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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, concept and design by Chris "Rhaven Blaack" Tucker.

Retro elements created by Marcell "Revell-Fan" von dem Berge.

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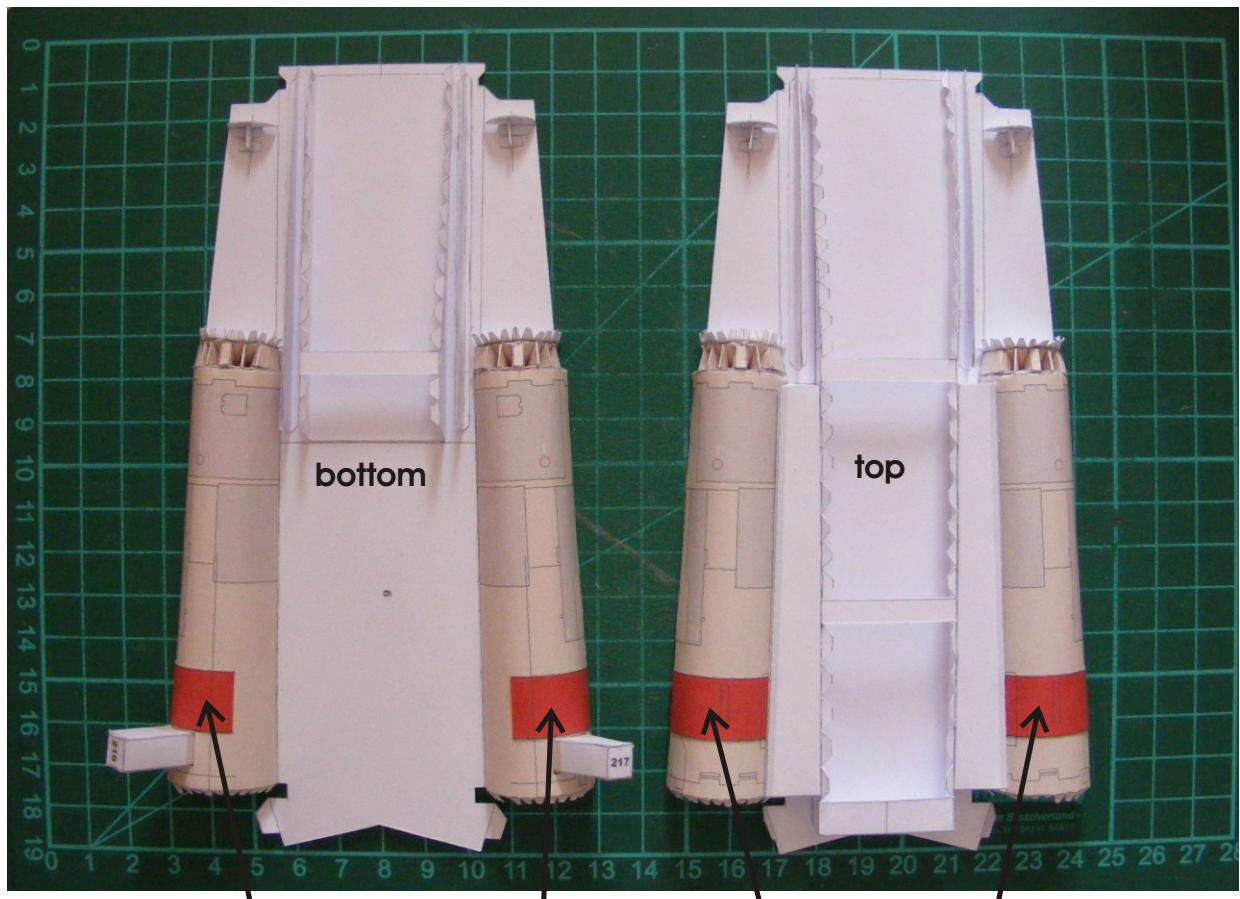
To Martin,

