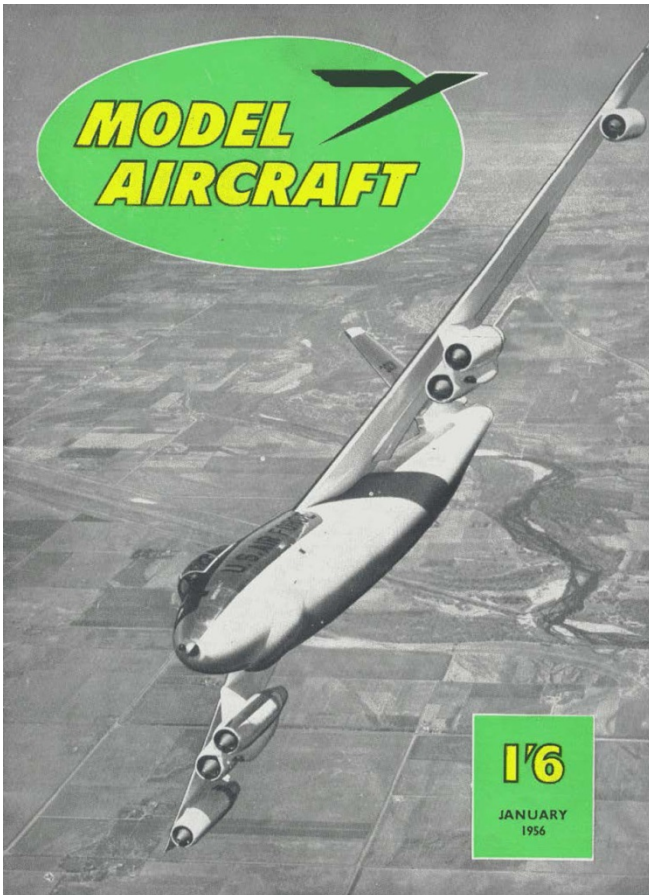


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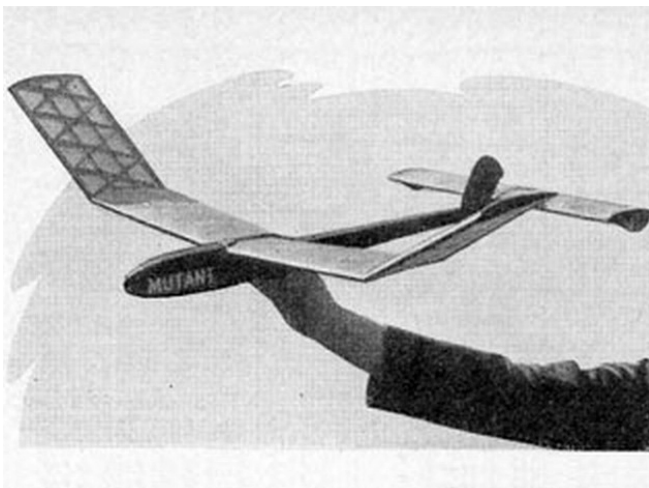
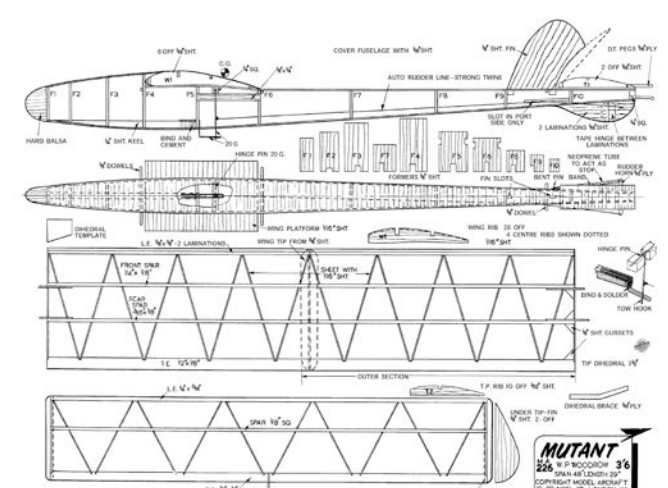


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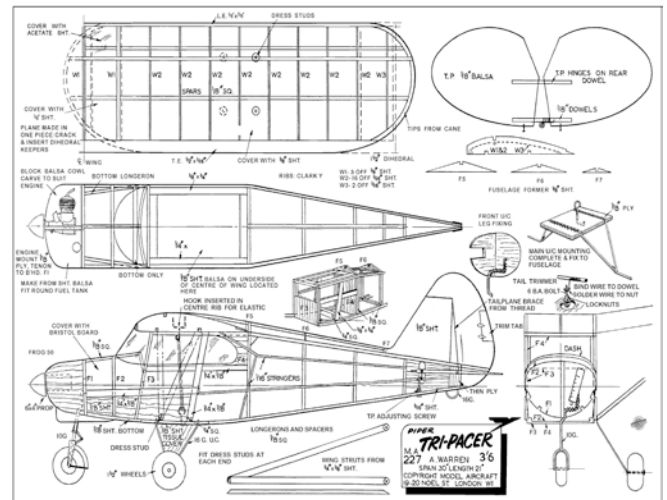
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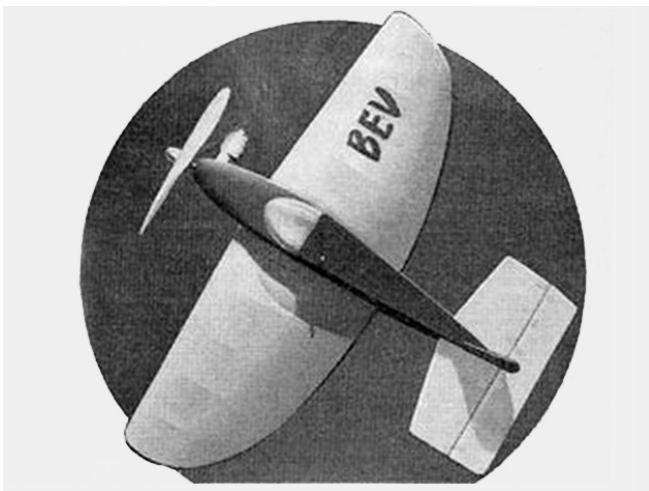
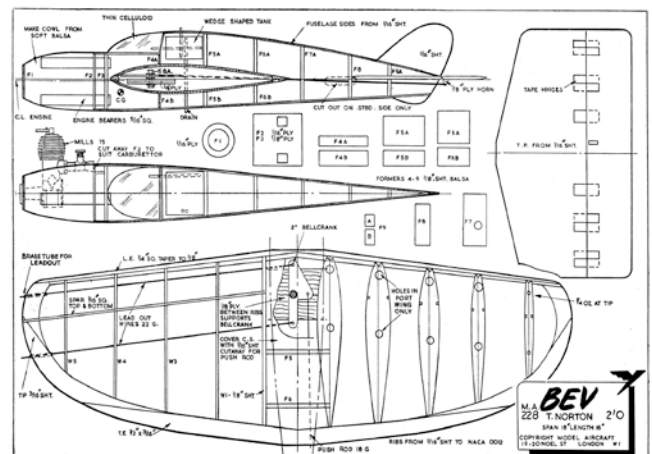


