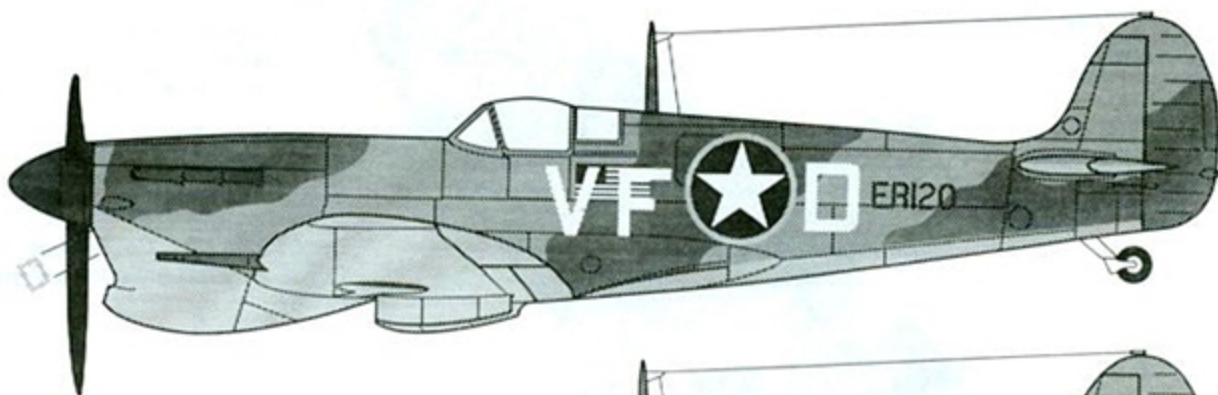


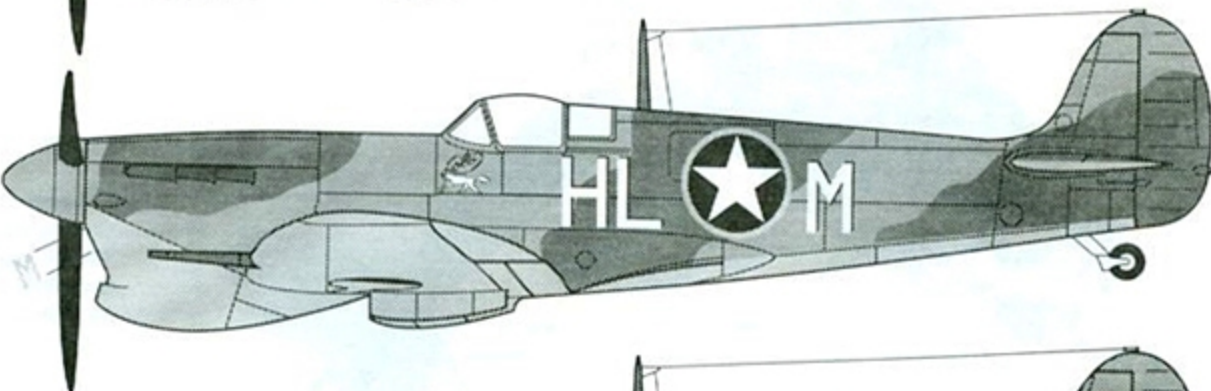
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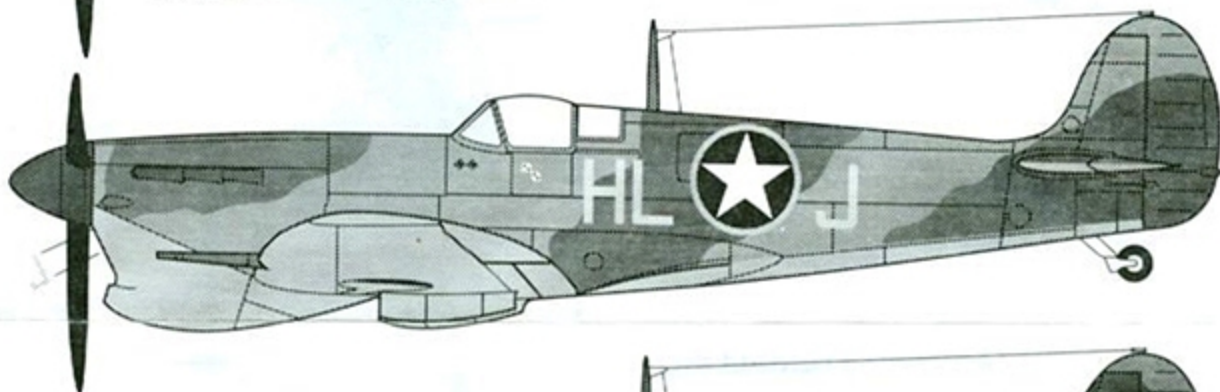
Spitfire V, ER120, of the 5th Sqn., 52nd Fighter Group. The American flag marks this aircraft as participating in the "Operation Torch" landings in North Africa, November 1942. Standard RAF tropical land scheme of dark earth and middle stone, with azure blue undersurfaces. Small yellow 'D' under the nose. Spinner is red. Wing insignia carried above port and below starboard wing.



