

Canadair CL-41 / CT-114 Tutor

(designed for Hobbycraft kit)

Vikings Aerobatic display team

INTRODUCTION

The Canadair CL-41 Tutor was designed as jet trainer for use by Royal Canadian Air Force (later Canada Armed Forces). First flight was January 1960. Designated CT-114 it served between the early 1960s until 2000. In 1976 it was decided to refurbish the fleet and in 1998 still some 120 were operated by the armed forces. In 2019 still some 24 were flying, including some with the Snowbirds aerobatic display team.

The type was also sold to Malaysia which flew 20 CL-41G for their air force from 1967. They were called Tebuan and flew in training and light attack roles until 1986.

The decals are for the small Canadian Air Force **Vikings** team. The Vikings flew 4 Tutors from 1967 to 1984. They flew displays as the Snowbirds team could not fly all requested displays. Pilots were usually instructors from other units.

MODEL KITS

Hobbycraft of Canada released a simple kit in 1/72 scale and a kit in 1/48 scale. (the decals are sized to desired scale).

DECAL SYSTEM and APPLICATION

The decal sheet has ONE continuous print film, so EACH decal needs to be cut out with fine scissors. No other prior laserprinted decal preparation is needed. Each cut out decal can be applied as usual after soaking it a short while in water. Decals are EXTREMELY THIN, so slide off from the wet backing sheet on the model surface. Do not use tweezers! They will fold doubled!

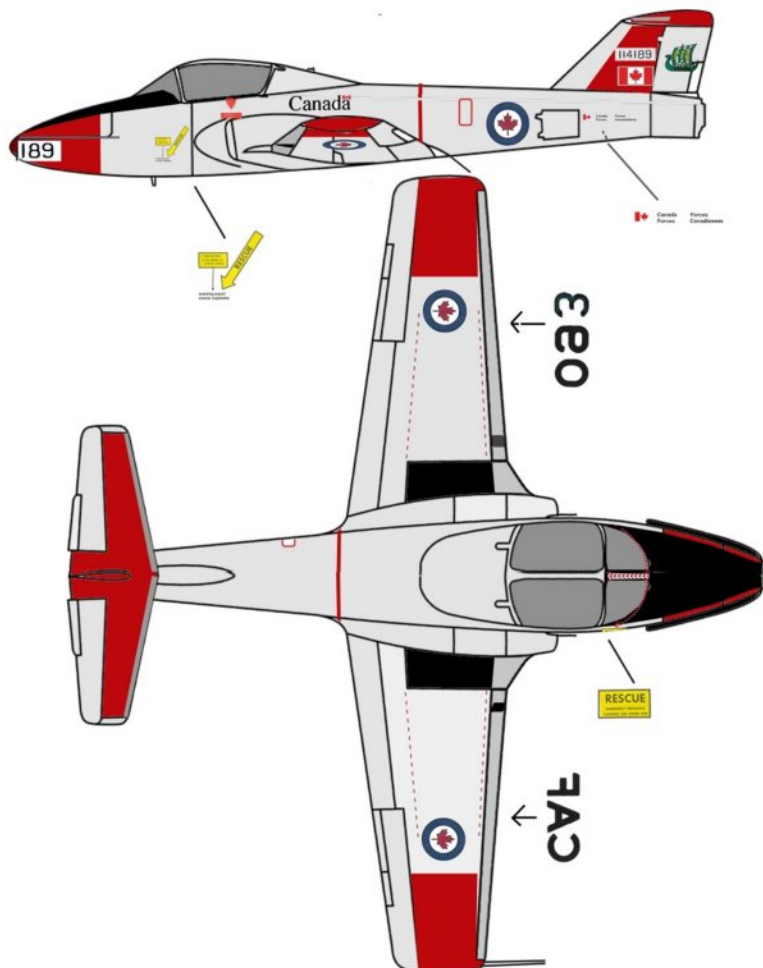
NOTES: for large decals that are to be set on a dark model surface it is better to paint a white area underneath. For some smaller decals, a white separate decal may be on a sheet instead; this is often indicated with an "arrow"; put the white underlying decal and then the other on top.

Sometimes a tiny white edge is present on a decal; this can be cut off with fine scissors particularly when the model surface where it is to be set is dark.

After all decals have been applied, finish the model with your preferred final gloss or semi-matt varnish coats. This will also protect the decals.

PAINTING AND DETAILS

CT-114 Tutor flown in Canada had several schemes, particularly when flown by Aerobatic display teams. The Tutor of the Vikings team had pretty much the standard scheme with metal and bright red panels. There is a Viking team badge (ship cartoon) on the rudder. The leading edges of the wing and stabilizer are bright aluminium. Choice of jet no 189 or 093. The large CAF title and number are on the lower wing.



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