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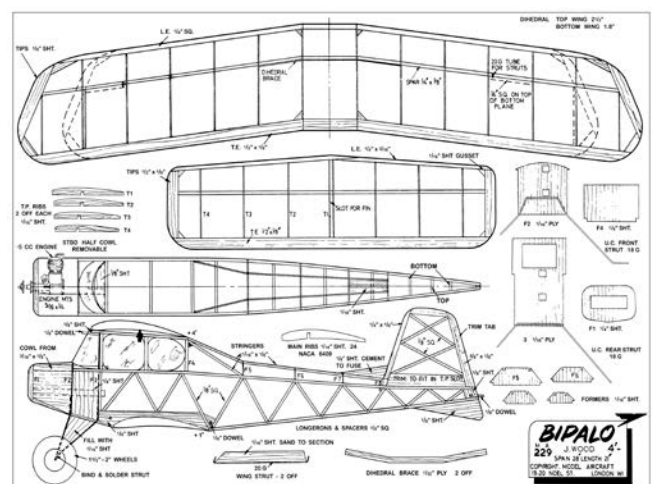


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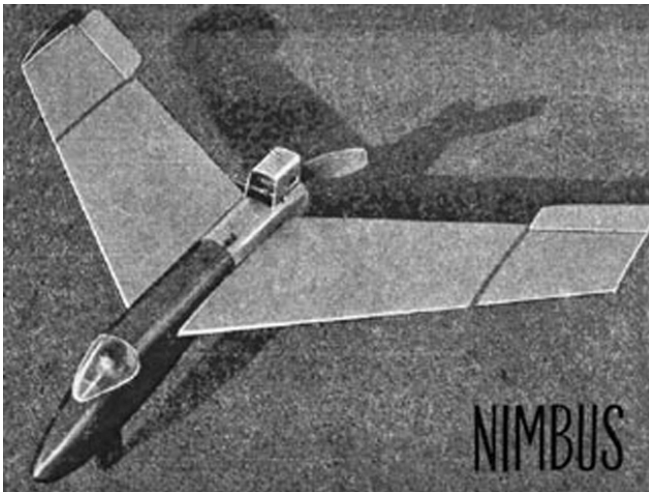
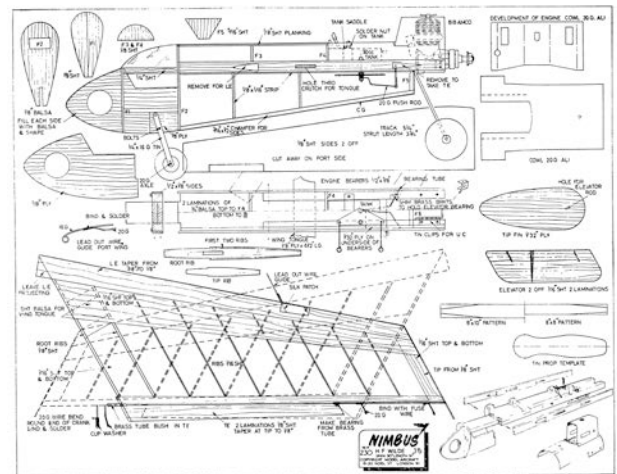


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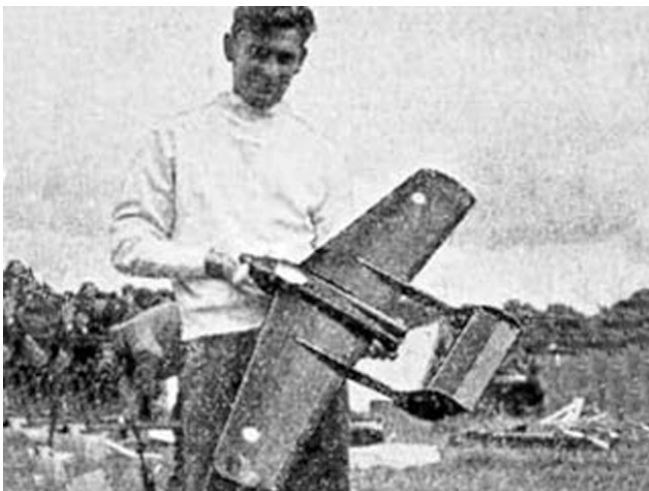
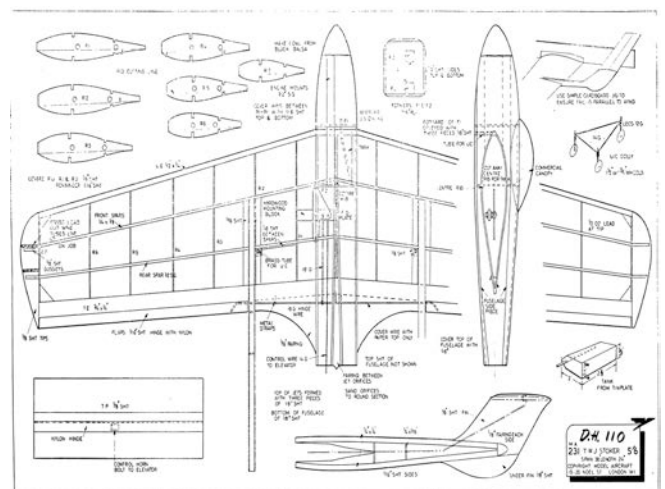
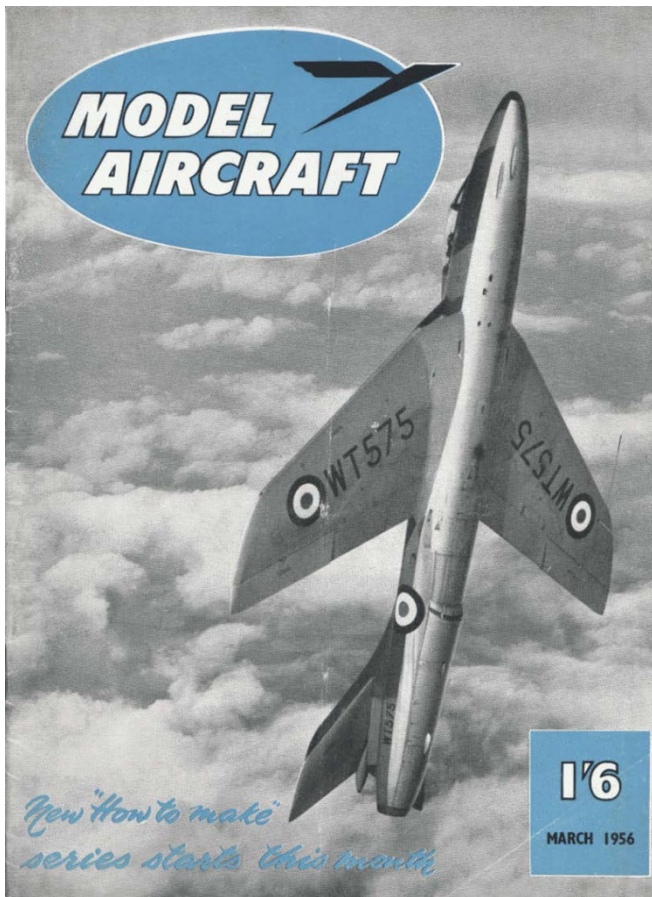


