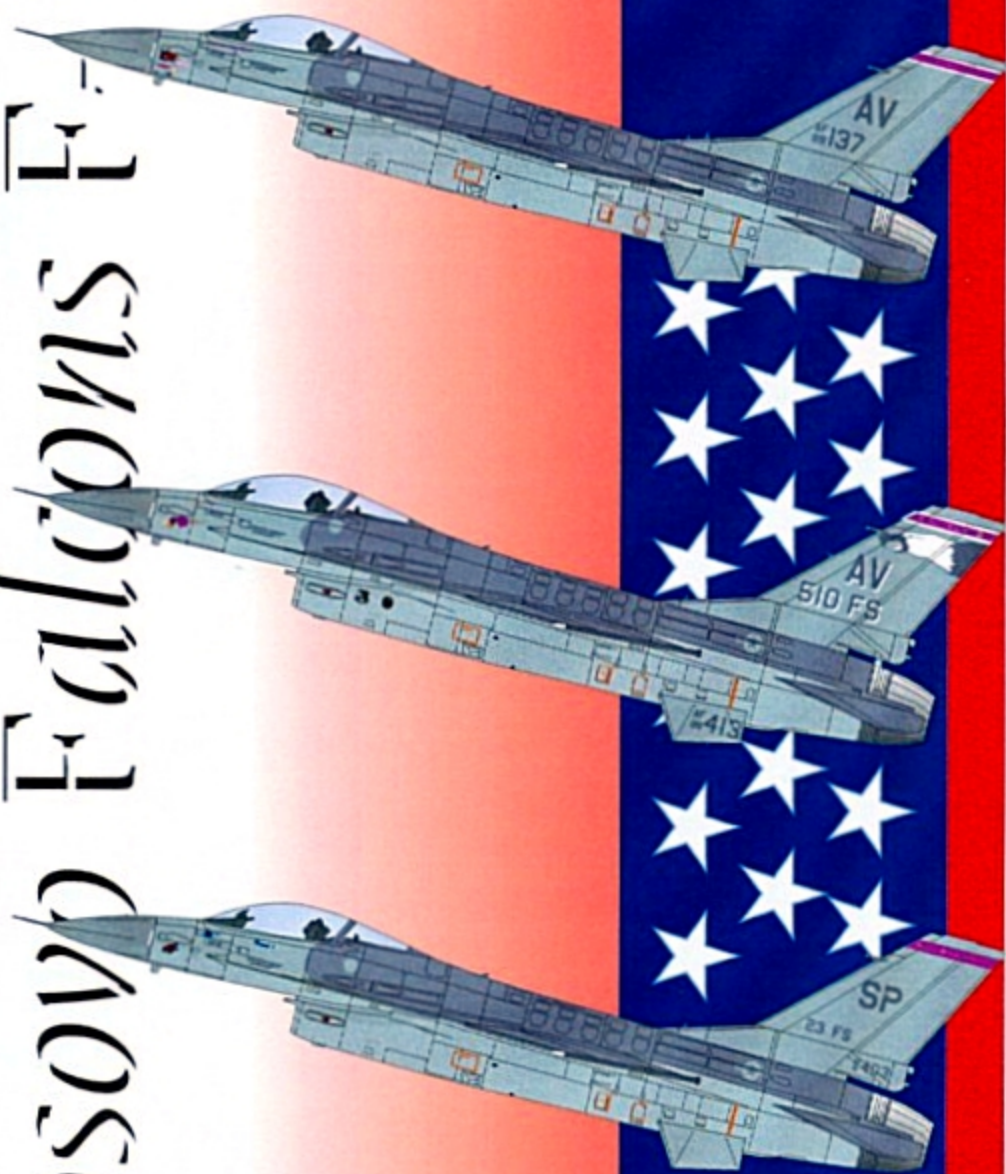


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Suggested Kit: Hasegawa 1/32 F-16C

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1. 88-413, an F-16CG Block 40 of the 510th Fighter Squadron "Fighting Buzzards", 31st Expeditionary Air Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy. This A/C was called "Buzzard One" and was the personal mount of the squadron commander. All names were taken off the jets for security reasons. The 31st Fighter Wing has a close relationship with the local communities in Italy. The emblem alt of the 31st Fighter Wing patch on the left side was the crest of local towns or cities around Aviano Air Base. Many of the 510th or 555th jets carried these emblems. The Buzzard noseart was drawn with pencil and crayon by Senior Airman Steve Getchel. Due to high rate of speed used in combat over Serbia, the Buzzard and other noseart required several fill-ins.

2. 89-137 "Hit em Hard", an F-16 CG Block 40 over of the 510th Fighter Squadron, 31st Expeditionary Air Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy. This A/C was also adorned by Senior Airman Steve Getchel with pencil and his box of 64 color Crayola Crayons. Common ordinance loads on Buzzard jets were 2 AIM-120 AMRAAMs and 2 AIM-9M Sidewinders for air-to-air combat. A LANTIRN Targeting pod was carried on the right intake lip with no LANTIRN navigation pod carried on missions. Bomb loads varied from 2 GBU-10 or GBU-24 2000 lbs laser guided bombs, one on a side. Many missions used 4 GBU-12 1500 lbs laser guided bombs with 2 on each side or 2 GBU-12 laser guided bombs on one side and 2 LAU-131 rocket pods on the other. ALQ-131 ECM pods were carried on the centerline station. External tanks were standard for all Aviano based F-16 A/C.

3. 89-016, an F-16CG Block 40 of the 555th Fighter Squadron "World Famous, Highly Respected Triple Nickel", 31st Expeditionary Air Wing, Based at Aviano Air Base, Italy. This A/C was the personal mount of Lt. Gen. Mike Short, the Combined Forces Air Component Commander (CFACC) for Operation Allied Force. It is maintained by the 555th Fighter Squadron at Aviano Air Base. This A/C would be armed in similar fashion to the 510th Buzzard jets above.

4. 91-403 "Hawk One", an F-16 CJ Block 50 Wild Weasel of the 23rd Fighter Squadron "Fighting Hawks", 52nd Fighter Wing Based at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. This A/C was temporarily assigned to the 31st Expeditionary Air Wing at Aviano Air Base, Italy. This was the personal A/C of the 23rd FS Commander. All names were removed for security reasons. The F-16CJs were armed with 2 AIM-120 AMRAAMs and 2 AIM-9M Sidewinders for air-to-air combat. They carried 2 AGM-88 High Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM) on each mission. ALQ-131 ECM pods were also carried on the centerline station. This was the standard load for Wild Weasel Aircraft.

