

BUCK ROGERS

IN THE 25TH CENTURY

ADVANCED THUNDERFIGHTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



THUNDERFIGHTER Mk. III

1/32 scale

Original starfighter paper model created by Martin Saenger.

Thunderfighter Mk. III idea, conception and design by Chris "Rhaven Blaack" Tucker.

Creative support & clean-up by Marcell "Revell-Fan" von dem Berge.

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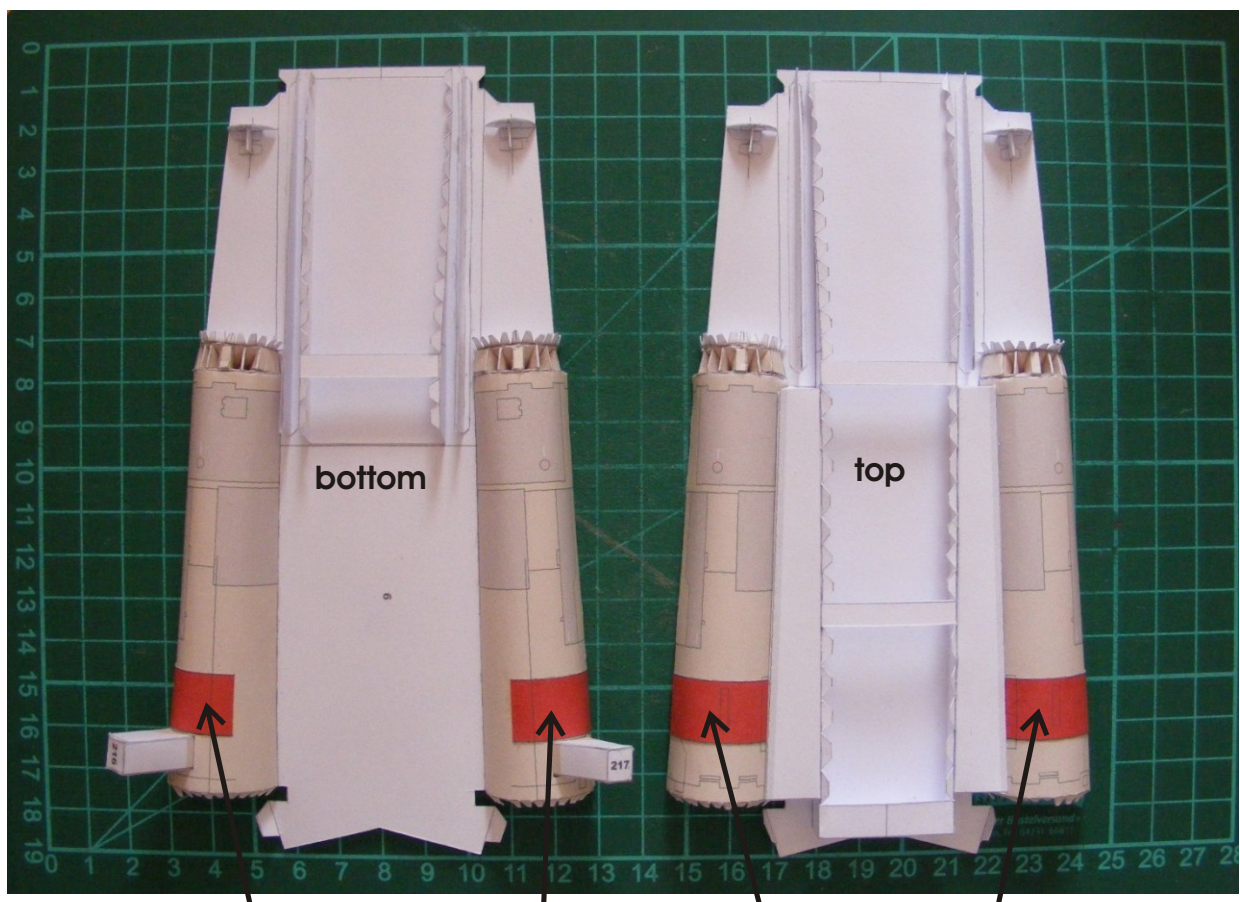


To Martin,

one of the greatest paper artists in the world.
Thank you very, very much and keep up the good work!