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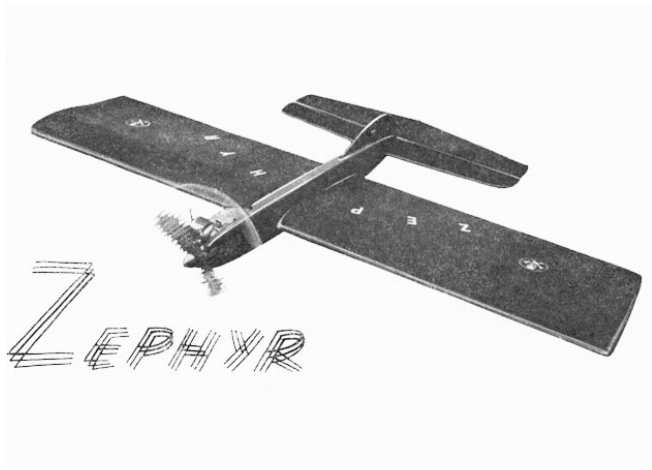
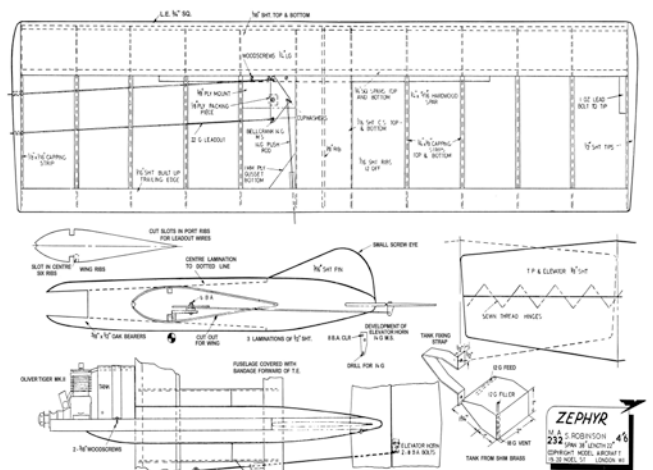


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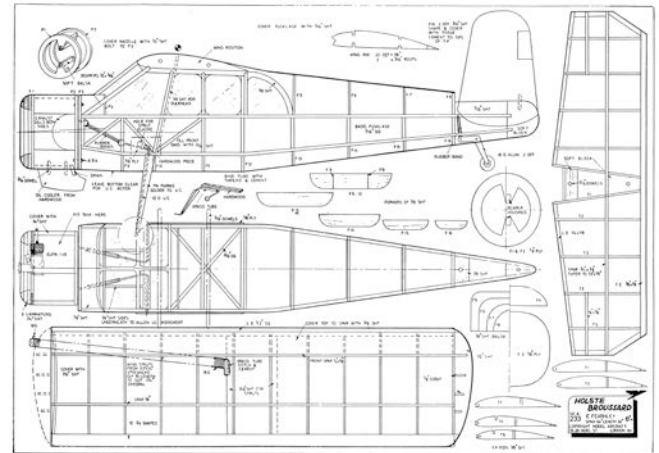
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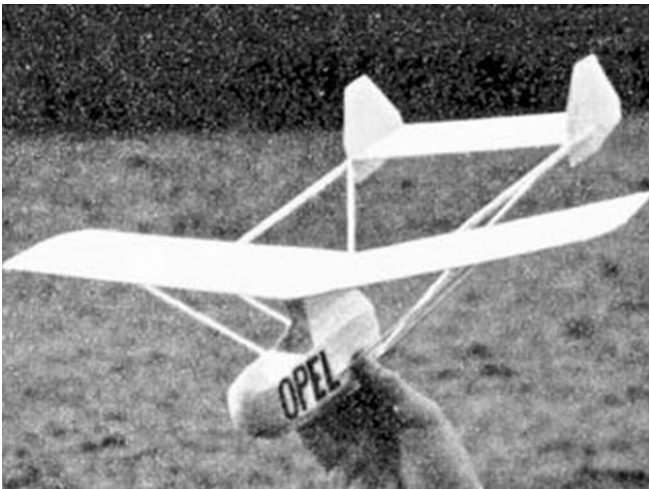
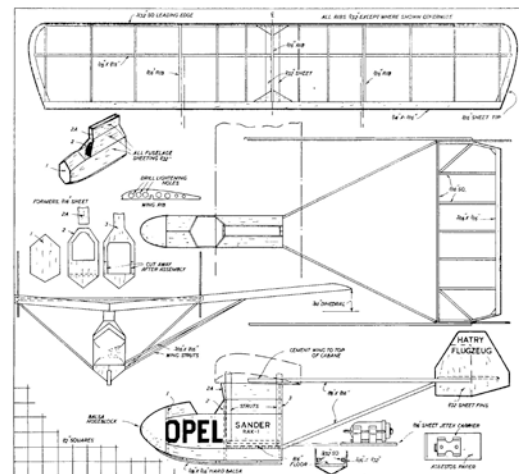


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Flashing across our cover this month is, without doubt, the world's most famous fighter—the Supermarine "Spitfire". Reaching its zenith during the last war, the "Spitfire" still rates high in popularity with modelers everywhere, and this month we present on p. 128 a fine C.I. scale model of the mark VB. With light structural modifications it can, of course, be "converted" to almost any mark of "Spitfire," and there is a wealth of detail that can be added for those who would like to immerse in the super-scale class.

