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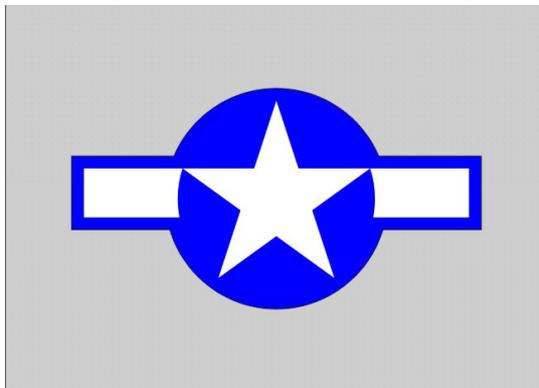
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US Star & Bar #2 Supplementary notes.

These general guidance notes are for the application of the US Star & Bar marking with the blue border but no red bars. It is normally applied to aircraft with cameo or aluminium airframes though exceptions do exist.

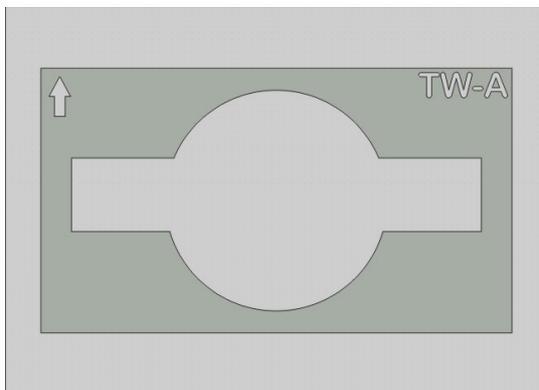
Please read these instructions in conjunction with the online basic instructions – [click here](#).

Because of the nature of these markings there is no need for registration holes as described in the basic instructions however, some alignment is needed via an alternative procedure which will be explained below.



For each complete marking there are 2 masks involved. One is for the main blue border, and the second for the white star & bar.

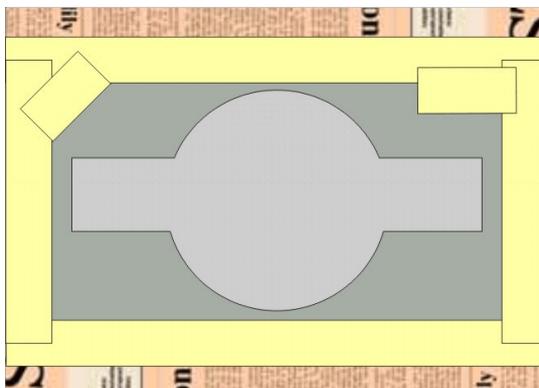
Let's look at the procedure



It is important to check the position of the insignia before you apply your first mask so take your time and be satisfied all is good before you start!

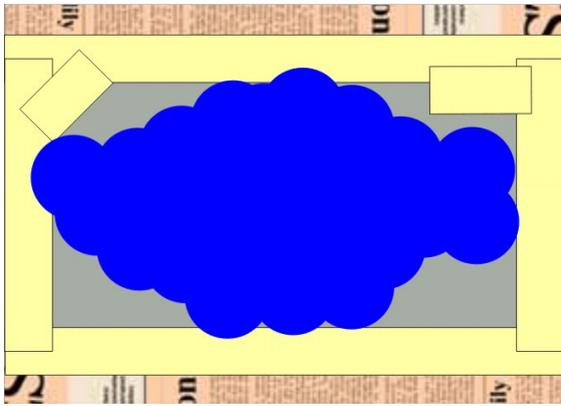
The main mask is labelled with "TW", "BW" or "FU" followed by an "A" indicating it is the first mask. If more identification is needed they will be suitably marked.

Apply this main mask in the desired location. In the top left of the mask there will be an arrow indicating "up" or "forward" to help get the orientation correct.



Seal the mask down as described in the basic instructions.

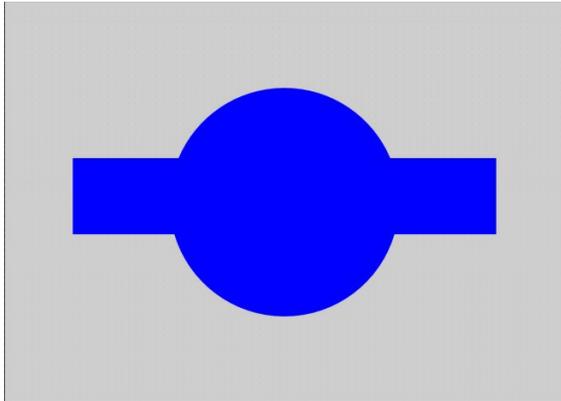
Before painting ensure that the area around the mask is protected from overspray. Don't forget to cover the orientation arrow and label stencilling cut into the mask!



