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From the start, this decals were conceived for the F-117A 80-0786 article specifically. Research led us to set of service marks and patches that are present only on this airframe. There are however some patterns that are common throughout F-117A fleet. Bearing in mind that RAM skin of the birds underwent continous maintenance it is not unreasonable to assume that many of those decals will find use on other articles.

As not everyone may be a member of 80-0786 fanclub, we decided to add several other F-117's to the sheet, keeping focus on 49th Fighter Wing.

Stencils are usable on any F-117.

Stencils 3 and 4 are interchangable, and so are 20 and 24. Marks 25 and 26 appear in various configurations. This calls for reference to photographic material on F-117.



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Shelf Oddity

We choose to print most decals white, even though some stencils and markings are clearly identifiable on photos as grey. However, our research shows that there are many irregularities in overall apperance of markings. We thought it is best to provide you with base, raw material to work with.

Depending on specific F-117 you choose, there will be some color (uhm... black?) toning/filtering to be done in different areas after the decals are placed.

Some linear stencils/marks are designed longer than required - you will need to cut them to appropriate length. This is to compensate for small placement errors that are unavoidable, especially in small scale.

R1-3 decals are spares.

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Most F-117's are black. It may be considered the only proper color for stealth and top secret aircraft. The return of Heavy Metal music in early 80's may have had its influence.

But having whole fleet of aircraft painted black leaves a lot to be desired from standpoint of visual diversity. And modellers always like to show something a little bit different, to stand out from the crowd.

Ok, most of us know the ghost gray F-117, we have also seen photos of camouflaged F-117. But what about white F-117? The 81-0795 was once spotted in flight before application of final coats of RAM and paint. We extracted maximum information from a <u>single photo</u> and the result can be seen on this sheet. If you happen to know more about this - write to us. We will be more than happy to go further with this unique scheme.

