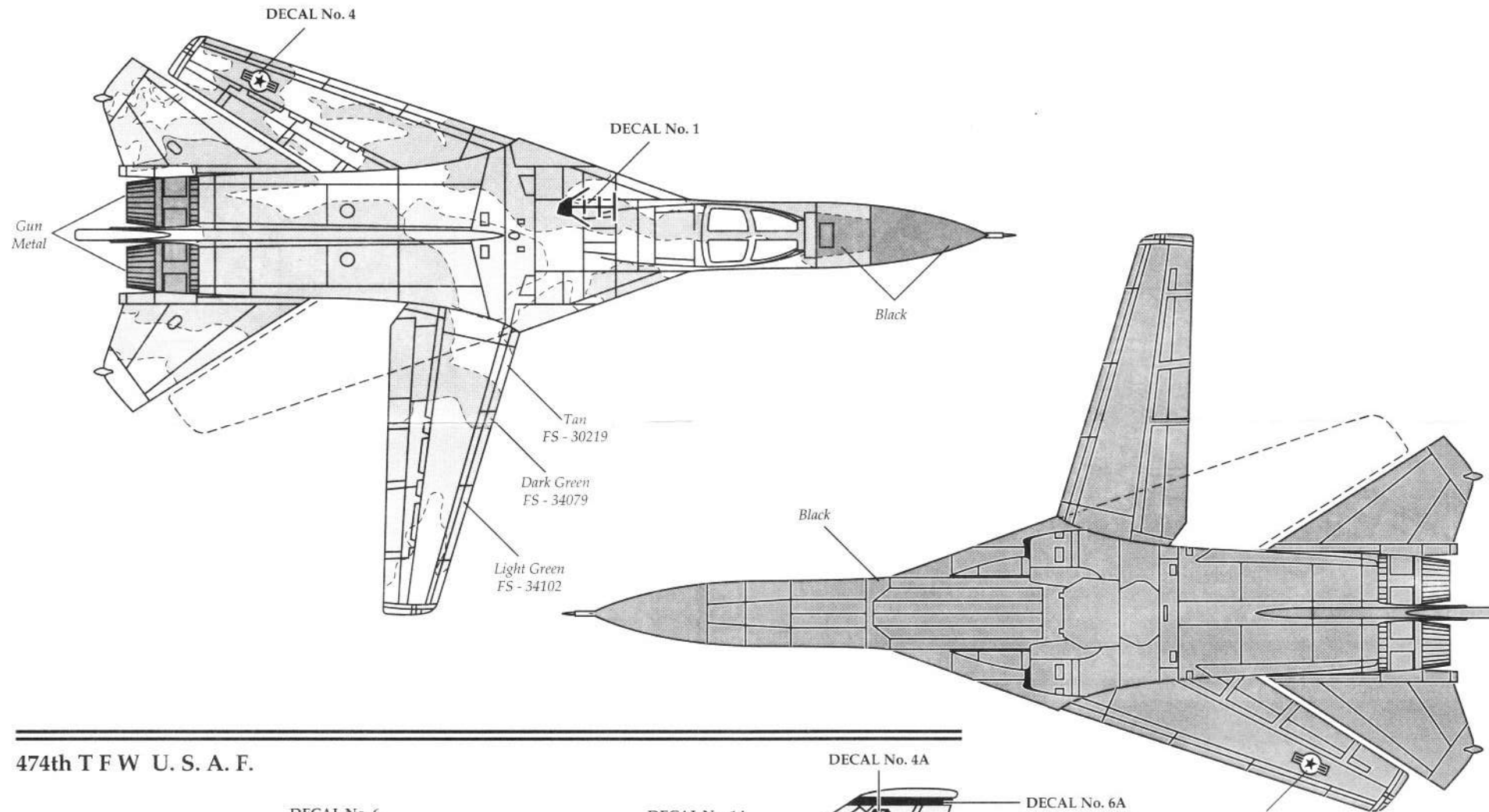
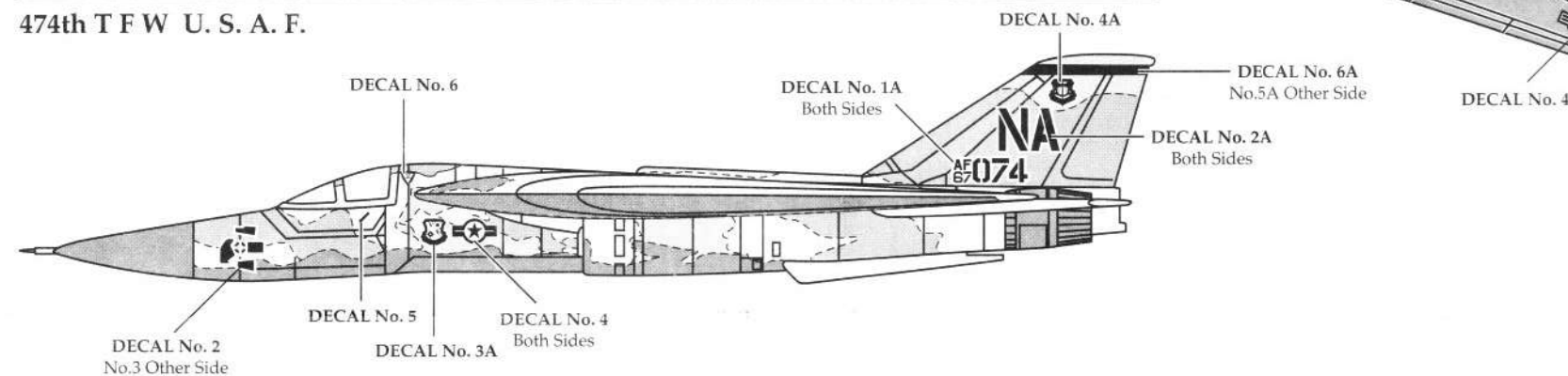