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

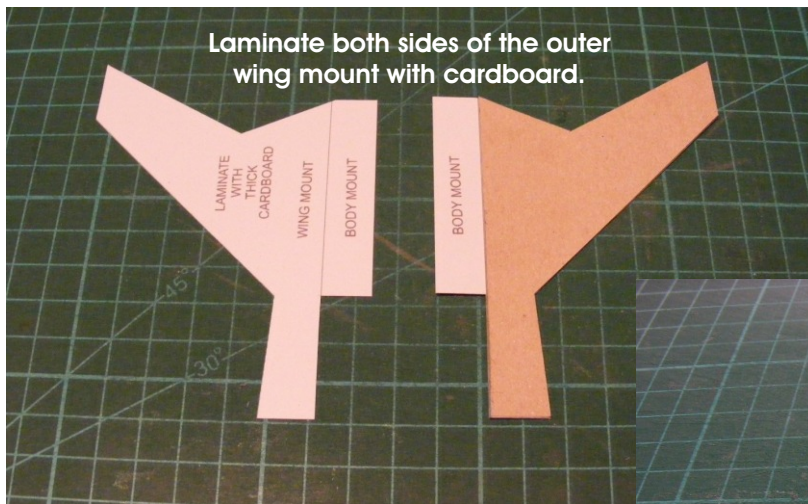
This package gives you the parts necessary to build the Thunderfighter Mk. III (aka Forward Swept Wing / FSW Thunderfighter) by Chris Tucker. This TF is a merge of the old Mk. I TF (aka HBB TF) and the 20th Century X-29 fighter. It was developed by the EDD in response to the new Draconian Hatchet Fighters mentioned in episode 5 "Vegas In Space". The "Advanced Thunderfighter Development Project" was to create a new kind of fightercraft optimized for speed and maneuverability which should be more than a match to the overpowering enemy. This "Retro" version is the immediate predecessor of the Mk. III "Advanced" and was used by the EDD for testing and improving only. The early draft stage is characterized by certain design elements copied directly from the Mk. I (blunt canards and tails). Thanks to Dr Junius' tireless work at the archives the final "Advanced" version would feature a revised design which brought it much closer to the X-29.

Assembly:

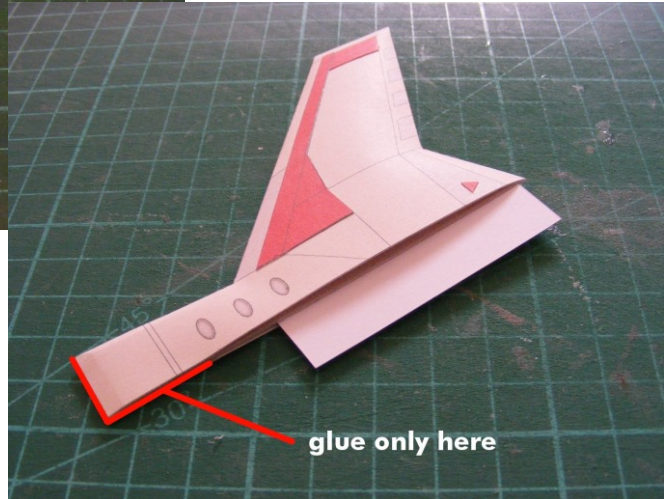
Follow the original assembly instructions. Use parts 46, 47, 49, 57, 61, 194 - 196, 200 - 205, 218, 219, 222, & 223 from this package. You don't need parts 236 - 243. Assemble the model to the stage below. Then follow the pictures.



