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# Mosquito Nose Art #2

# **Notes on Specific Aircraft**

### TH•E "Mammy Y" (Mammy Yokum)



- · Note different colored spinners on this aircraft.
- The nose and lower forward fuselage had several large areas roughly painted (perhaps battle damage repair) with a very light colored paint, possibly white or Sky.

#### TH•P "Li'l Abner"

Cleveland downed a Do 217 and a He 111 on May 16, 1944 in this aircraft.

#### TH•Z "Hairless Joe"

- Note early and late versions of nose art are supplied. Door emblem was on LATE scheme only! Note repainted area
  on lower nose area for late scheme.
- Although not confirmed by photos (and therefore not included on this decal sheet), it is possible that Bannock, as a Squadron Leader, had a S/L pennant applied to the crew entry door above the squadron crest on the "late" version of this scheme.
- Note the canopy framing was painted black on the "late" version.

#### FS 595 Color Cross References

(Taken from the IPMS Color Cross-Reference Guide—used with permission)

Dark Green [FS 34079] Xtracolor X1; Floquil 303143 Medium Sea Grey [FS 36270] Xtracolor X3; Floquil 303151 Night [FS 37038] Xtracolor X12 or any flat black

## Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model.
   Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

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