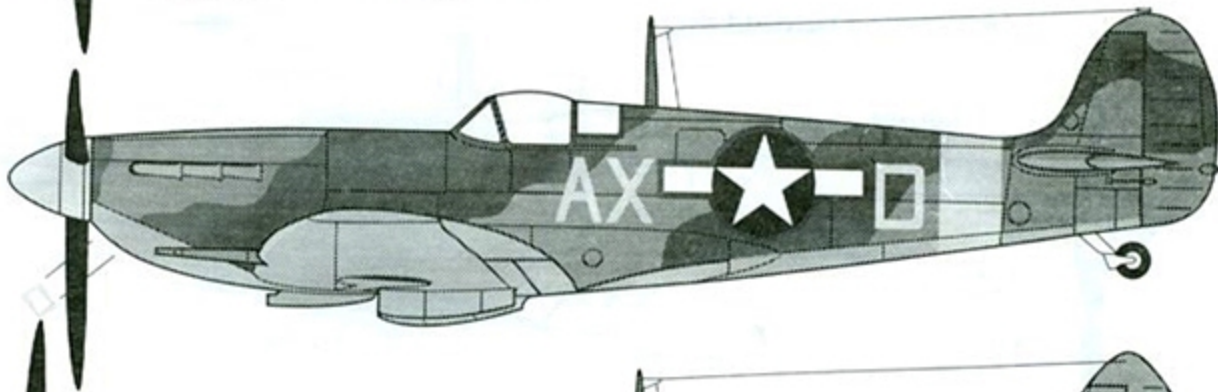
Spitfire VB of the 308th Sqn., 31st Fighter Group, Sicily, 1943. Standard RAF tropical land scheme of dark earth and middle stone, with azure blue undersurfaces. Small yellow 'M' under the nose. Spinner is middle stone. Wing insignia carried above port and below starboard wing.



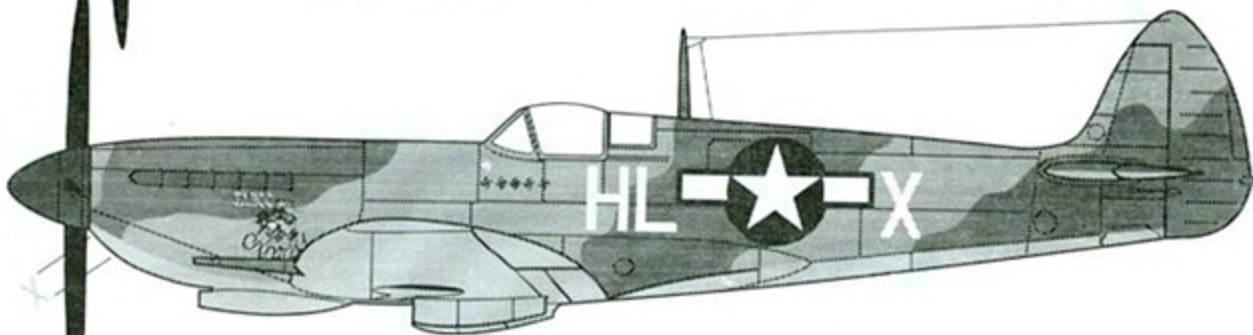
Spitfire VB of Capt. Gillis Johnson, 308th Sqn., 31st Fighter Group, North Africa, 1943. Standard RAF tropical land scheme of dark earth and middle stone, with azure blue undersurfaces. Small yellow 'J' under the nose. Spinner is red. Wing insignia carried above port and below starboard wing.