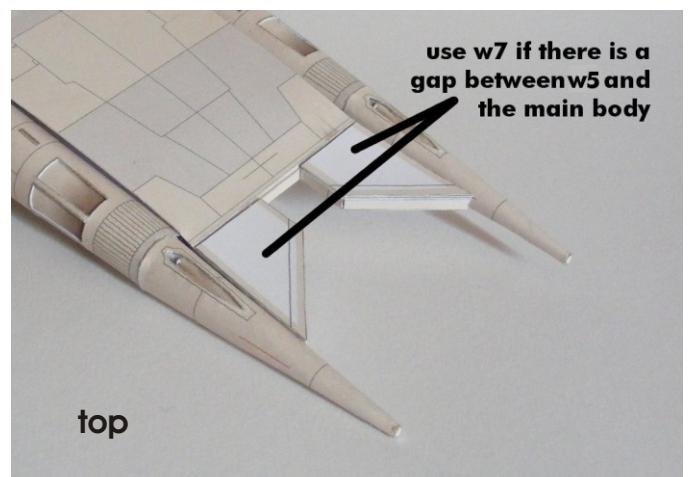
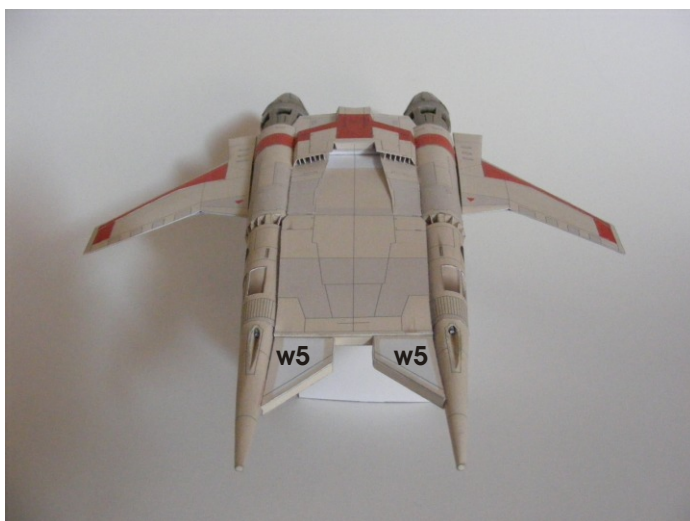
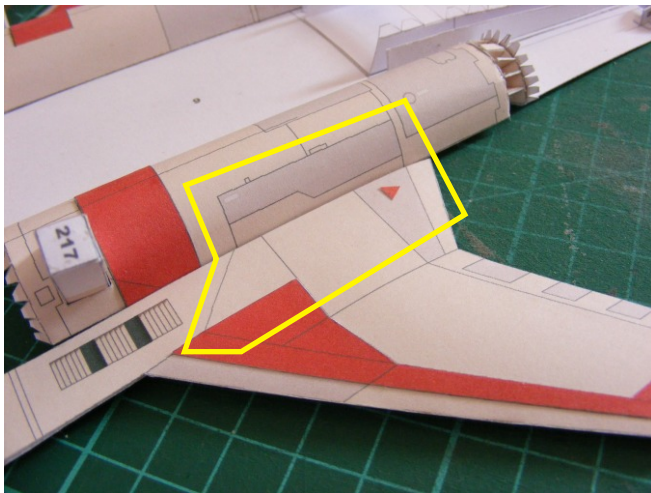
Glue the red colour stripes onto the engine tubes.