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A point of scale . . .

DEAR Sir,—With reference to P. L. Gray's article on the Hawker *Alfred* which appeared in your February issue there are one or two points upon which I should like to comment.

The major point is that Mr. Gray advances "omitting the upper rib dihedral and decreasing that of the lower wing. Some licence is allowable in 1/72 modelling with small details, mainly cockpit details, but I think that the suggestion that we should amend a known factor is deplorable.

As to the method of reproduction of ribbed effect for fabric covered surfaces, if for the "usual method with cotton". Mr. Gray means merely attaching a length of cotton over each rib position, then I think that the "paste colour method" is probably the better of the two for these types of surfaces which have close rib spacing. But for types with a wider rib spacing, where fabric use is very apparent, I do not think that either method is particularly realistic. An extremely good representation can be made by the old method of attaching cotton over each rib (and riblet) and then very carefully covering this with tissue—water sprayed and then doped. This method is generally thought to be a tedious one, but when the right technique is evolved it becomes quite a simple operation. In any case I do not feel that the phrases "less trouble" and "and quicker" have any place in 1/72 scale modelling.

Finally I do not think that any F.A.A. fighter pilot would have been too keen to fly the *Alfred* as the drawing shows it.

As, because it appears to be unarmed, he, because it appears to have no deck arrester hook.

Yours faithfully,
London, S.W.12. S. D. STROCK.

. . . is answered

DEAR Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Strock for his interest, and comment upon his remarks as follows.

I did not strictly advocate omitting dihedral, in fact I explained how to incorporate it; my own model has it, but it is not an easy job with such a small angle. Mention of omitting this was for the benefit of younger or less experienced modellers—by simplifying, one hopes to encourage—would be

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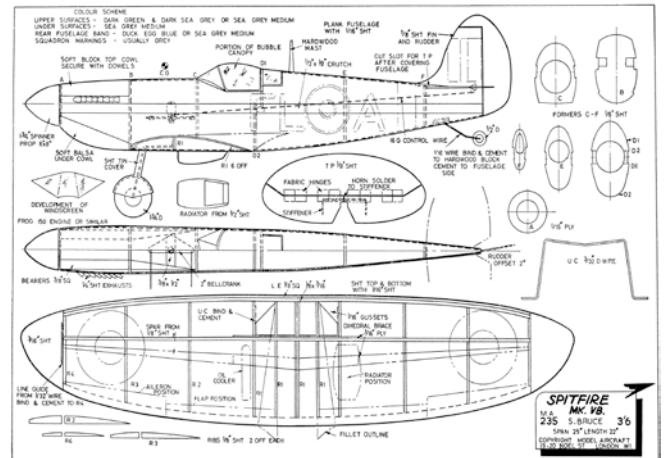
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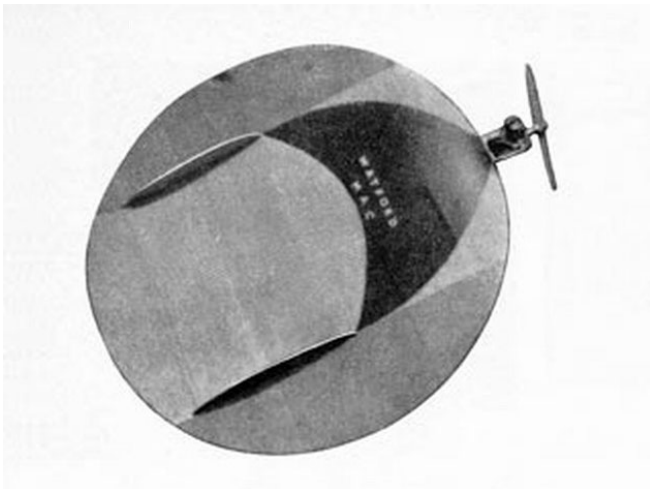
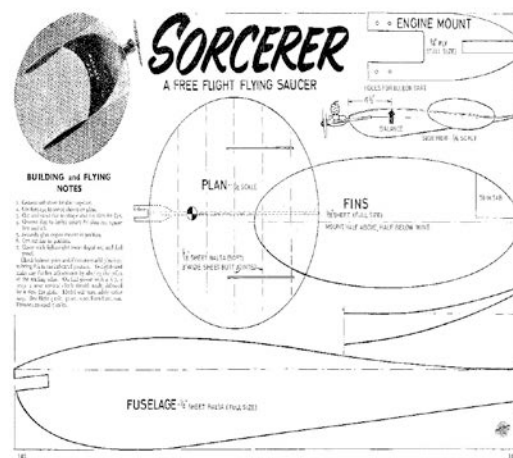


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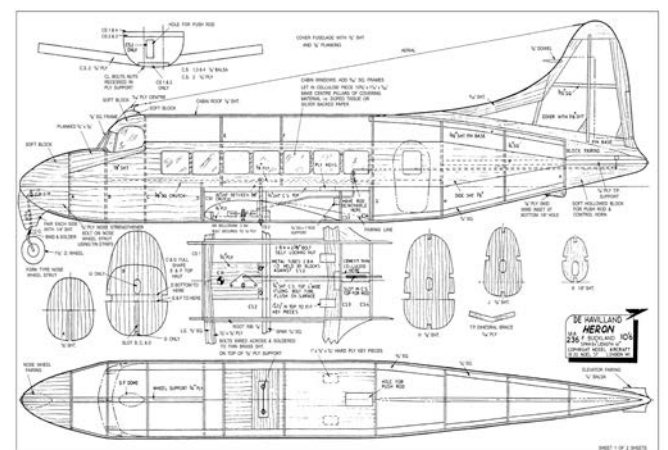


