

# Nakajima Ki-44 (Tojo)

The Nakajima Ki-44 was unusual for Japanese fighters at the beginning of World War II. Unlike earlier fighters which were designed for manoeuvrability it was designed for speed and climb, making it as good interceptor.

Towards the end of World War 2 Ki-44s were employed in intercepting American B-29 bomber raids.

This model represents a Ki-44 of the Akeno Flying School which also flew in combat against B-29 Superfortress raids on Japan.

**Data:** Single-seat fighter. *Engine* one Nakajima Ha-109 14 cylinder air-cooled radial piston engine of 1,133kW. *Wing span* 9.45m. *Length* 8.84. *Maximum take-off weight* 2.993kg. *Maximum speed* 605km/h *Range* 1,200km. *Armament* four 12.7mm machine guns, option of two 40mm underwing canons. *Crew* one.

*Hasegawa* 1/32:with kit and Dead Design Models decals, Red Fox cockpit details & Instrument panel, lead wiring for rudder and brake lines, Eduard :canopy masks & seat belts, Master models brass Japanese 12.7mm wing cannons & cooling jackets, SMS and AK lacquer paints, camouflage free hand & stencilling and MiG & AK weathering pigments and panel line washes. Model completed by Wayne Eagles in July 2023.



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