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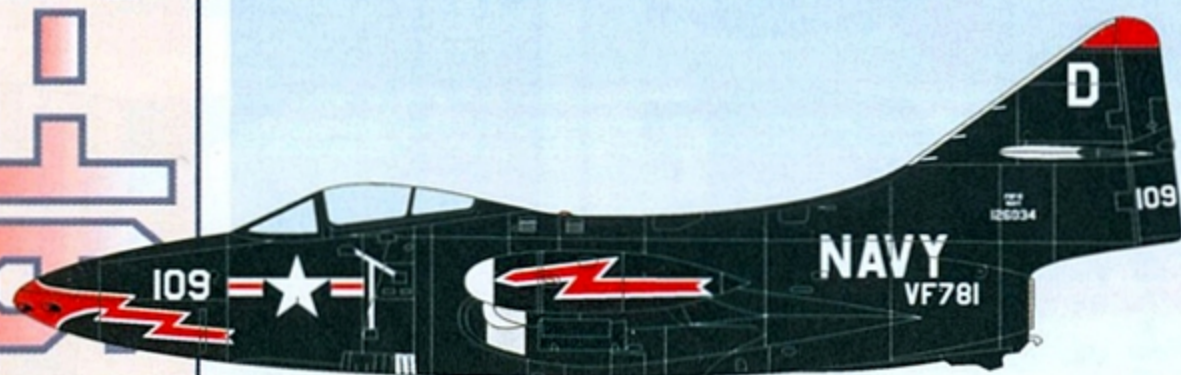
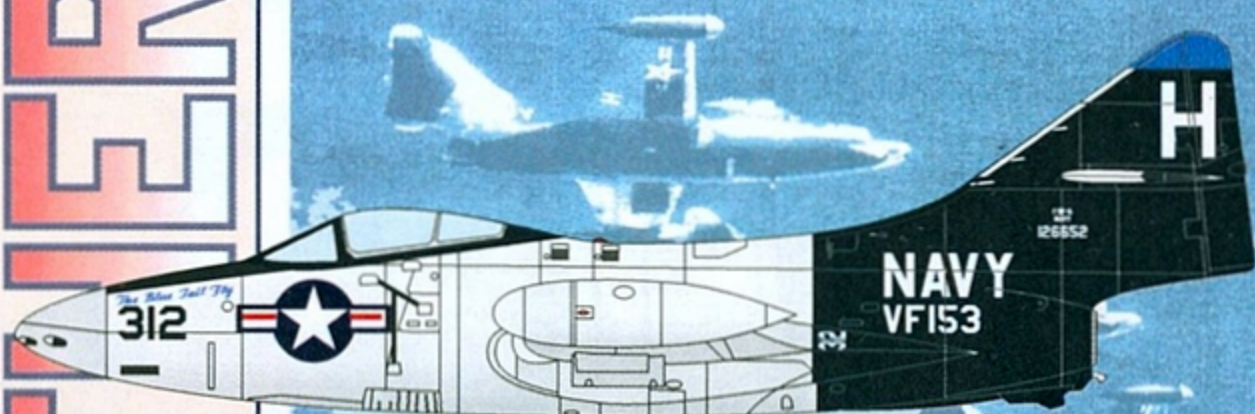


