The Mitchell-Hyundyne SA-23 Starfury is a proven space combat veteran. These one-man fighters, specially designed for space combat, provide the primary defense for Earth Alliance after BABYLON 5 seceded from Earth, the Starfuries remained on the station to provide for the common defense. Each Starfury division carries specific markings on top of the upper wing body that identify the particular division. Keeping with military fighter-craft tradition, some pilots add their own personal flair to the "nose-art" on their ships. Former Babylon 5 commander Jeffery Sinclair displays a Red Chevron on his Starfury during his command of Babylon 5, and the black and yellow stripes of his squadron during the "Battle of the Line". Captain John Sheridan, the current commander of Babylon 5, displays his "Flying Tiger" design on his wing. Former security chief Michael Garibaldi's Starfury is decorated with orange, tan and brown "Lizard" stripes. "Battle of the Line" pilot Mitchell sported black and white "Zebra" stripes before its destruction, and Garibaldi's wingman, "Delta 7" has green "Lizard" markings. Your Starfury can be built with any one of these designs, and you can customize your ship with the all-new expanded decal sheet included in this kit.

MODELING TIPS

PAINTING TIPS

DECAL

OPTIONAL PARTS

READ THIS BEFORE YOU BEGIN

* Study the assembly drawings.
* Each plastic part is identified by a number.
* In the assembly drawings, some parts will be marked by a star (★) to indicate chrome plated plastic.
* For better paint and decal adhesion, wash the plastic parts in a mild detergent solution. Rinse and let air dry.
* Check the fit of each piece before cementing in place.
* Use only cement for polystyrene plastic.
* Scrape plating and paint from areas to be cemented.
* Allow paint to dry thoroughly before handling parts.
* Any unused parts may be discarded.

DECAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(If Applicable)

1. Cut desired decal from sheet.
2. Dip decal in water for a few seconds.
3. Place wet decal on paper towel.
4. Wait until decal is movable on paper backing.
5. Place decal in position on model, face up and slide backing away.
6. Press out air bubbles with a soft damp cloth.
7. Milkiness that may appear is for better decal adhesion and will dry clear. Wipe away any excess adhesive.
8. Do not touch decal until fully dry.
9. Allow the decals 48 hours to dry before applying clear coat.

NOTE: Decals are not compatible with setting solutions or solvents.

This paint guide is provided to complete this kit as shown on the box

Dark Gray
Neutral Gray
Field Green
Silver
Flat Black
Yellow
Gloss Orange
Flat White
Gray Green
Jet Exhaust
Light Exhaust
Medium Gray

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FUSELAGE ASSEMBLY

2
FUSELAGE PORT HALF

MODELING TIP: DRILL A 1/16" SHALLOW HOLE INTO EACH AFT WEAPON BARREL AS SHOWN.

Part #6 Fuselage Rear

6
FUSELAGE REAR

2

LOWER WING ASSEMBLY

COMPLETED ASSEMBLY FROM STEP 1

MODELING TIP: AFTER GLUING FUSELAGE REAR TO FUSELAGE, APPLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF PUTTY TO THIS SEAM. ALLOW TO DRY THEN SAND SMOOTH BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THIS STEP.

10
LOWER STARBOARD WING FUEL CELLS

4
LOWER OUTER WING

MODELING TIP: ALIGN FUEL CELL PANELS SO THEY ARE FLUSH WITH LOWER WING. APPLY PUTTY TO THIS SEAM ON FORE AND AFT, AND ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES OF FUSELAGE, THEN SAND SMOOTH.

8
LOWER PORT WING FUEL CELLS
3 LOWER WING ASSEMBLY CONTINUED

14 LOWER INNER STARBOARD WING

5 COCKPIT BUCKET

NOTE: THERE WILL BE A SLIGHT GAP HERE BETWEEN THE INNER WINGS AND THE FUSELAGE.

13 LOWER INNER PORT WING

COMPLETED ASSEMBLY FROM STEP 2

4 UPPER WING ASSEMBLY

3 UPPER OUTER WING

6 UPPER STARBOARD WING FUEL CELLS

7 UPPER PORT WING FUEL CELLS

MODELING TIP: ALIGN FUEL CELL PANELS SO THEY ARE FLUSH WITH UPPER WING. APPLY PUTTY TO THIS SEAM ON FORE AND AFT, AND ON LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES OF FUSELAGE, AND SAND SMOOTHE. THIS ASSEMBLY CAN THEN BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETED STEP 3 ASSEMBLY.