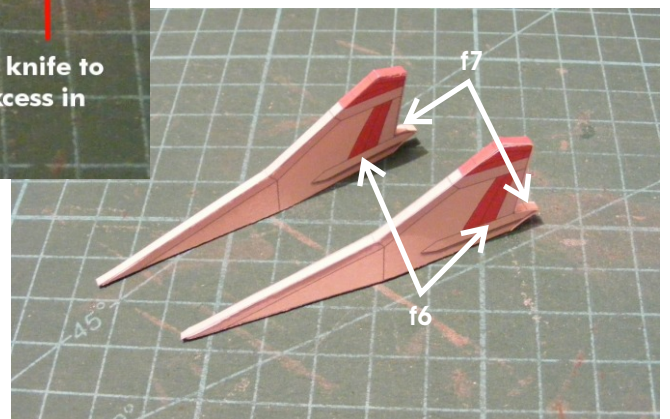
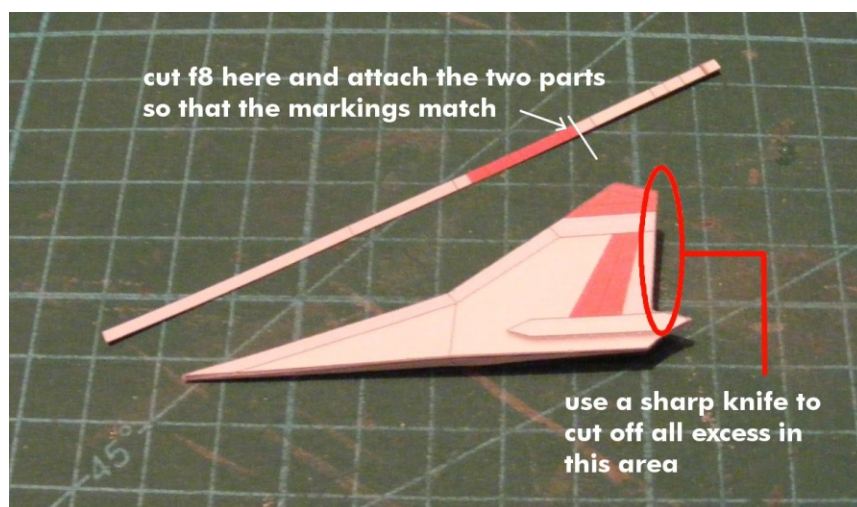
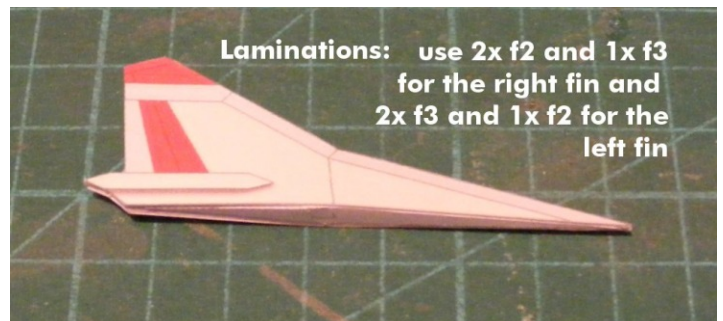
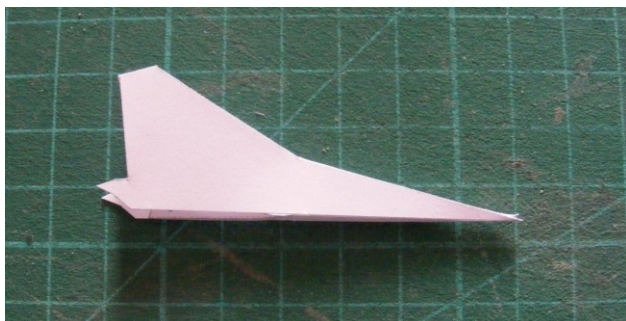
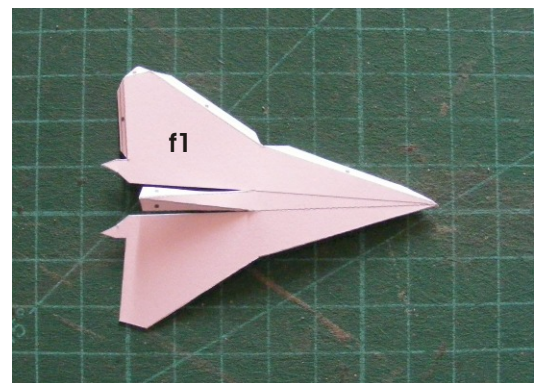
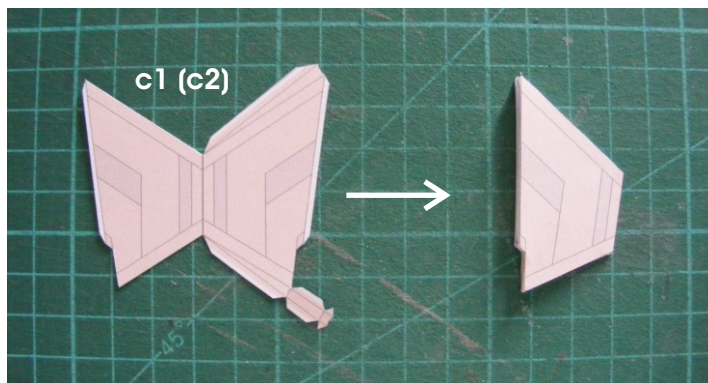
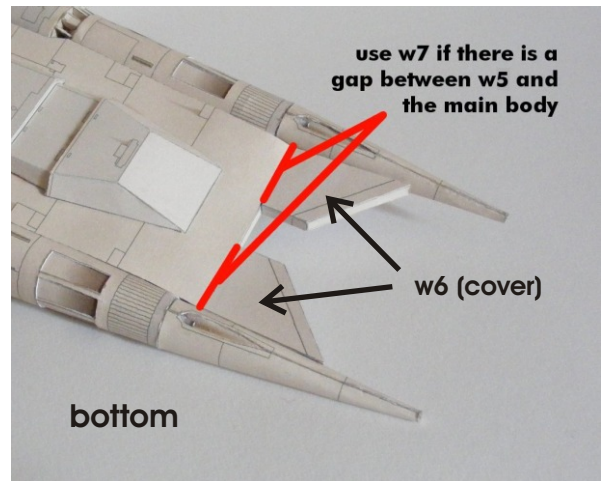
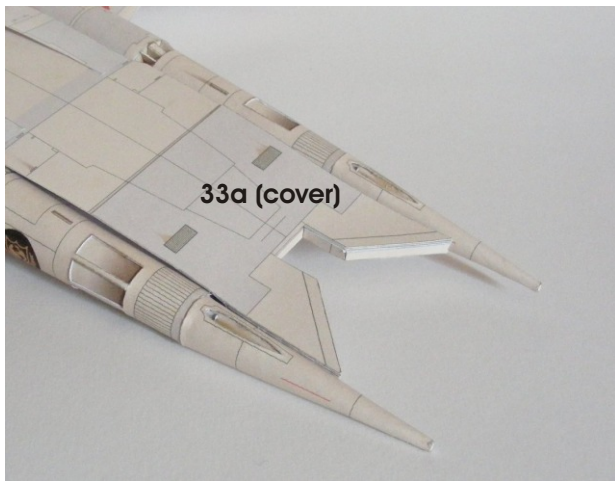


