

Boeing F-15E Heritage USAF 75 years, Liberty wings 70 yrs, USAFE 80 yrs

On the occasion of the Celebrations of the United States Air Force 75th year, the USAFE 80th year and the USAF 48th Fighter Wing 70th "Liberty Wings" year, F-15E serialied 92-0364 got a remarkable heritage paint scheme in 2022. Unveiled July 2022 at RAF Lakenheath, the paint scheme is to celebrate the rich history of the Liberty Pilots, Maintainers and all Airmen of the 48th. The paint scheme was inspired by that of the USAFE Skyblazers aerial demonstration team with a "Statute of Liberty" marking on the tails with the flown team aircraft shown. On the large spine air brake, the "Statute of Liberty" is accompanied with a United Kingdom map and flag, home of the 48th wing since the 1960s.

MODEL KITS

In **1/72** scale good F-15E plastic model kits are: Academy of South Korea, Great Wall Hobby and Hasegawa and recently a brand new Revell kit. There are also older kits.

In **1/48** scale F-15E kits of the same brands: Academy of South Korea, Great Wall Hobby, Hasegawa and older ones from Revell.

PAINTING AND DECALS

Decals are provided for the Heritage F-15E 92-0364 markings. Note the blue colour is lighter than in the US flag.

The overall F-15E colour is Federal Standard FS 36118 dark grey with metal areas at the exhausts. The smaller stencilling like NO STEPS and others are to be used from the kit and are standard.

The colourful tip markings with stars are printed in full on PART 2 WHITE sheet, so no white paint is needed thus on the model; it is necessary though the carefully cut out each red-white-blue decal slightly inside their borders to avoid white disturbing edges.

There is a colourful wrap around band at the nose, it needs to be made by combing and trimming the 3 decals. It may be better to first fit in the center in front of the windscreen the decal with start and than measure up the correct portions of the side bands.

The large decal at the spine air brake may need trimming if the brake is to be set open deployed.

Optional intake and exhaust cover decals are also provided as some kits have these covers for a ground display.

DECAL SYSTEM and APPLICATION

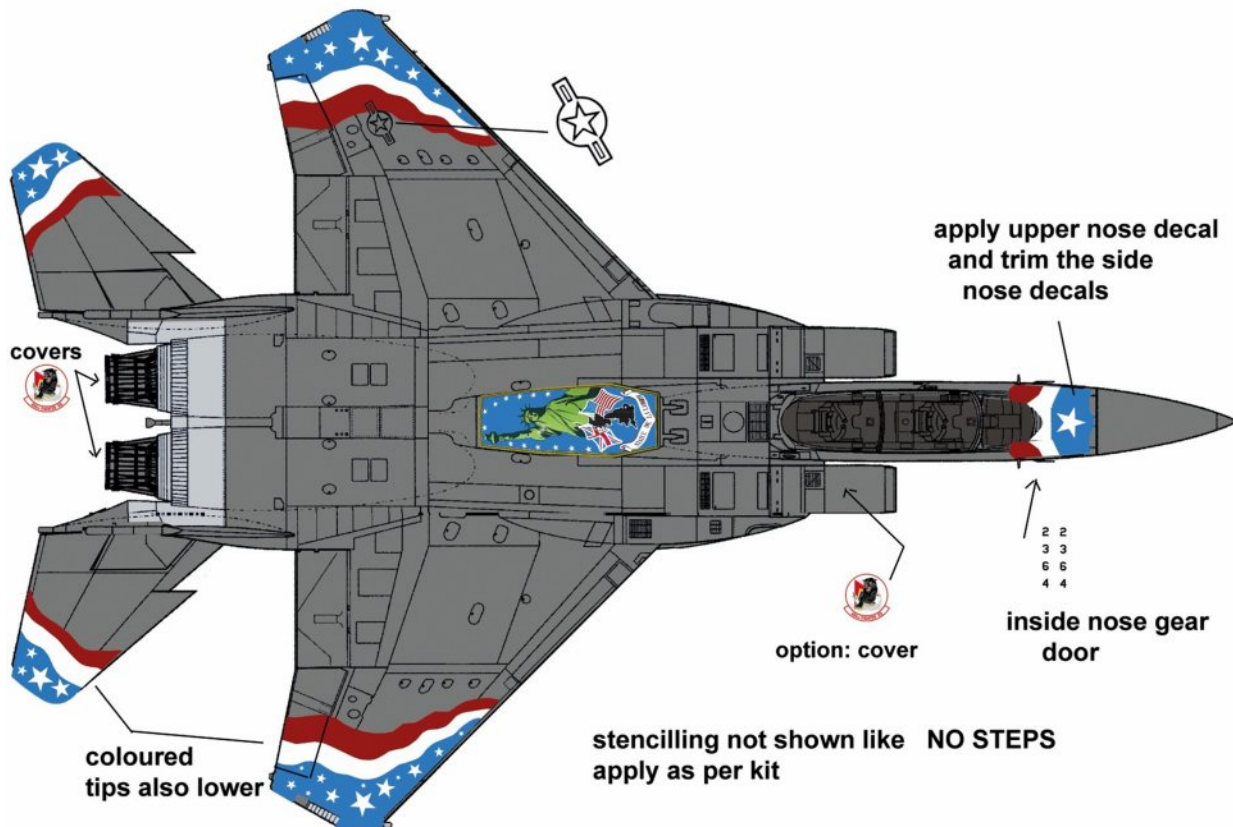
The decal set has **2 parts**: a transparent and a white sheet. Each sheet has ONE continuous laser print film, so EACH decal needs to be cut out with fine scissors. No other prior decal preparation is needed. Each cut out decal can be applied as usual after soaking it a short while in water.