COMPLETED ASSEMBLY FROM STEP 3
A close up view of the cockpit. Apply putty only to the areas shown. It is not necessary to putty the seam line around the cockpit as this will be covered by the canopy.

MODELING TIP: THIS OPTIONAL STEP CAN ENHANCE THE FINISHED APPEARANCE OF YOUR STARFURY. APPLY MODELING PUTTY TO THE AREAS INDICATED ABOVE. WHEN PUTTY HAS COMPLETELY DRIED, SAND THESE AREAS SMOOTH. YOU MAY ALSO PRIMER THESE AREAS TO CHECK YOUR PUTTY AND SANDING WORK. RETOUCH IF NECESSARY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO NEXT STEP.

6 UPPER WEAPON ASSEMBLY

MAIN WEAPONS PREPARATION:


FILL THIS AREA WITH HOBBY PUTTY ON PARTS 15 AND 16.

STARBOARD (RIGHT) SIDE

PORT (LEFT) SIDE

UPPER GUN ALIGNMENT
7 UPPER INNER WING ASSEMBLY

ATTACH INNER WINGS TO THE UNDERSIDE OF THE TOP WING AS SHOWN. ALIGN ENGINE NACELLE BOTTOM HALF ON INNER WING WITH THE ENGINE TOP HALF AND CEMENT IN PLACE. PULL THE LOWER WING CLOSE TO THE FUSELAGE AND CEMENT IT TO THE TANK STRUCTURE ON THE SIDE OF THE FUSELAGE.

12 UPPER INNER STARBOARD WING

PUTTY AND SAND HERE

11 UPPER INNER PORT WING

MODELING TIP: AFTER CEMENT HAS COMPLETELY DRIED, SAND THE SEAM RUNNING ALONG THE OUTBOARD SIDE OF ALL FOUR ENGINES SMOOTH. APPLY MODELING PUTTY IF NECESSARY TO THE SEAM AND SAND AGAIN. PRIMER THESE AREAS AND CHECK SEAM. RETOUCH PUTTY AND SANDING IF NECESSARY.

8 THRUSTER ASSEMBLY

21 MANEUVERING THRUSTER

20 MAIN RETRO THRUSTERS

1 - ALIGN AND ATTACH THE EIGHT PART #21 MANEUVERING THRUSTERS TO THE ENGINES AS SHOWN.

2 - USING THE DIAGRAM ON THE RIGHT, ALIGN THEN CEMENT THE FOUR PART #20 RETRO THRUSTERS TO THE FORWARD ENDS OF EACH ENGINE.

Main Retro Thruster alignment

The maneuvering and retro thrusters are attached to the topside starboard engine.
9 LOWER WEAPON ASSEMBLY

ALIGN PARTS #15 AND #16 LOWER WEAPONS USING PHOTOS HERE AND CEMENT IN PLACE.

The portside lower weapon is attached to the completed assembly from step 8. Note connection of aft gun to hull.

Both weapons are shown here attached to hull. Note connection of lower weapon to the 'step' on the hull.

All four 40mm Plasma Pulse Discharge Cannons are shown aligned and attached.

10 TINES ASSEMBLY

1 - ALIGN AND CEMENT PART #24 OUTBOARD TINES TO PART #19 MAIN THRUSTERS. REPEAT THIS STEP FOUR TIMES.

Note alignment of outboard tine with mount on thruster.

Outboard tine is attached to thruster.

2 - ALIGN AND CEMENT PART #25 INBOARD TINES TO PART #19 MAIN THRUSTERS. REPEAT THIS STEP ONE TIME. ALSO, REPEAT THIS STEP USING PART #28 INBOARD TINES TWO TIMES.

Part #25 is aligned with mount on main thruster.

Part #28 is mounted onto main thruster.
11  PAINTING PREPARATION

- Assemble base as shown. Cement stand pylon to base stand.

- Mask the windows on part #30 clear canopy as shown. Also mask the back side of the canopy.

- Prime the assembled base, masked canopy, part #22 instrument panel, part #23 pilot, assembled Starfury from step 9, and aft thrusters/tines assembly from step 10.