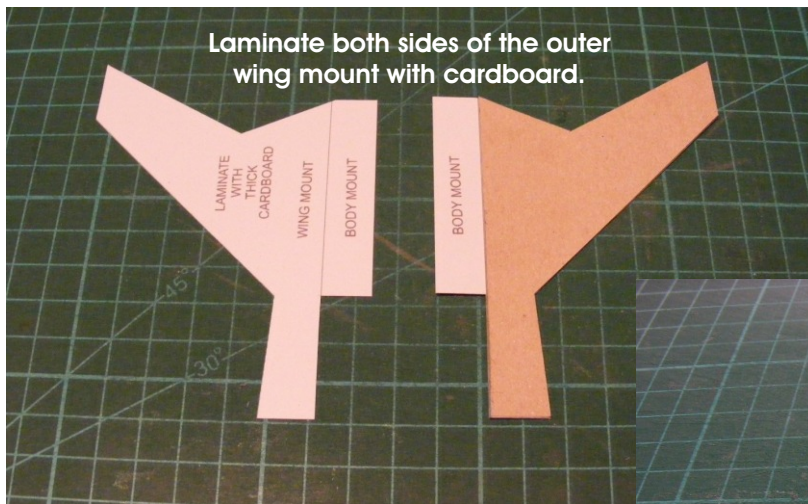
This package gives you the parts necessary to build the Thunderfighter Mk. III (aka Forward Swept Wing / FSW Thunderfighter) by Chris Tucker. This TF is a merge of the old Mk. I TF (aka HBB TF) and the 20th Century X-29 fighter. In contrast to its "Retro" predecessor this "Advanced" version features sharp-edged canards and tails, a sophisticated sensor array and a temporary cloak. The fighter is optimized for speed and maneuverability, giving it the ability to perform patrol, reconnaissance and search-and-destroy missions. The first wave of 150 fighters was put into service in the year 2492, six weeks before the peace treaty between the EDD and the Draconian Empire was signed. With this treaty the "Advanced Thunderfighter Development Project" was about to be cancelled (due to the high costs, the lack of raw materials and public protest). However, the Mk. III Advanced soon proved its effectiveness when Earth was attacked by a new enemy, a hostile alien race of machine-like creatures called Cylons.

Assembly: Follow the original assembly instructions. Use parts 34, 46, 47, 49, 57, 61, 194 - 196, 200 - 205, 218, 219, 222, & 223 from this package. You don't need parts 236 - 243. Assemble the model to the stage below. Then follow the pictures. Please note that some of the pictures show the parts for the "Retro" version which look different. Use the equivalent parts from this package.



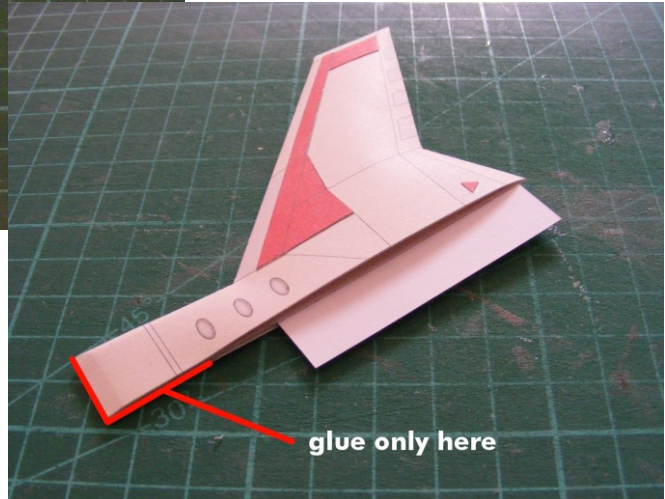
Glue the red colour stripes onto the engine tubes.

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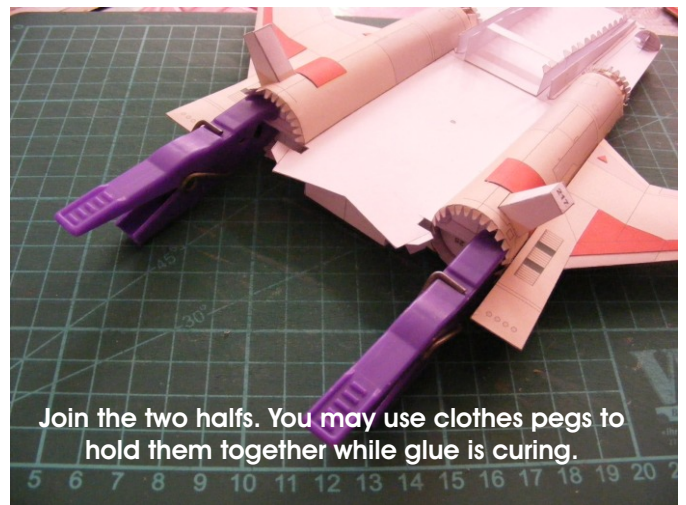
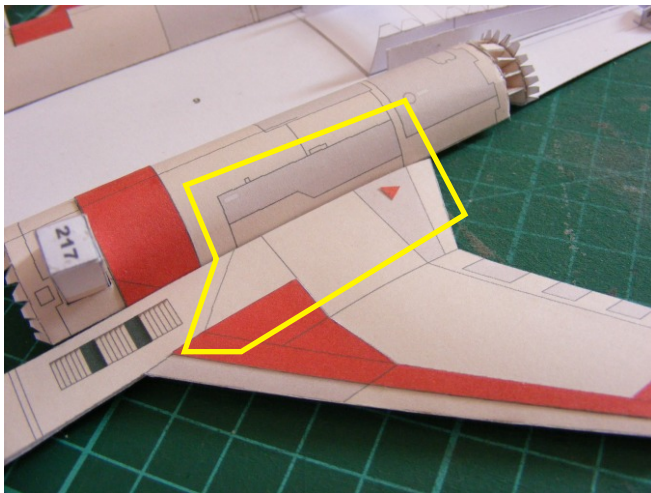
Laminate both sides of the outer wing mount with cardboard.