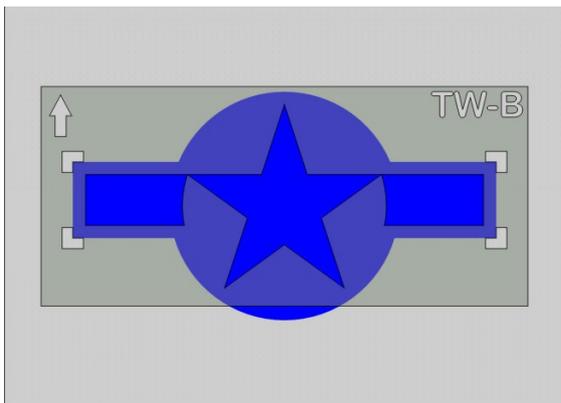
Apply the Insignia Blue colour ensuring minimal but even coverage. Spray multiple, light coats of paint rather than flooding the paint on.

Naturally there will be a little more overspray compared to the simulation opposite :)

Allow the paint to dry sufficiently before removing all masking materials, including the "A" mask.

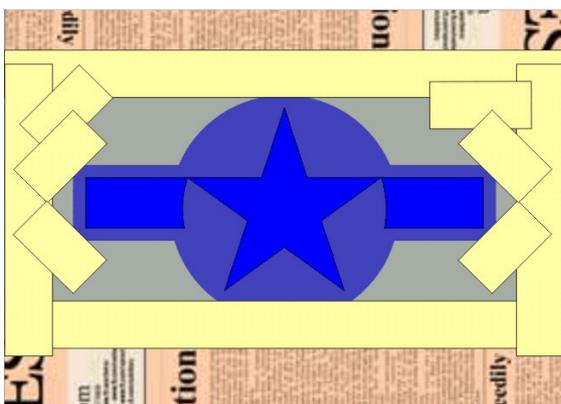


When the Blue paint has dried sufficiently to take more handling (see manufacturers instructions) you can prepare to add the White colour.

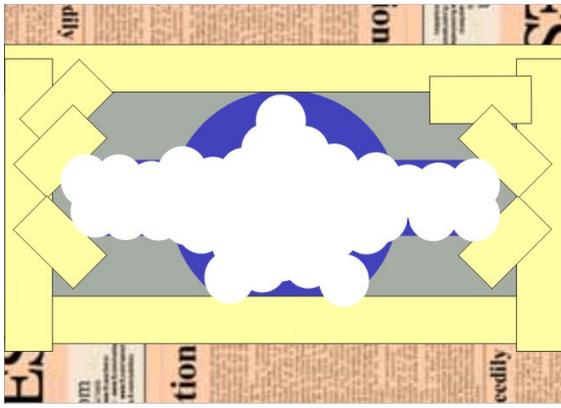


The White star and bars are applied using the 4 outer corners of the Blue bar as reference points. Ensure correct orientation of these masks with the arrows pointing in the same direction as they were for the first mask. The cut out corners on the "B" mask should match perfectly with the corners of the bar as shown opposite. Use minimum pressure initially so the masks can be easily lifted and re-positioned if necessary.

When you are happy with the position you can fix the masks down.

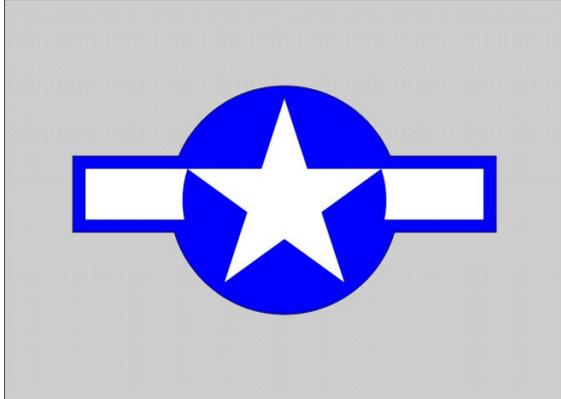


Mask up being careful to protect all the exposed areas including the cut-outs used to position the mask, orientation arrow, and label stencil.



Apply White paint in the same way as advised for the Blue above.

Only apply enough paint to achieve the colour. excessive paint here can look unsightly on the finished model.



When the White paint has had sufficient time to dry you can remove all masking materials and admire your insignia.

If the painting was a little too heavy and there are small lips on the edge of the paint carefully remove the ridge with minimum 1000 grade wet and dry. Take great care not to rub too much off!

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Thank you.

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