12  INITIAL PAINTING

Airbrush assembled Starfury, the four aft thrusters, and canopy from step 11, light gray.
1. Paint the shaded area on the leading edge of the top and inner top wing medium gray as shown.

2. Paint the shaded area on the leading edge of the bottom and inner bottom wing medium gray as shown.

3. Paint the shaded areas of the ECM fairings on the top and bottom wings medium gray as shown.
**14 THRUSTERS/TINES PAINTING**

**PAINTING TIP:** THE OPTIONAL PAINTING DETAIL TIPS SHOWN HERE WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE APPEARANCE AND ACCURACY OF YOUR FINISHED MODEL.

1. PAINT THE RETRO THRUSTERS AS SHOWN WITH MEDIUM GRAY.
2. PAINT THE EIGHT MANEUVERING THRUSTERS WITH MEDIUM GRAY AS SHOWN.
3. PAINT THE SMALLEST RECESSED CIRCLE INSIDE OF EACH MANEUVERING, RETRO, AND AFT THRUSTER FLAT BLACK.

4. PAINT BOTH SIDES OF THE INBOARD AND OUTBOARD TINES MEDIUM GRAY AS SHOWN BY THE SHAD ED AREAS.
5. WITH MEDIUM GRAY, PAINT THE AFT THRUSTER AS SHOWN ACCORDING TO THE SHAD ED AREAS.

**15 AFT THRUSTERS ASSEMBLY**

ALIGN THE AFT THRUSTERS WITH THE AFT END OF EACH ENGINE. USE THE TWO THRUSTERS WITH INBOARD SMALL TINES #25 ON THE UPPER LEFT AND LOWER RIGHT ENGINES. AFT APPLYING CEMENT TO THE JOINT, TURN THE THRUSTER ASSEMBLY IN THE DIRECTION AS INDICATED UNTIL THE BASE OF THE INBOARD TINE STOPS AGAINST THE SMALL WING PROTRUSION.
WEATHERING

PAINTING TIP: THIS STEP IS OPTIONAL. HOWEVER, YOU MAY WEATHER YOUR STARFURY AS DESCRIBED HERE FOR AN AUTHENTIC APPEARANCE. FOLLOW THIS STEP CAREFULLY, AND WITH SOME PRACTICE ON ANOTHER OBJECT OR FLAT SURFACE, YOUR STARFURY CAN BE BEAUTIFULLY DETAILED.

Mask an area forward of any panel line with tape, or any removable note paper. LIGHTLY mist Dark Gray at the edge of the masking. Pull the masking up to reveal a sharp edge along the panel line and the weathering fading off aft of the line.

With your airbrush set for a fine line, paint ‘streaks’ onto the entire hull and canopy. Start at the front of the model and spray towards the back. The amount of the weathering applied is up to you. Use the photos and illustrations here for detailing reference.

WITH ALL MASKING STILL ATTACHED, WEATHER CANOPY AS SHOWN. DO NOT REMOVE MASKING UNTIL THE FINAL STEP OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

APPLY WEATHERING TO THE TINES AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Step 1: REPEAT THIS MASKING AND WEATHERING OVER THE ENTIRE SURFACE ON THE TOP, INNER AND BOTTOM WINGS. START AT THE REAR OF THE MODEL AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE WEATHERING.

Step 2: APPLY THE STREAKED WEATHERING TO THE ENTIRE TOP, BOTTOM, AND INNER WINGS.
1 - PAINT THE LIGHT SHADED AREA OF THE COCKPIT GRAY GREEN.
2 - MIX A SMALL AMOUNT OF BLACK INTO THE GRAY GREEN PAINT. PAINT THE CHAIR AND ARM RESTS WITH THIS COLOR.
3 - PAINT THE RAISED PADDING ON THE CHAIR TAN.
4 - PAINT THIS TANK YELLOW.
5 - PAINT THE 7 RAISED PANELS ON EACH SIDE OF THE COCKPIT WALLS, THE BACK WALL AND ON THE CEILING JET EXHAUST.
6 - MIX A SMALL AMOUNT OF WHITE INTO THE GRAY GREEN PAINT UNTIL IT IS A SLIGHTLY LIGHTER SHADE. PAINT THE 2 DIAGONAL ‘BEAMS’ ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CHAIR WITH THIS COLOR.
7 - PAINT THE ‘HEADREST PADS’ DARK GRAY.
8 - PAINT THIS TANK BLUE.
9 - PAINT THE INSTRUMENT PANEL GRAY GREEN.
10 - PAINT THE DRILLED HOLES IN THE TIPS OF EACH GUN WITH FLAT BLACK. ALSO PAINT THE TWO GUN HOLES IN BACK OF THE FUSELAGE FLAT BLACK.