Assemble the outer hulls of the wings and slide them over the mount.

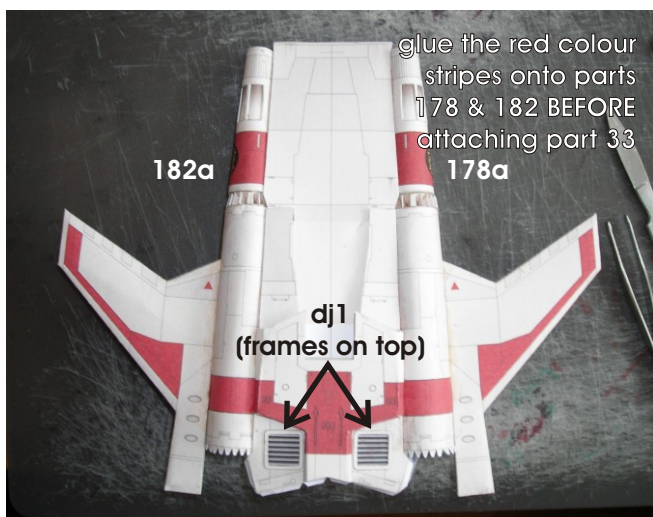


glue only here

Glue the inner wing mount to one of the two halves. Use the texture to determine the correct position.



Join the two halves. You may use clothes pegs to hold them together while glue is curing.

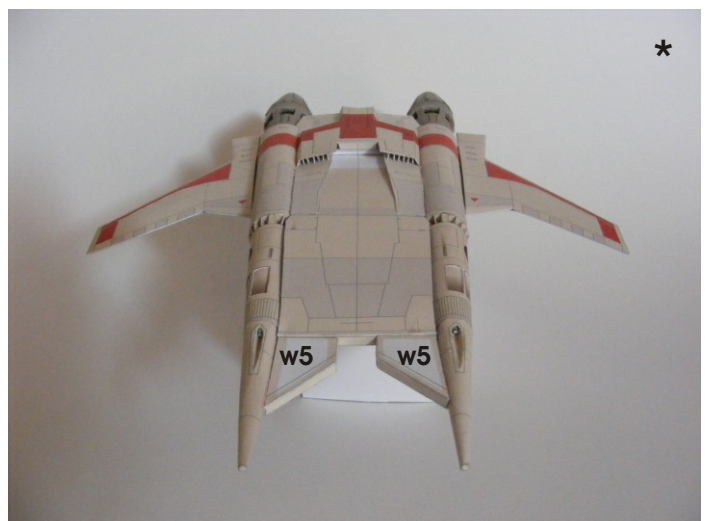


glue the red colour stripes onto parts 178 & 182 BEFORE attaching part 33

182a

178a

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(frames on top)

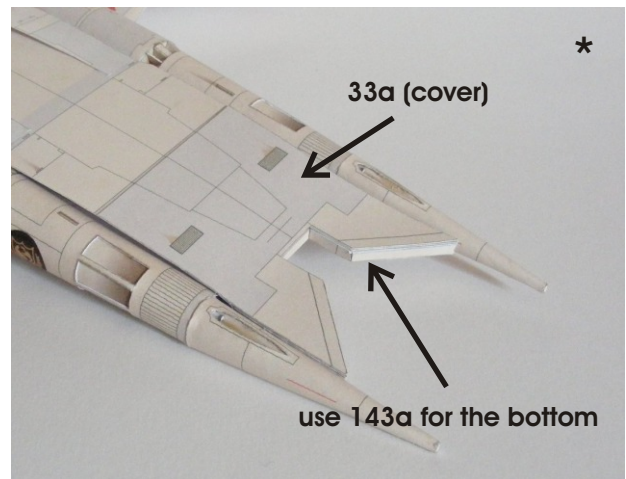
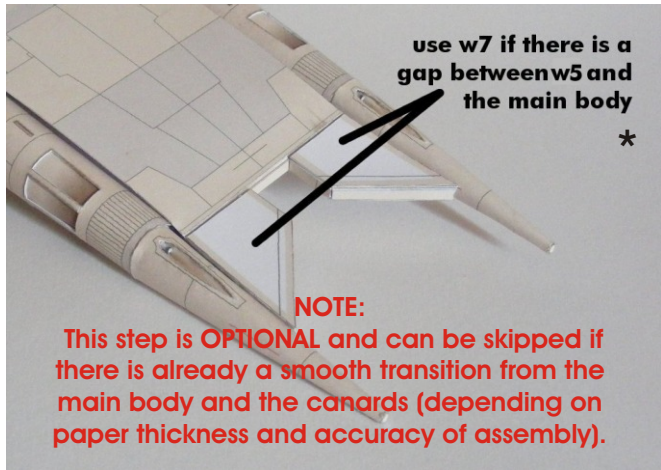


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*(picture shows the retro version; use the equivalent parts from this package)



Use the original canopy.
Cut the aft windows a bit larger using the template:

