

1/48^{scale} Cloakshape

Model Kit by SMT: <http://smt.theshoppe.com>

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Type: Single seat Starfighter

Operators: Various

Armament: 2 laser cannons, 2 missile launchers

Manufacturer: Kuat Systems Engineering

The Cloakshape is one of the older starfighters commonly found across the galaxy, serving with mercenaries, pirate gangs and private militias. It is rugged and reliable, and has a performance that is similar to the Z-95 Headhunter MK. II. Like the Headhunter the Cloakshape is easily modified, and can be found in an endless variety. The Cloakshape has a single main engine and two auxiliary thrusters.

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Before you begin to assemble your model kit, study the instructions carefully. This will help familiarize you with the location and parts required for assembly. If you wish to paint your model, various components should be painted before the parts are attached. The appropriate color is stated in the paint guide at the end of the instructions. This kit is molded from a plastic resin. Use of a superglue is required for assembly.

For the best finish your model should be painted even if molded in color. Paint should be applied in several light coats rather than one heavy one (the first coat should not completely cover the surface). Each layer should dry thoroughly before sanding with #1200 wet or dry sandpaper that is slightly damp, except for the final coat.

**** Be careful not to remove any detail while sanding ****

Keep your hands clean when working with the model prior to painting. Always thoroughly wash parts to remove any trace of mold release agents, body oils from your hands and sanding residue. A solution of dish washer detergent and water is recommended. Use a tack cloth to dry.

Parting lines and glue joints should be filled and sanded before painting. A filler putty designed for use on plastics should be used to blend and fill contours. This should be applied only after the first primer coat.

When painting a body of two or more colors, the lighter color should be painted first. Use frosted or liquid masking agent to protect any areas you do not want painted. After the paint is dry to the touch you may remove the masking agent. Use a very fine brush to touch up any edges that may require it. If decals are added do so before applying the gloss coat (a gloss or matted coat will help even the edges between the colors, decals and help to prevent unwanted fingerprints from marring the finish).

Prior to cementing any parts together "test fit" them in order to be assured alignment. Also check for excess flash which may be present, use a sharp hobby knife or file if necessary.

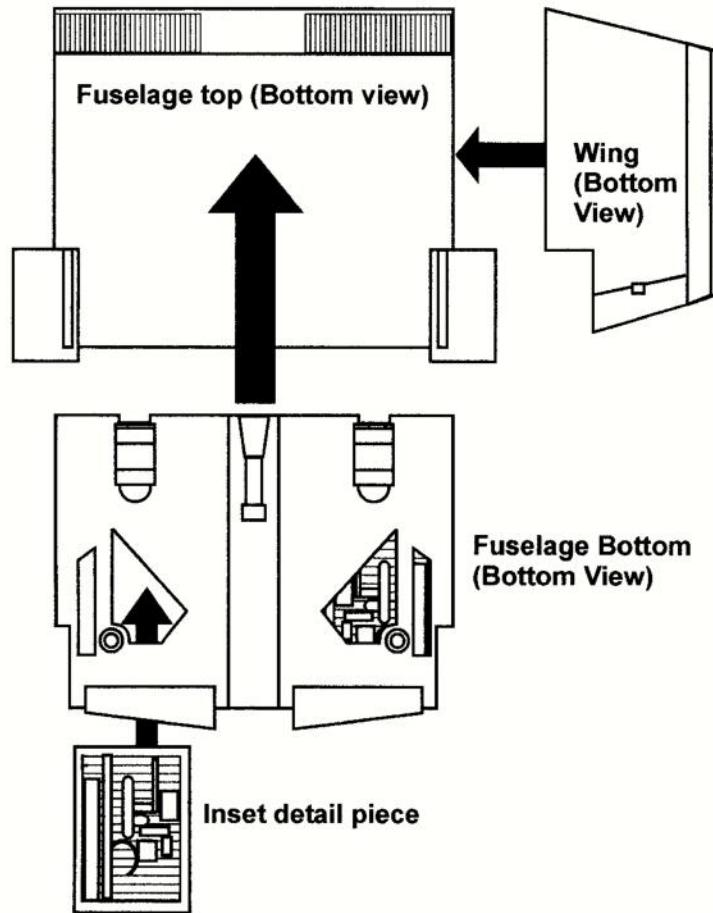
If any parts are warped, apply a small amount of heat (such as a hair dryer or hot water) until you feel the resin soften. Gently bend back to shape.

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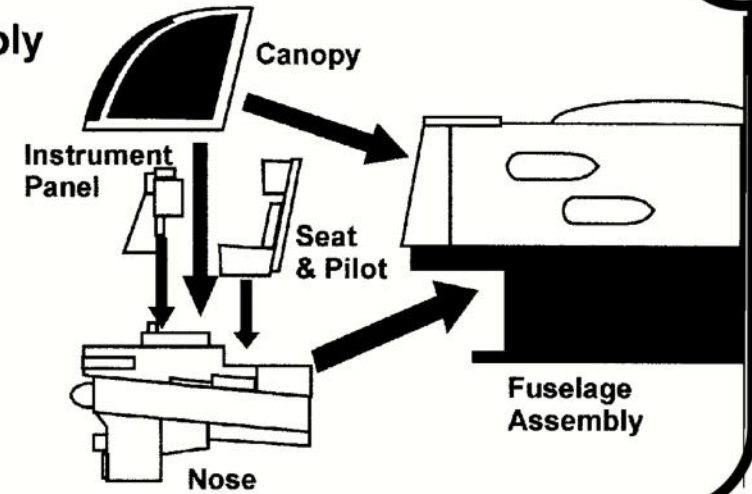
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Main Fuselage & Wing Assembly (Bottom View)



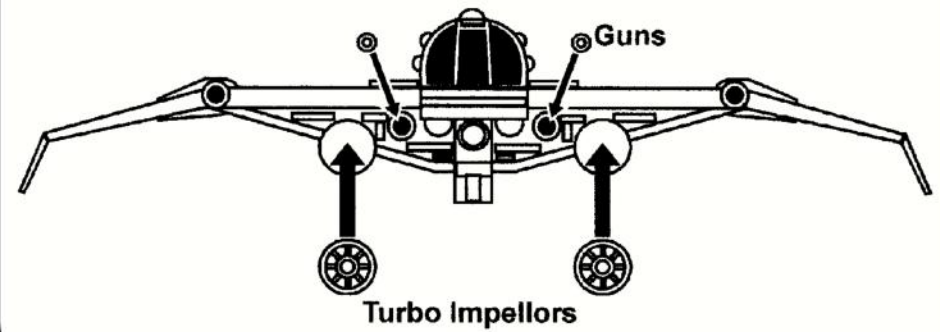
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Nose Assembly



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Forward Details



Paint Guide

Feel free to use your imagination to paint this model. No set paint code has been established for this line of vessel. Included here though are some pictures of the vessel as painted by Alfred Wong.