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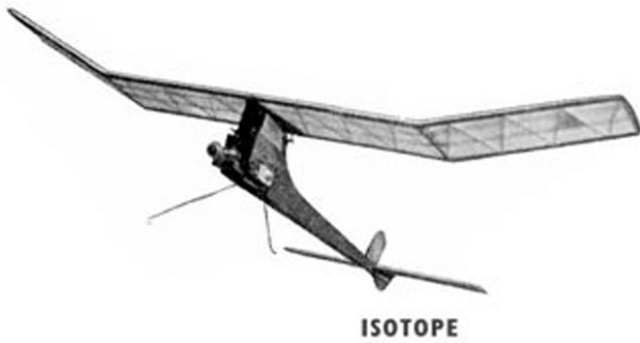
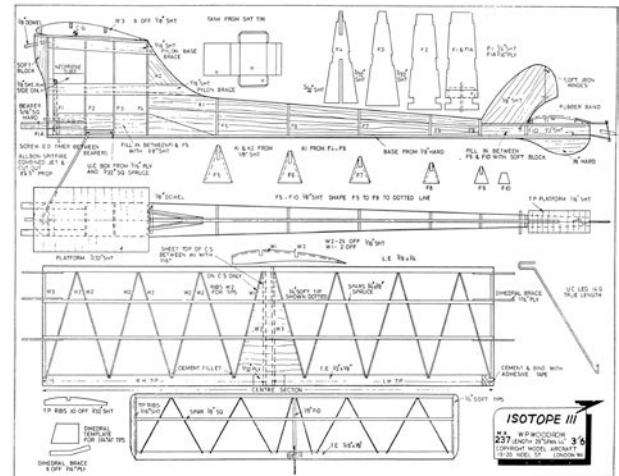


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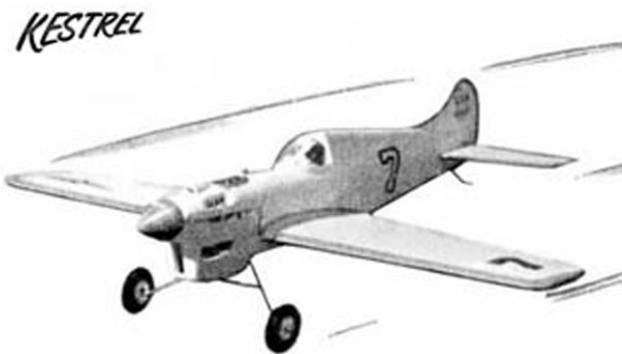
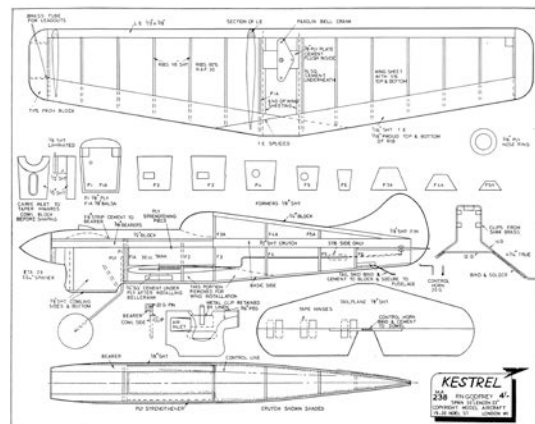


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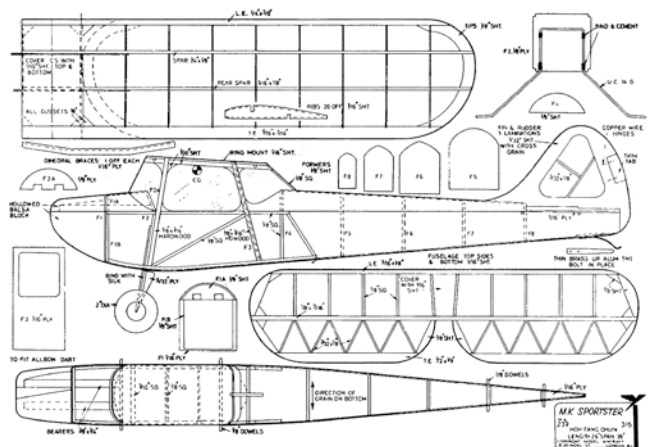


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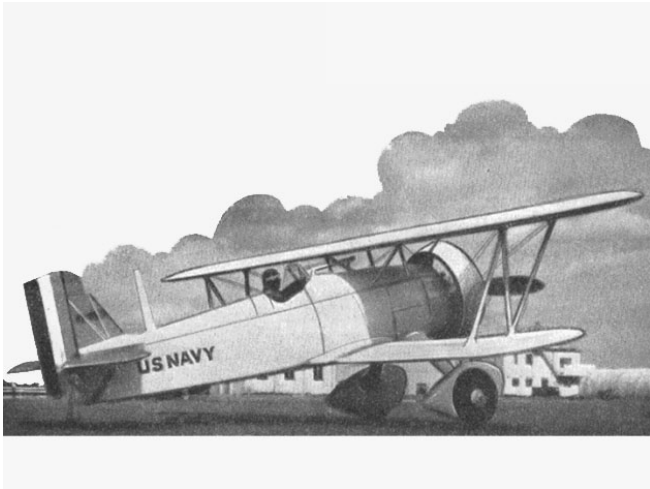
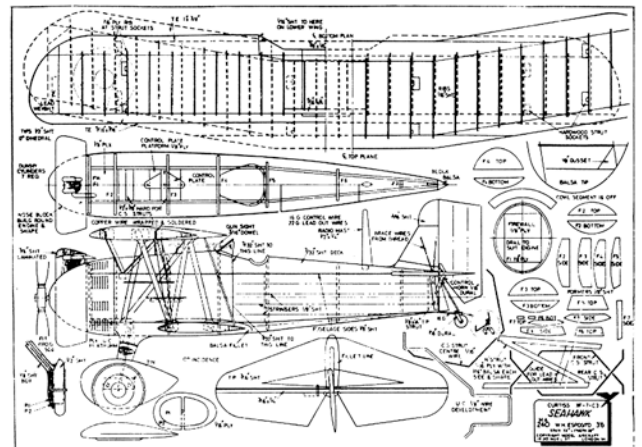