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# F9F-5 PANTHER

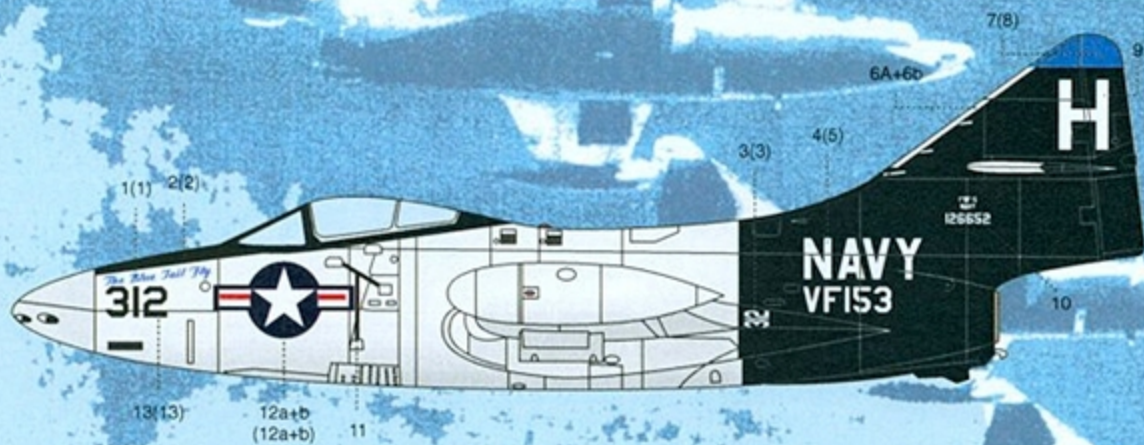
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Suggested Kit: Monogram F9F-5 Panther.



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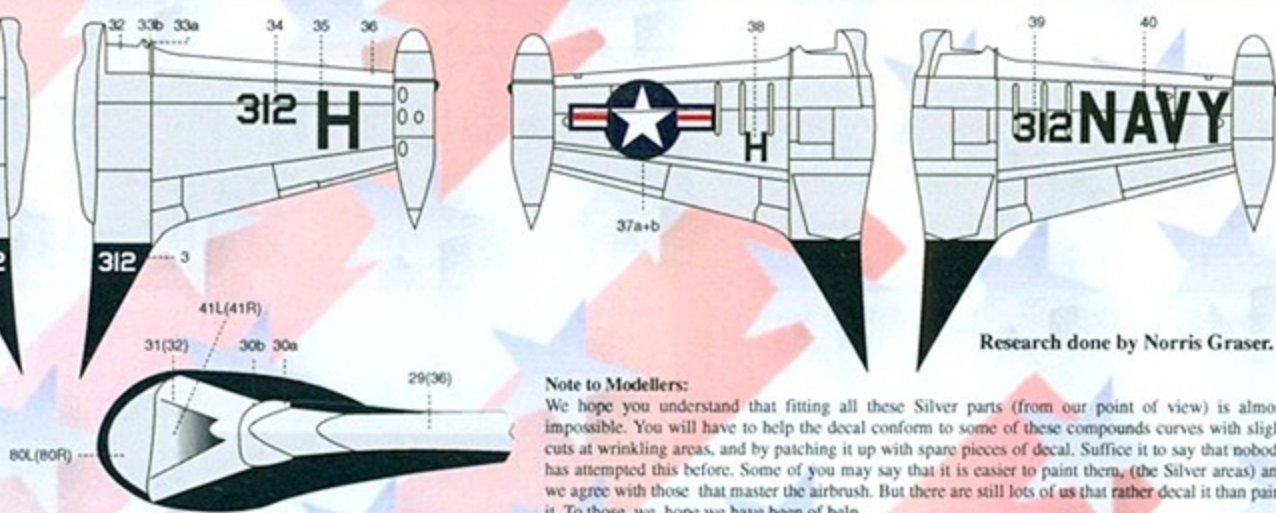


Grumman F9F-5 Panther Bu.No. 126652 H/312 'The Blue Tail Fly'. VF-153, USS Princeton, May 1953. 'The Blue Tail Fly' was a unique combination of two battle damaged F9F-5s. The two airworthy sections matched perfectly, unfortunately the finishes did not! It went on to fly a further 12 missions in this configuration.

Grumman F9F-5 Panther Bu.No. 126132 H/401. VF-154, USS Yorktown (CVA-10), 1954. Besides the usual aluminum leading edges, H/401 flew with upper wing root panels in similar finish. Note also the application of the squadron badge to both sides of the fuselage.



