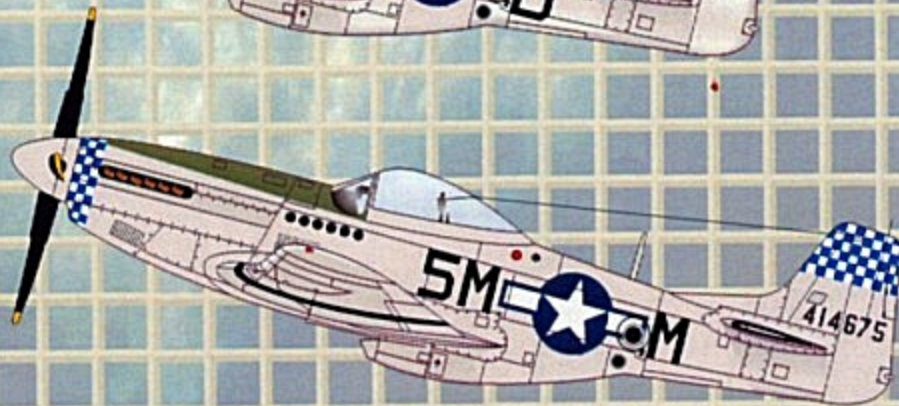
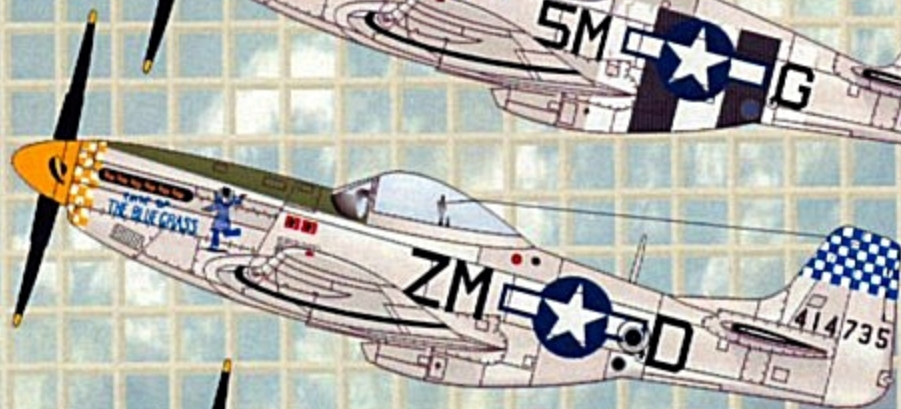
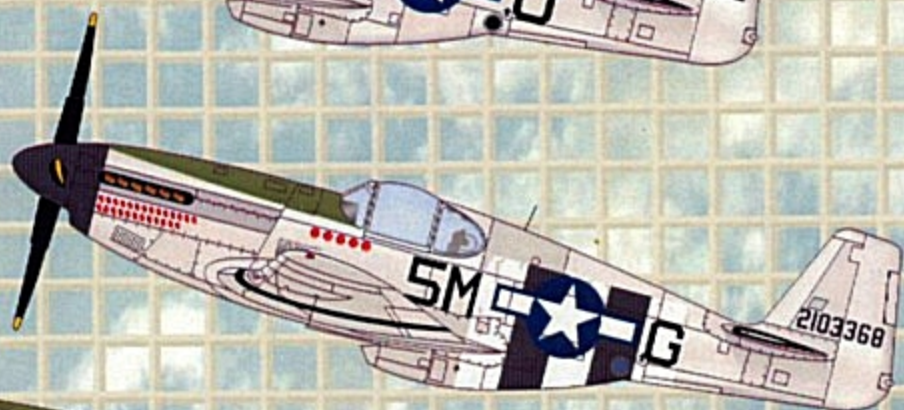


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Suggested Kit: Tamiya P-51 Family.



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F-6C "HOTSHOT", CODED ZM * U. This aircraft was assigned to Lt. William R. "Bob" Gardner, 12th Tactical Recon Squadron, 10th Photo Reconnaissance Group. Lt. Gardner obtained his nickname "Hotshot" because of his resemblance to "Hotshot Charlie" from the wartime Terry and the Pirates' comic strip and for his speedy landings. He scored one victory in this Mustang. The artwork was by Lloyd Hooberry.



We recommend you paint the white area yourself and only apply the blue checks due to the complexity of the tail shape/details. If you prefer, apply the complete decal.



F-6C 5M * G was assigned to Captain John H. Hoefker during his first tour of duty with the 15th Tactical Recon Squadron, 10th Photo Reconnaissance Group and was his favorite Mustang. The five kill markings, three of which are Hoefker's, represent all of the kills scored in this aircraft by various pilots through late July 1944. It is believed that the 4th and 5th kills represent those scored by Lt. Joe Waits on 18 July 1944. This Mustang soldiered on throughout the war and was assigned to several other pilots, to include Henry Lewis and Joe Waits. While flown by Lewis, it bore the name "Nadine" on the left side of the nose. Hoefker

was the first USAAF recon pilot in the ETO to become an Ace and is officially credited with 8.5 aerial victories, but his true victory total is 10.5 aerial victories. The discrepancy is due to the 9th Air Force's controversial unofficial confirmed kills addition to the Victory Credit Board. **Even though Hoefker was awarded the Silver Star for downing 3.5 E/A on 17 December 44, The VCB awarded him 1.5 confirmed kills, and 2 "unofficial" confirmed victories.**

F-6D "Pride of the Bluegrass" ZM * D was assigned to Lt. John R. "Red" or "Ace" Ellis of the 12th Tactical Recon Squadron, 10th Photo Reconnaissance Group. Ellis was a native of the state of Kentucky, the Bluegrass State, and his pride of being a Kentuckian is illustrated in another of Lloyd Hooberry's pairings. The artwork shows the name and is illustrated with a zoot suit clad jitterbugging Kentucky Colonel. Lt. Ellis is officially credited with 2-0-1 aerial victories.



F-6D 5M * M was assigned to Lt. Leland A. "Lee" Larson, another of the 15th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron's Aces. These markings represent the aircraft when it was "wholly owned" by Larson, with 6 kills representing his aerial victories. He had originally shared this bird with Henry Lacey, who had "seniority" and at that time it was named "Nancy" in old English script on the left nose, and four kill markings representing Lacey's claims.

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Note:
No exhaust shrouds on these A/C.