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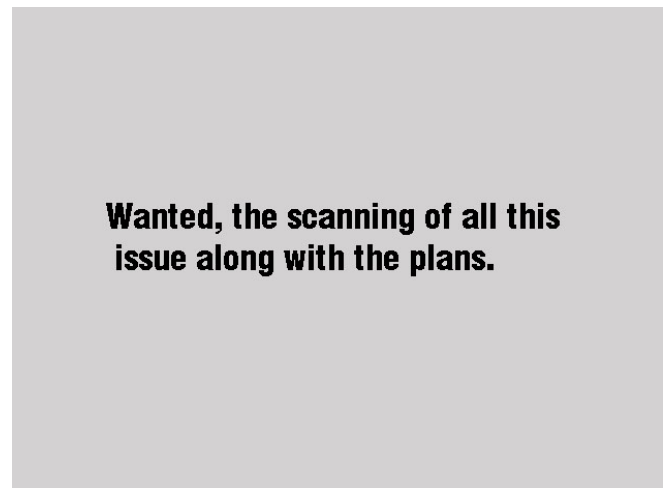


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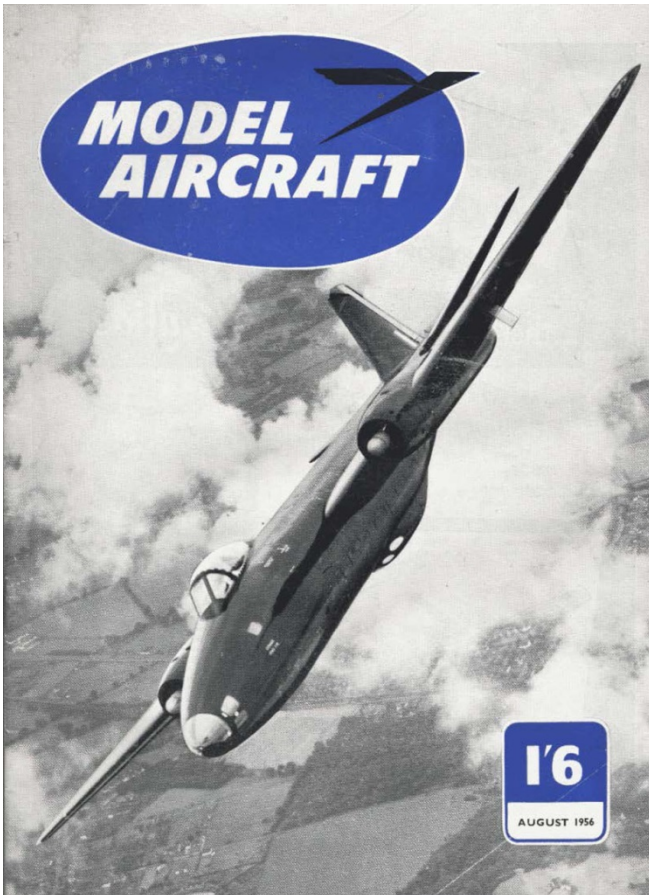
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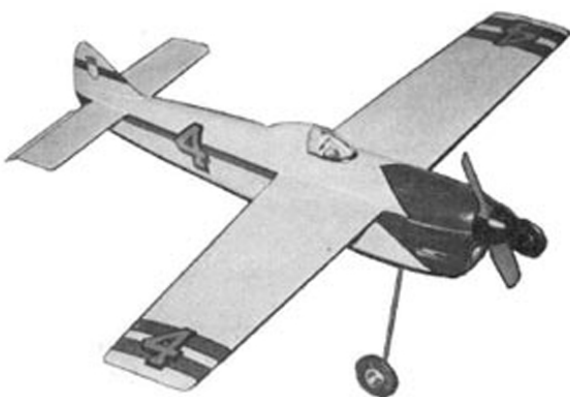
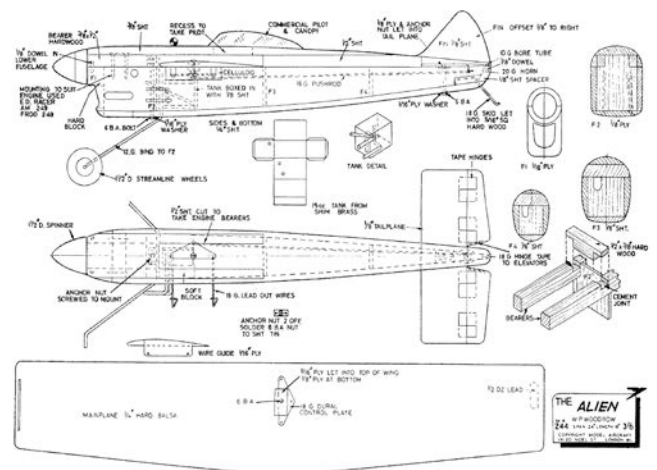


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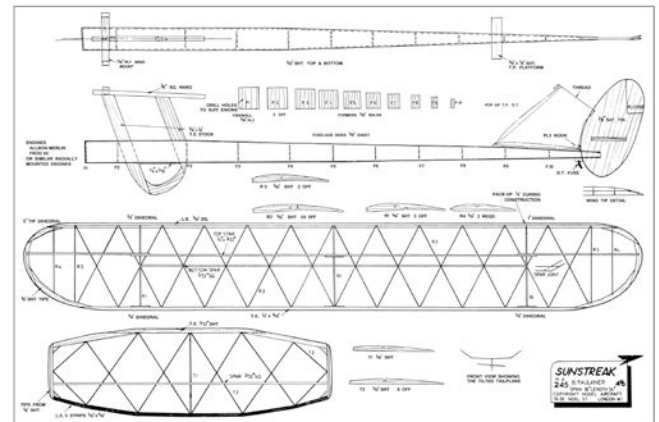
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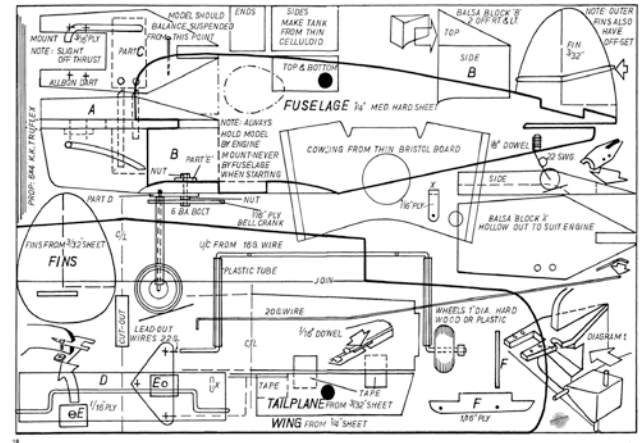