Assemble the outer hulls of the wings and slide them over the mount.

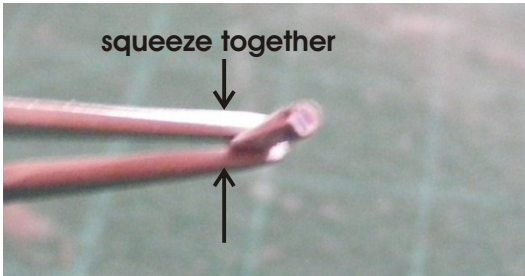
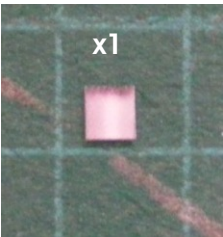
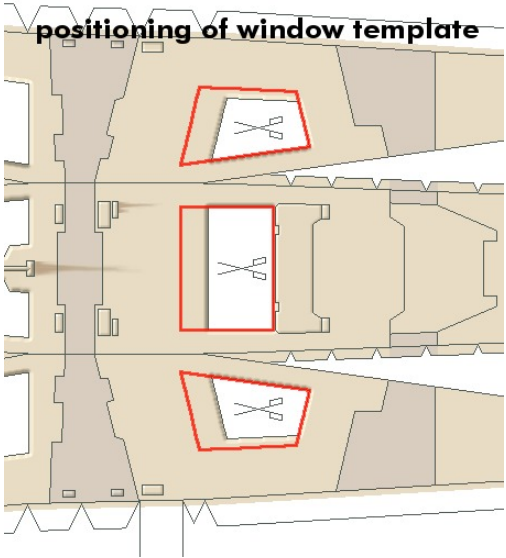


Glue the inner wing mount to one of the two halves. Use the texture to determine the correct position.





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



put it all together:

lamine these areas



attach plate to stand

Finished!

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