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# F/A-18C Hornet's Revenge Part 3 Cutti



#### **Both aircraft**

Standard TPS scheme of FS 36375 and FS 36320.

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- Note the bomb mission markings are JDAMs! The stencils on the real jet are amazingly accurate and detailed representations of the JDAM.
- The bomb symbols are on the port side only. The "Avery's Aviators" is on both sides in the same relative location.

## **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.

### FS 595 Color Cross Reference

FS 6320 Xtracolor X135, ModelMaster 1741, Gunze Sangyo H307, Mr Color 307, Polly-S 837, Pro Modeler 88-0036, Floquil 303133

FS 6375 Pro Modeler 88-0034, Polly Scale 505304

## **Bibliography**

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