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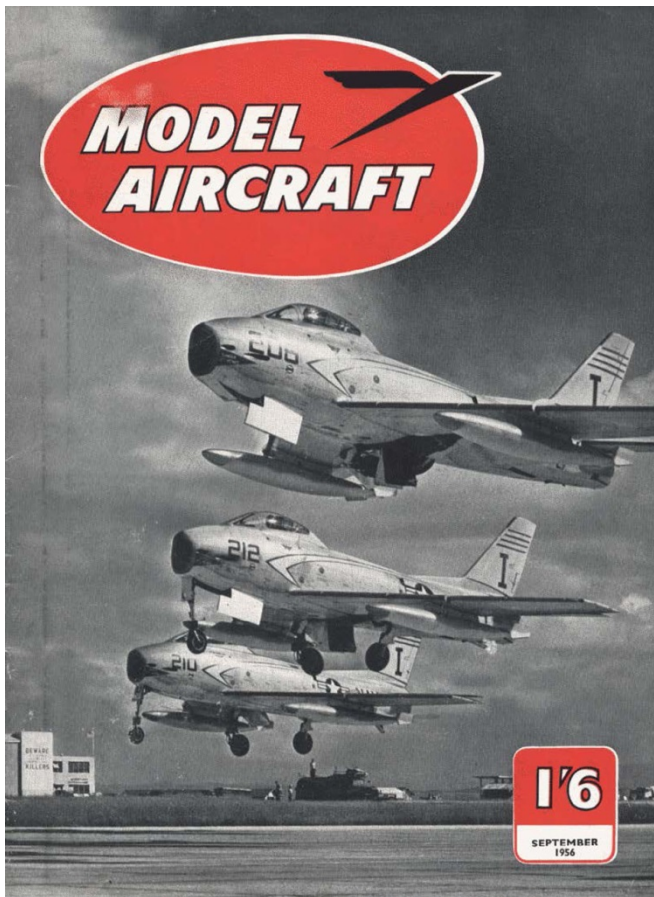


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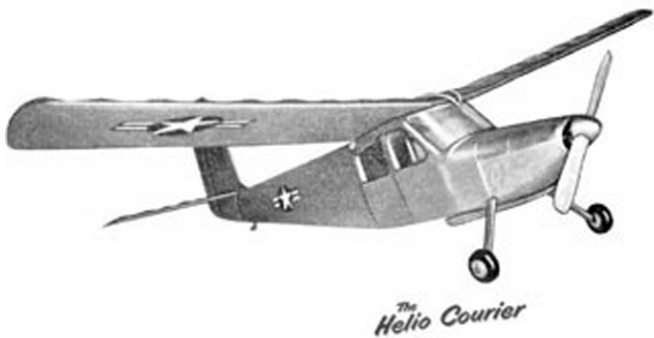
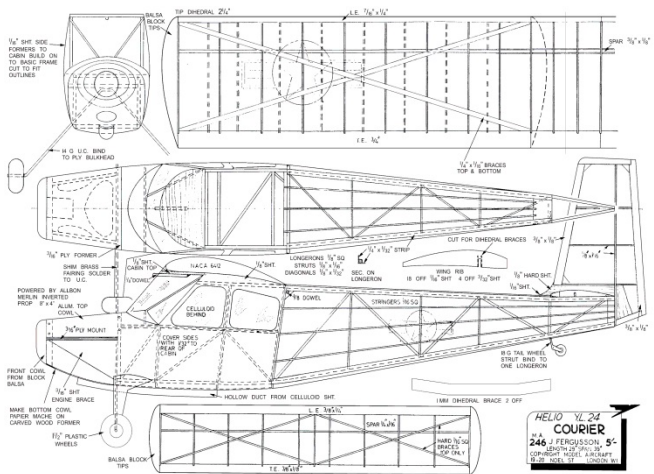


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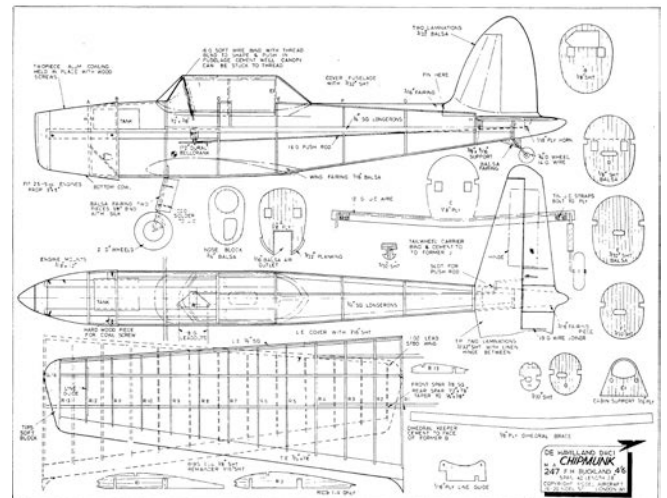
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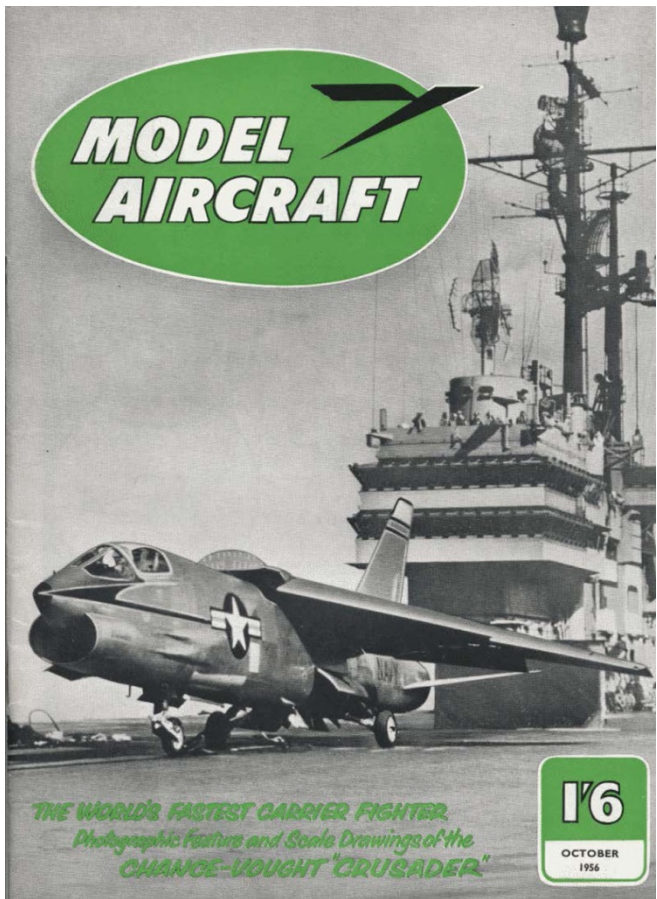


