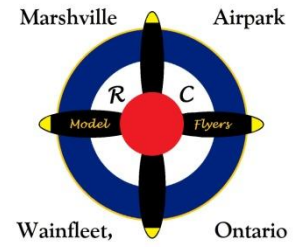




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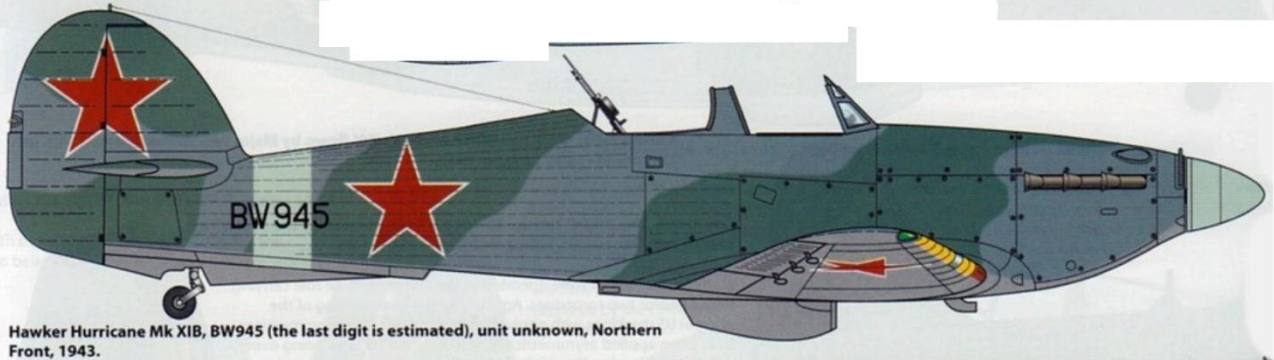
This year's winter build project will be the...
Hawker Hurricane – Russian Style



It was a scratched built model (unknown plans) picked up from a swap show few years ago. The paint / covering is heavy so starting to remove old covering.

To be different than most Hawker Hurricanes you see at a field, I've decided to complete mine as a two seat version used by the Russian's for artillery spotting used during WW2. They were not a fan of Hurricanes to be honest, but some were converted to a two seat OPEN cockpit version with a rear gunner and the fuselage underneath the gunner cut open for viewing below.

I said it was going to be different. I'll add more pictures later once the project gets going.



Hawker Hurricane Mk XII, BW945 (the last digit is estimated), unit unknown, Northern Front, 1943.

The Soviets disliked the Hurricane intensely, and actually rated it below the P-40. The main complaint was the aircraft's performance, pilots finding it markedly slower than the fighters it was ranged against. A number of Hurricanes were converted to two-seaters, such as this one used as an artillery spotter. The rear cockpit was equipped with a machine gun for rearward defence. Note the cut-away fuselage underside. Colours are estimated to be RAF Dark Green and Ocean Grey over Medium Sea Grey. Some sources state Dark Green/Dark Earth/Sky.