5 - PAINT THE SHOULDER PAD JET EXHAUST.
6 - PAINT THE FLIGHT SUIT NEUTRAL GRAY.
7 - PAINT THE PILOT’S GLOVES AND BOOTS FLAT BLACK.

1 - PAINT THE PILOT’S HELMET JET EXHAUST.
2 - PAINT THE HELMET’S VISOR FLAT BLACK.
3 - PAINT THE COLLAR SILVER.
4 - PAINT THE PILOT’S LEFT AND RIGHT UPPER ARM PADS, SASH AND BELT DARK GRAY.

WHEN COMPLETED WITH THE PAINTING IN THIS STEP, SPRAY THE ENTIRE ASSEMBLED MODEL, CANOPY, PILOT AND INSTRUMENT PANEL WITH A CLEAR GLOSS. ALLOW TO COMPLETELY DRY. APPLY DECALS TO COCKPIT AS SHOWN BEFORE PROCEEDING TO NEXT STEP.
CUSTOM VERSION PAINTING

AT THIS POINT YOU MUST DECIDE ON WHICH VERSION YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXECUTE. IF YOU CHOOSE TO MAKE SHERIDAN'S FLYING TIGER, MITCHELL'S STARFURY, SINCLAIR'S RED CHEVRON OR LINE FIGHTER, PROCEED TO STEP 19 FOR DECALING THESE VERSIONS. FOR GARIBALDI'S OR THE DELTA 7 VERSION, FOLLOW THE ADDITIONAL PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS BELOW BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH DECAL APPLICATION.

Garibaldi's Starfury

MASK AROUND THE GRAY SHADED AREA AS INDICATED AND PAINT THE AREA GLOSS ORANGE.

PAINTING TIP: YOU MAY WISH TO REAPPLY THE STREAKED WEATHERING WITH DARK GRAY ON TOP OF THE ORANGE.

Delta 7 Starfury

MASK AND PAINT THE WHITE STRIPES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE GREEN WITH WHITE.

PAINTING TIP: YOU MAY WISH TO REAPPLY THE STREAKED WEATHERING WITH DARK GRAY ON TOP OF THE ORANGE.
TOP WING DECAL GUIDE

1. Sheridan's Flying Tiger
2. Cut decal here for application to hull contour. Decal segments may then be positioned to fit.
3. Garibaldi's
4. Trim the clear decal film from these rectangles before applying to model.
5. Sinclairs
6. Cut decal here for application to hull contour.
CUT DECAL HERE FOR APPLICATION TO HULL CONTOUR.

Delta 7

Line Fighter

CUT DECAL HERE FOR APPLICATION TO HULL CONTOUR.

Mitchell's

(OPTIONAL NUMBER)
**ADDITIONAL DECALS**

- **Inner Upper Wing**
  - All Versions

- **Inner Lower Wing**
  - All Versions

- **Sheridan's Flying Tiger**
  - Only. Or, use decal 37.
  - (Optional)

- **Custom Starfury**
  - NS-0122
  - Letters and Numbers are Optional.
  - Numbering is Optional.
  - Turn the 6 Decal Upside Down for 9.
  - (56 also used on base.)
21 FINAL ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

1. Allow decals to completely dry before proceeding.
2. Spray a flat finish on completed Starfury, canopy, pilot, and instrument panel.
3. Cement pilot into cockpit, cement instrument panel across cockpit as shown.
4. Carefully remove masking from canopy.

Modeling Tip: Canopy can be attached with white glue. Apply a small amount of glue to the seam around the cockpit, tip the Starfury straight up and align the canopy to the cockpit and set in place. Allow to completely dry before handling.

Paint base black, apply decal 56 to front of base as shown. Allow to dry then spray entire base with a flat finish. Attach completed Starfury as shown.