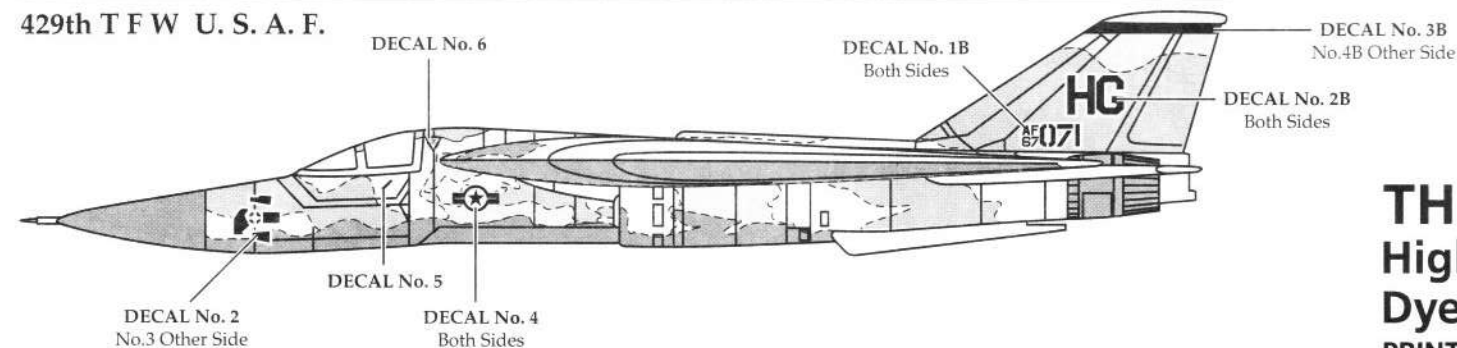
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IMPORTANT

Before you begin to assemble your model kit, study the instructions carefully. This will help you to familiarize yourself with the part locations as you proceed. Prior to cementing parts together, be sure to "TEST FIT" them in order to assure proper alignment and also to check for excess "FLASH" that may occur along parting lines. Use a sharp hobby knife or file to remove flash if necessary.

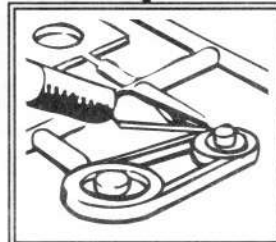
If you wish to paint your model, various sub-assemblies and components should be painted before any parts are attached. During assembly, you may note that the recommended color is stated after the part name.

This model kit is molded from the finest high-impact styrene plastic. Use only paints and cements which are specifically formulated for styrene. Read all labels and warnings carefully.

Because the cement will only adhere to bare plastic, it is necessary to remove any paint or "plating" from the area to which the cement is to be applied.

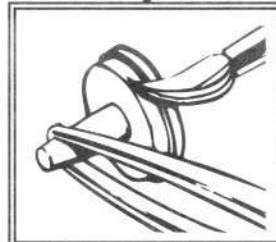
HOBBY KNIFE

Use a sharp hobby knife to remove parts from the trees. Some parts may appear to have an extra "tab" on them, these should be removed.



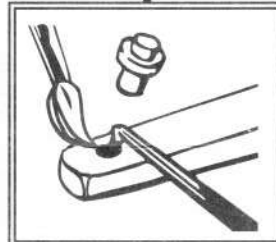
TWEEZERS

Tweezers are handy for holding very small parts during assembly or painting.



CEMENT

We recommend the use of liquid polystyrene cement. Apply with a fine brush or toothpick. Use cement sparingly or a sloppy job will result.