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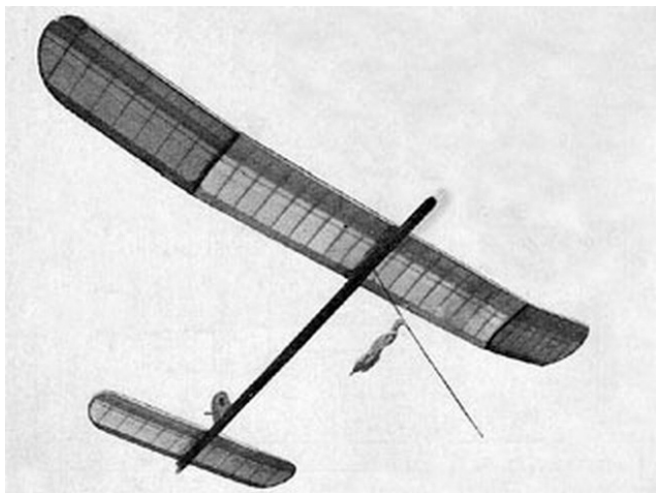
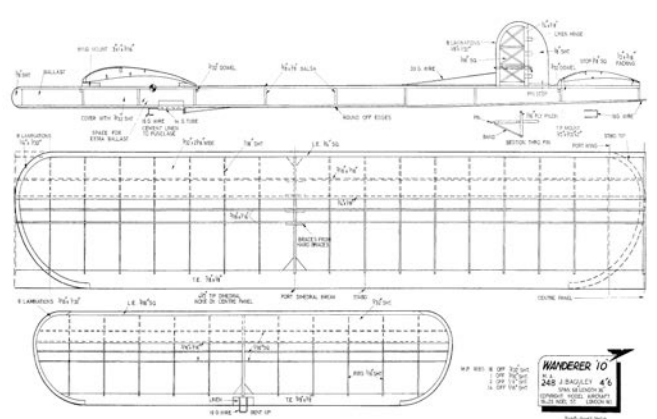


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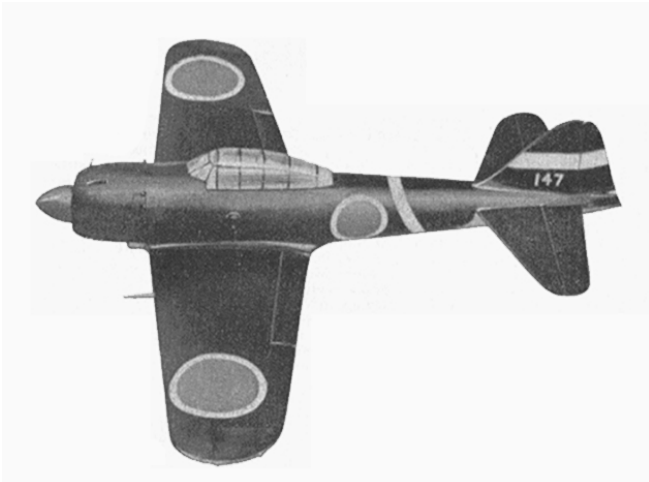
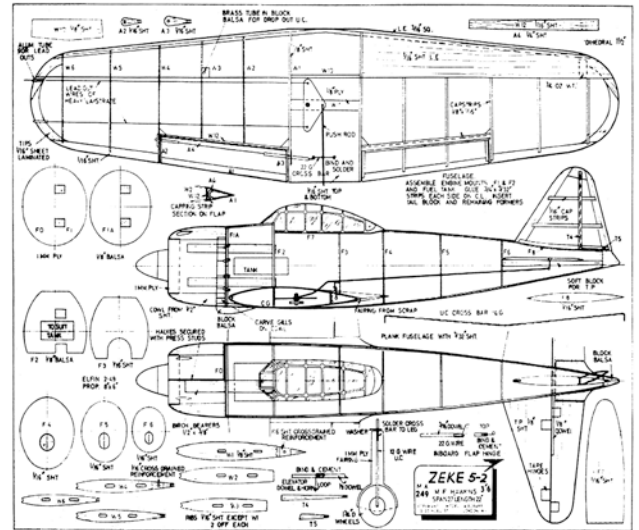


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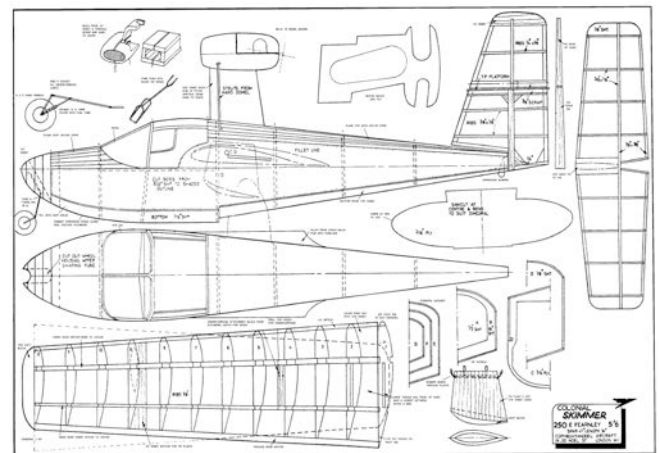


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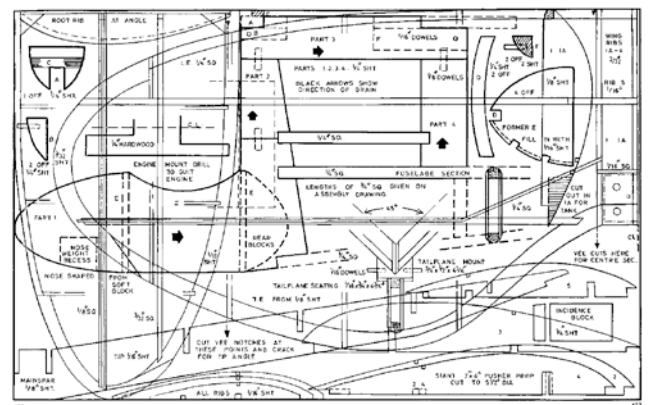


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