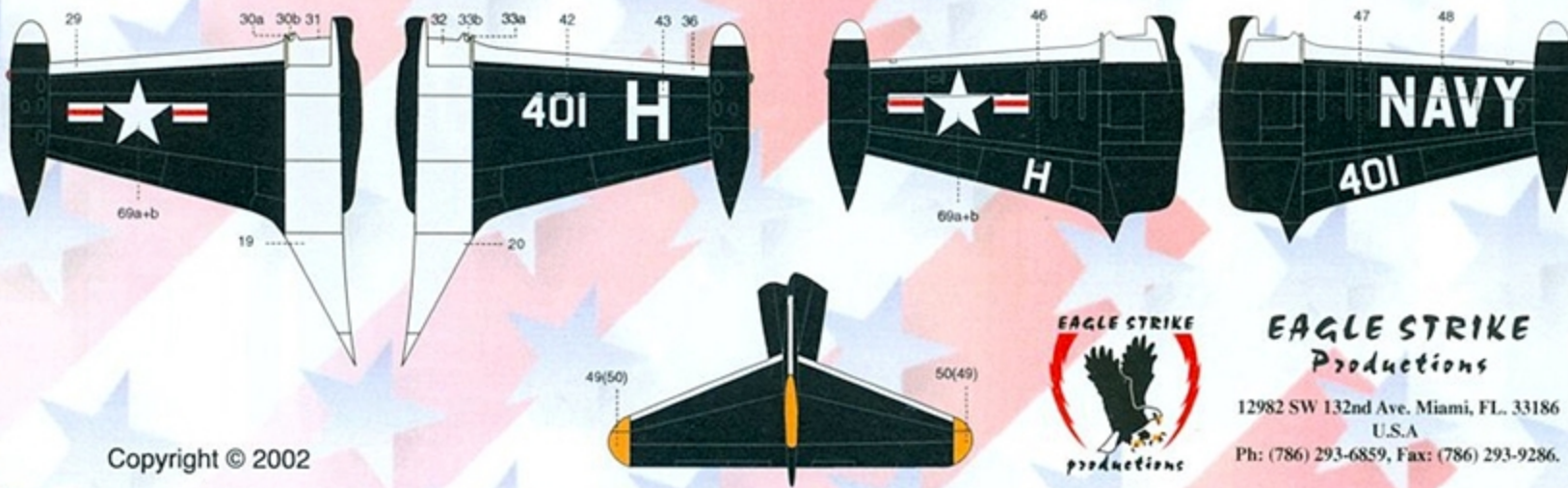
## COLOR SCHEMES



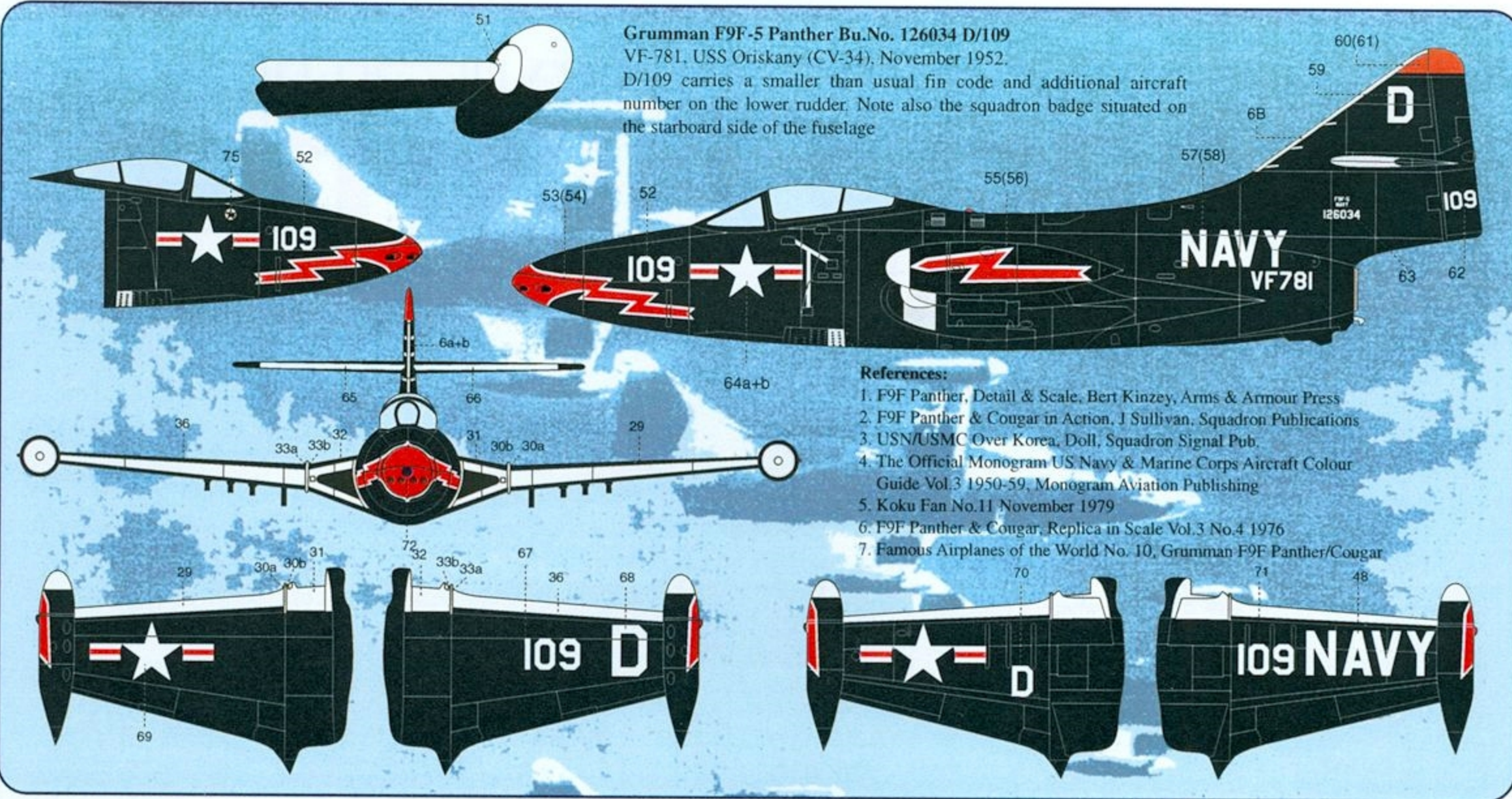
Research done by Norris Graser.

### Note to Modellers:

We hope you understand that fitting all these Silver parts (from our point of view) is almost impossible. You will have to help the decal conform to some of these compounds curves with slight cuts at wrinkling areas, and by patching it up with spare pieces of decal. Suffice it to say that nobody has attempted this before. Some of you may say that it is easier to paint them, (the Silver areas) and we agree with those that master the airbrush. But there are still lots of us that rather decal it than paint it. To those, we hope we have been of help.







**Decaling:** Apply decals only to a glossy surface.

1. With a sharp scissors or knife, carefully cut item to be used, being careful of not cutting off the clear film around it or that belonging to an adjacent item.
2. Submerge in clean tap water for over 10 seconds and lay over an absorbent paper towel. Decal will slide freely in about 20 seconds. Do not leave decal on water bowl over ten seconds, or adhesive quality will suffer.
3. With a clean brush, apply a setting solution to the area where the decal will finally lay. (Micro, Super or Aero Set will do). With a clean pointed brush slide the decal on to the final area. Allow

the setting solution to dry for about 3-5 minutes.

4. With another clean brush, apply a solvent solution over the decal (Micro, Super or Aero Sol will do). Do this if possible in one stroke since your decal will soften up and wrinkle immediately. This is an important step in the process, whatever you do **DO NOT TOUCH THE DECAL**, after this process until it is totally dry, preferably overnight.
5. When thoroughly dry, rinse your model with tap water and mild soap to wash of excess glue.
6. Finish your model with the desired final coat (gloss, flat, or semi-gloss).