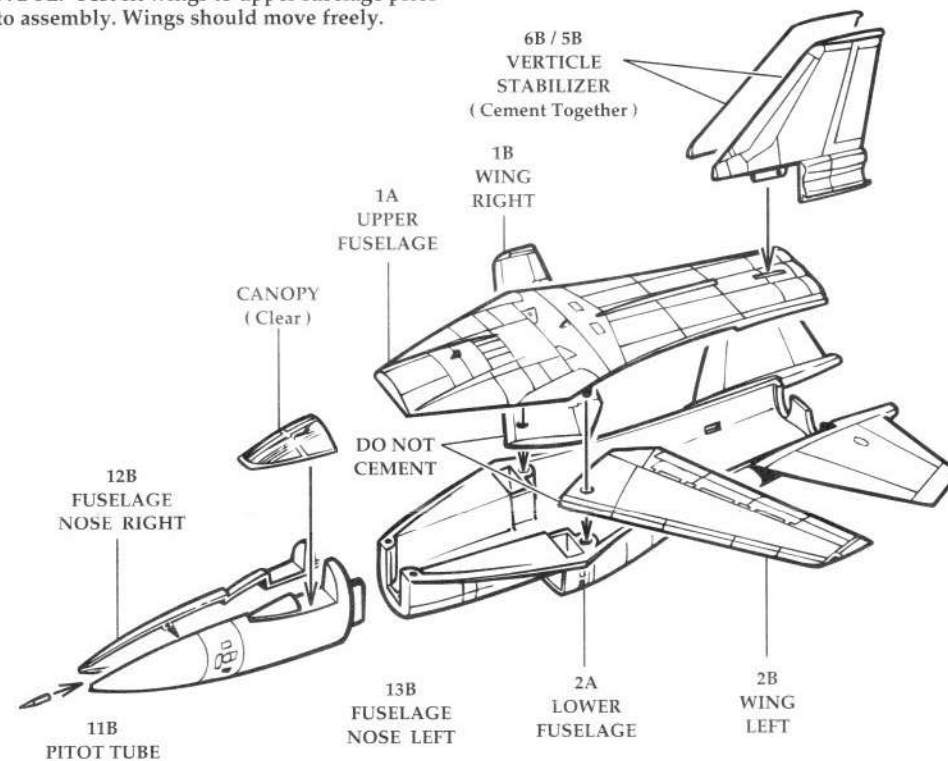


We take great pride in providing the finest model kits available, giving strong attention to detail and craftsmanship. Should you have any difficulty with assembly or missing parts, please call the appropriate number listed below between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm central time, Monday through Friday.