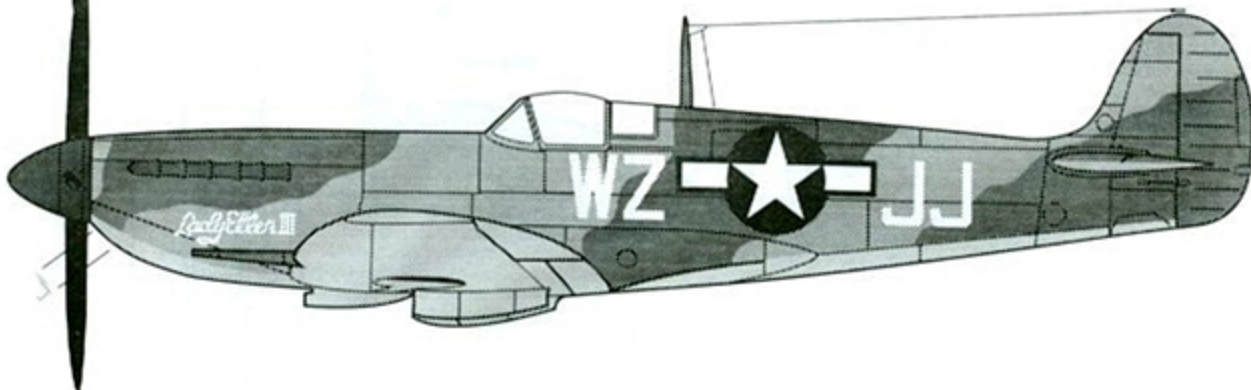
Spitfire VB, BM181, of the 107th Sqn., 67th Fighter Group, Membury, UK, 1943. Standard RAF temperate land scheme of dark green and ocean grey, with medium sea grey undersurfaces. Sky fuselage band and spinner. Yellow wing leading edges. Small Sky 'D' under the nose. Wing insignia carried above port and below starboard wing. Note the unusual placement of the small aircraft serial on the fin.



Spitfire VIII, of Lt. L.P. (Tommy) Molland, 308th Sqn., 31st Fighter Group, Italy, 1944. Standard RAF tropical land scheme of dark earth and middle stone, with azure blue undersurfaces. Small yellow 'X' under the nose. Spinner is red. Wing insignia carried above port and below starboard wing.

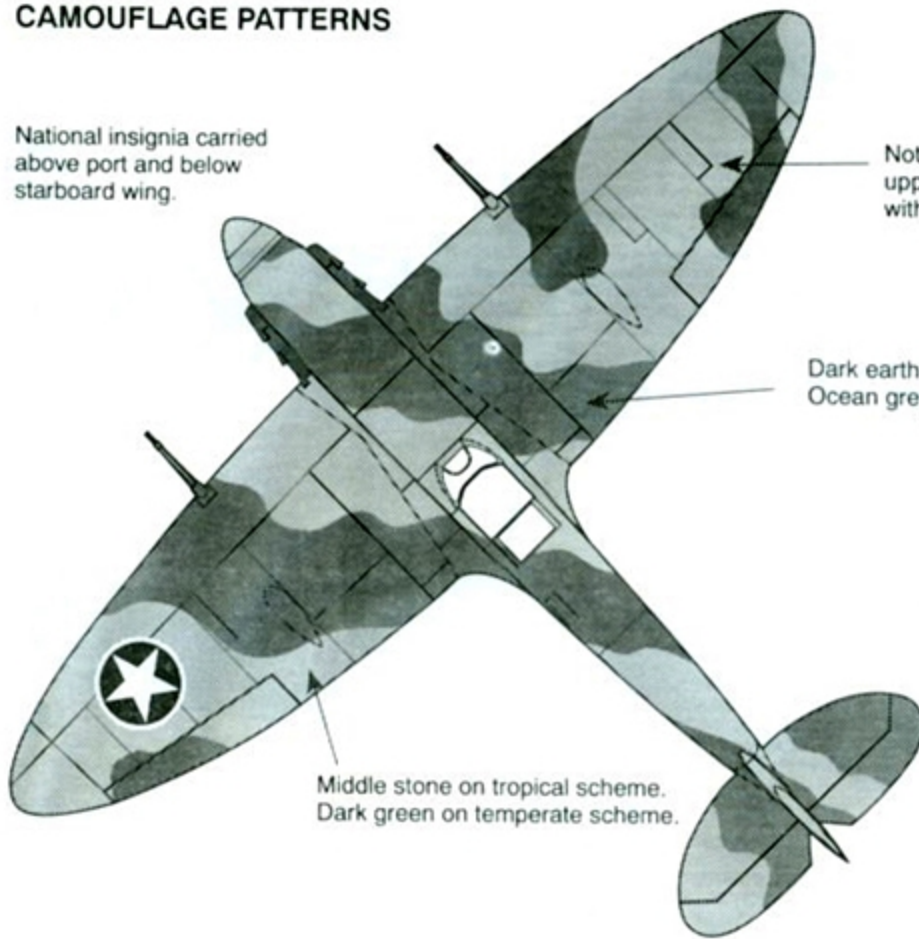


Spitfire VIII, of the 309th Sqn., 31st Fighter Group, Italy, 1944. Standard RAF tropical land scheme of dark earth and middle stone, with azure blue undersurfaces. Small yellow 'JJ' under the nose. Spinner is red. Wing insignia carried above port and below starboard wing.



