AZTEK DUMMY
PRODUCTIONS

Round 2 - 14" Eagle 1   #AD-63

The original 12 inch Eagle 1 kit was every bit as much a workhorse as the ship it was "modeled" after, but I think we can safely put that horse out to pasture as Round 2 has produced a true 1/72 scale version with as much detail as their spectacular 22" version but in a slightly more shelf friendly size.

While it can be a challenge to build, the paint job can be deceptively simple. it's just shades and tones of three basic colors black, white and red or orange, (depending on how you paint the cargo module).

I've found that it's best to build and paint this kit in sections, then assemble the sections when the painting is done. I kept the 4 pods (with landing gear), the spine and "BOBO" cages (including the head and engines) and the cargo module all separate to make them easier to work on. the cargo module is designed to be attached with screws, but you may opt for magnets. I have decided not to light my kit, but if you plan to, you may find you need to accommodate for the wiring.

As with every kit I build, I start with a good coat of primer gray. After the primer had dried, I sprayed the parts with a mottled coat of a mix of light grays to break up the surface. this is pretty much true for all of the girder work (which is 90% of the kit) so lets get to the specific parts.
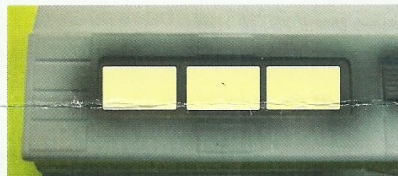
Pod Windows

The roof part of the main pod is missing the window frame detail that was present in the 22" version. There is some debate over which version is more accurate, but if you want to replicate the look of the 22" pod, take the window frame vinyl and carefully stick it down inside the roof indents. You should do this even before you prime the roof part. save the "windows".. you'll need them later

now prime the part and then paint the black window color over the whole area

cover the windows with the inner shapes you saved

windows with masks removed.

Shoulder Pods

it's over simplified to say, but there are only 3 basic steps to working with these templates:

Step 1 - Apply templates over painted area   **Step 2** - paint over the templates   **Step 3** - remove the templates

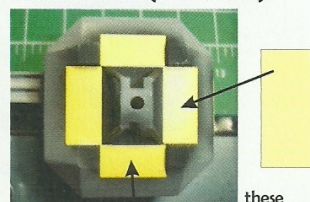black paint sprayed over primed shoulder pod

templates positioned over raised detail (on top) and recessed area (on bottom).

White (or very light gray) paint sprayed over paint templates
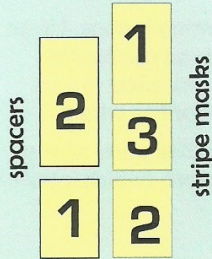

templates removed reveal black paint underneath

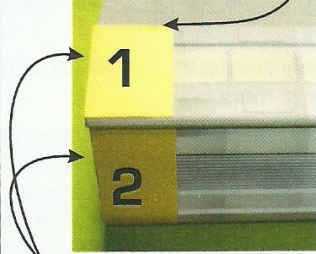these templates are made from the 2 sizes of rectangles

Rescue Module

The steps here are pretty much the same as what you did for the pods, but this time you get to use the pretty red paint. After you've painted the paneled gray, use the templates to cover up what you want to KEEP gray and paint the red over the masks.
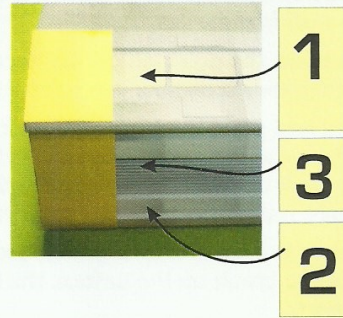

Here is how the stripe masks look on the vinyl sheet. The numbers indicate the order you apply them.

spacers | stripe masks

Also align with the top edge

Step 1) Align a set of spacers with the edge of the pod. Don't press them down too hard, they are only temporary
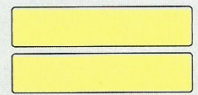
Step 2) Take the first set of stripe masks and butt them up against the spacers you just put down. Start with part #1 and wrap it down from the top. Take #2 and wrap it up from the bottom, taking care to fit it into all of the contours of the pod. Fill the remaining gap in the middle with #3.

The set of stripes you just put down are the ones you want to keep in place. Remove the spacer pieces from the pod, butt them up against the new stripe masks, applying them in the same order you did in step 1. This will give you the correct spacing for the next set of stripe masks. Repeat step 2 and so on and so on down the length of the pod. There are only three sets of spacers but since you are not using a lot pressure when you apply them, you will be able to use them over and over. When you are done, the pod should look like the picture in the upper right corner. You can use the leftover spacers to mask the door area. Now you are ready to paint the red areas. Check the vinyl to see that you have no gaps the red paint could get under and that the vinyl is good and applied.

There are also door and window frame masks if you want to paint other versions of the cargo pod (VIP, etc.)
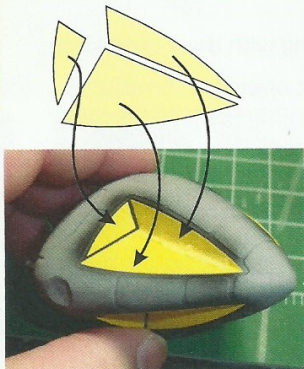
Command module windows

Start by painting the whole area black (or very dark gray).

Apply the masks. Make sure they butt up against each other at the corner. Notice that mask on the back wall is smaller than the area and should be centered. This will give you a white "frame" when you are done painting.
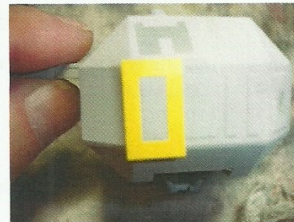
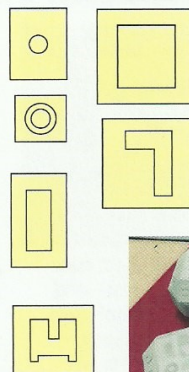Masks are removed after white painting.

these 4 masks are for the silver inset details

Misc. Shapes

There are a variety of shapes here for you to customize the accents on the pods to your liking. They are meant to be re-usable, so be careful when you remove them and you should get several uses out of each. just spray your accent color thru the openings.

Use the positive and negative shapes to double your design options.

subtle shades work best