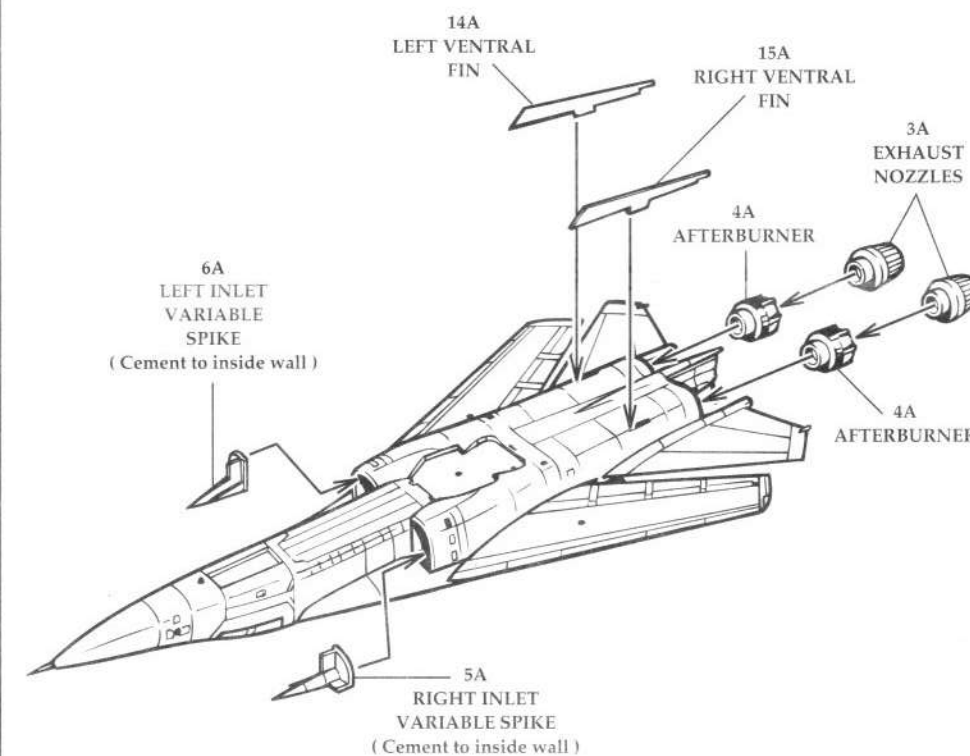
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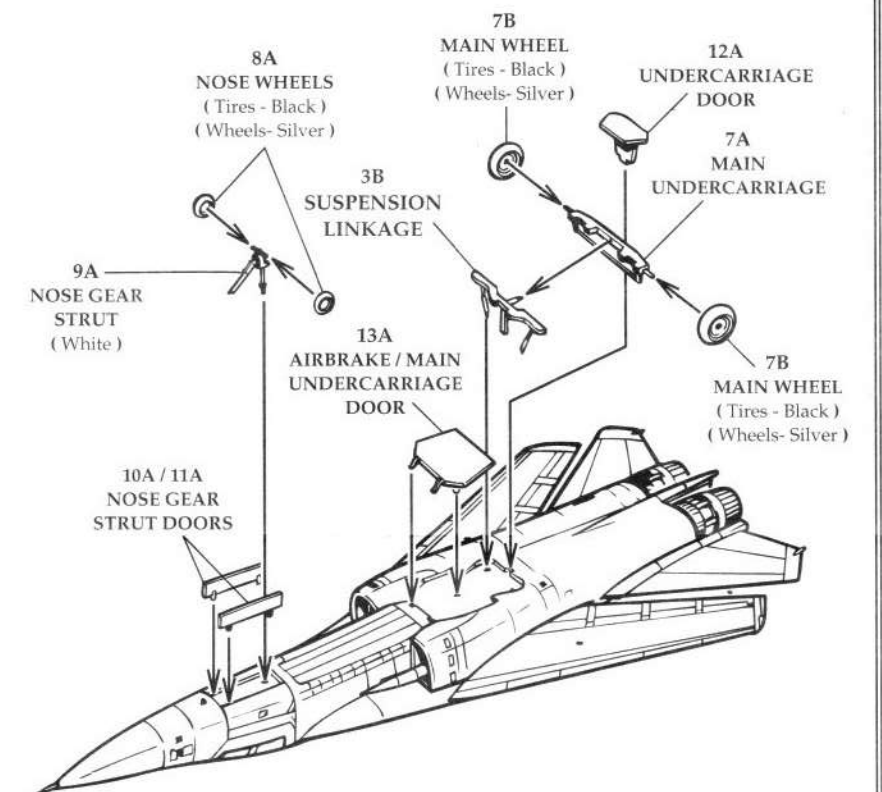
NOTE: Test fit wings to upper fuselage prior to assembly. Wings should move freely.



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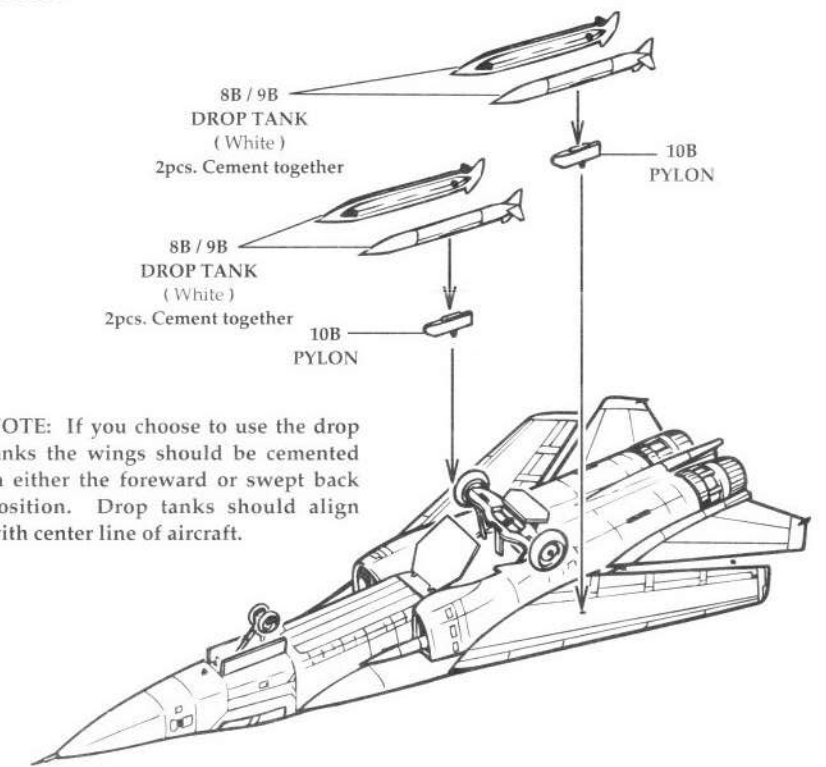


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NOTE: If you choose to use the drop tanks the wings should be cemented in either the forward or swept back position. Drop tanks should align with center line of aircraft.



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5A



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