Some decals on transparent part 1 may have a white separate decal for better coverage, often indicated with an "arrow"; set the white underlying decal on the model and than the other on top.

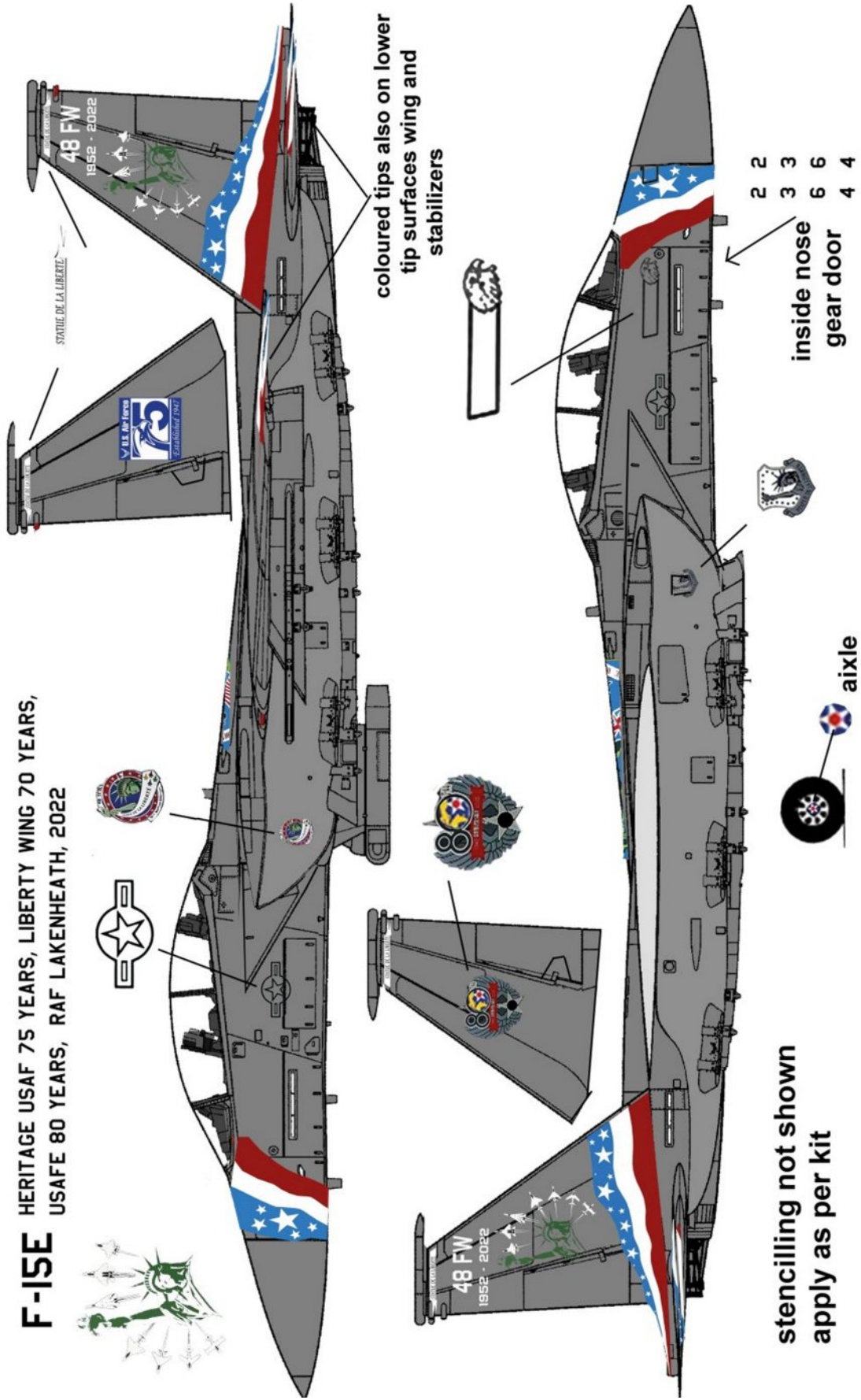
The decals on part 2 are all printed on white for better coverage on the model. Carefully cut out each decal slightly inside their borders to avoid white disturbing edges.

Decals are EXTREMELY THIN, so slide off from the wet backing sheet on a horizontally held GLOSSY model surface. Do not use tweezers! They will fold doubled!

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



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