



Building the English Electric Lightning F.2A Starter Kit

This starter set comes complete with six paints, two brushes and a tube of cement. While the instruction sheet is inside the box the painting and decaling guide is on the back of the box.



Photo 1
Eighty five grey parts are carried on 4 sprues while seven clear parts are carried on one sprue. The parts are crisply moulded with finely engraved detail.



Photo 2
The decals are provided for an F.2A of 92 Squadron Royal Air Force Gutersloh, Germany, 1974. And also carries wing walk way lines, warnings and cockpit instruments.



Photo 3
The detailed ejection seat comprises four parts to which a pilot figure can be cemented if desired. The control column, instrument panel and decals for the instruments go to make up a busy cockpit.



Photo 4
Weight is added to the nose cone and bullet fairing before assembly, which also forms the nose wheel bay. Once painted and assembled it is cemented into the intake halves.



Photo 5
With the intakes assembled and painted, the cockpit assembly is cemented on top. The nose cone is masked off for protection during the rest of the models construction.

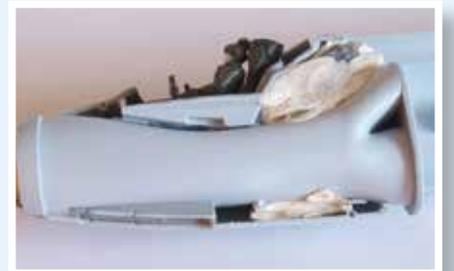


Photo 6
Once the cockpit and intake assemblies are fixed to the right hand fuselage, more weight can be added to prevent the finished model tail sitting.



Photo 7
The jet pipe halves are cemented together and the interior painted, while the rear of the engines on the bulkhead are also painted along with the jet pipe nozzles before assembly.



Photo 8
The forward belly tank panel halves are cemented in place to the fuselage.



Photo 9
An In-flight refuel probe can be fitted if desired, but requires two pre-marked holes to be drilled in the port lower wing panel.



Photo 10
Although the ailerons are moulded in a fixed position integral to the wing halves, the flaps can be cemented in their drooped position.



Photo 11
Ventral fins and arrestor hook and fairing ready to be cemented in position.



Photo 12
Ventral fins and arrestor hook and fairing in position.

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Photo 13

The F.2A had guns fitted either side of the upper nose, here we see the fairing for the port gun and blanking plate for the lower nose section. Also the instrument coming can be fitted at this stage.



Photo 14

The undercarriage parts painted and ready to be cemented into their respective positions. Parts are also included for a retracted undercarriage option and can be seen here unpainted.

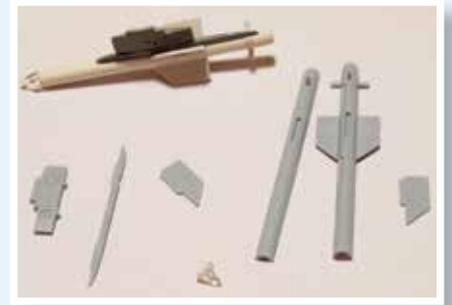


Photo 15

Two Firestreak missiles are provided each being built up from four grey parts and a clear nose cone, once painted they are fitted to the launch rail and pylon.



Photo 16

An optional intake blank is provided for those wishing to use it which gives a nice touch if wishing to display the model in a diorama. Note the canopy and airbrakes are open; these can be cemented closed if desired.



Photos 17 and 18

The finished model looks great and ready to scramble into action to intercept any enemy aircraft.