## CAMOUFLAGE PATTERNS

National insignia carried above port and below starboard wing.



Note that on these aircraft the British insignia (56" upper wing and 32" lower wing) were painted out with the appropriate background colour.

Dark earth on tropical scheme.  
Ocean grey on temperate scheme.

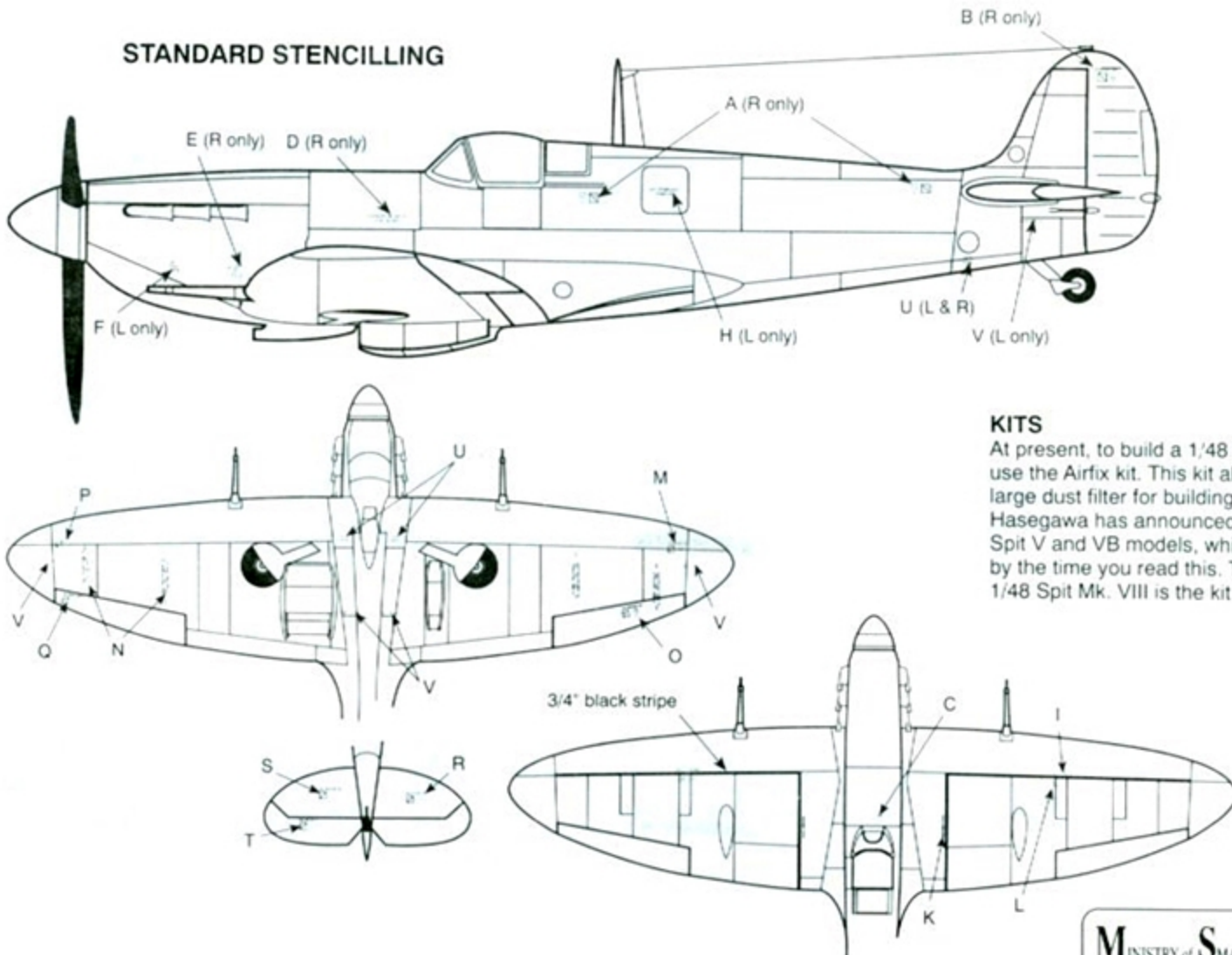
Middle stone on tropical scheme.  
Dark green on temperate scheme.

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## STANDARD STENCILLING



## KITS

At present, to build a 1/48 Spit Mk. V you can use the Airfix kit. This kit also provides the large dust filter for building the tropical variants. Hasegawa has announced future release of Spit V and VB models, which may be available by the time you read this. The only available 1/48 Spit Mk. VIII is the kit from Otali (Arii).