



## Instructions

### Step by Step Tutorial: How to Apply the 1:1250 Decals

- When painting the model, a particularly smooth finish will help you to achieve an excellent result: Thus, it is advisable to finish the model with a **gloss coating** prior to applying the decal. This step provides for a surface that is as smooth and even as possible. The smooth surface helps to avoid air bubbles between the substrate and the decal. Particularly for larger decals and horizontal surfaces this step is recommended.
- Carefully cut out the motif along the edges, leaving as little of a transparent border as possible. Now place the decal on the intended position to find out, if you need to crop the decal a little more.
- Now put the decal into water for approx. 15–20 seconds. Depending on the size of the decal this might take a little longer (e.g. flight deck markings).
- Carefully move the decal from the base material using your fingertips or a pair of tweezers. When using your fingertip, the decal will most likely stick to your finger, enabling you to easily attach it to the model. To exactly position the decal you can use a fine tool (e.g. needle) to move and align it.
- If the decal is positioned correctly, remove the excess liquid with a tissue and let the decal dry.
- After the decal has dried, apply a **decal softener (e.g. Microsol or Revell Decal Softener)**. This will cause the carrying layer to dissolve almost completely, so that close to no edges will be visible later on.
- **Please be careful, since the softener is a liquid!** Only a small amount of liquid softener should be very carefully applied to prevent the decal from detaching or moving. Please also be aware that **repositioning the decal is NOT possible anymore, when the carrying layer has been „softened“ or has dissolved.** In this case, moving the decal would damage it and make it useless.
- Should air bubbles have remained under the decal after it has dried, an unwanted **frosting effect** might occur. The decal might turn milky in these spots. You can try to fix this effect by carefully piercing the milky spots with a needle or scalpel and additionally dabbing some softener on them.
- When the softener has dried sufficiently, **seal the entire model with matt coating**, including all applied decals. You will not only receive a homogenous matt surface, but your model will also be protected against the detachment of the decals, when the adhesive strength weakens after years.



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