

# Curtiss Kittyhawk Mk.IV

The Curtiss Kittyhawk IV was the British name given to the Curtiss P-40N which was the final version of the P-40. Modifications included weight reduction, a more powerful engine and a revised cockpit canopy to improve pilot visibility. Deliveries began in 1944 and over 5,200 were manufactured.

The P-40N/Kittyhawk IV was used by the United States Army Air Force, Brazil, Canada, China, the Netherlands, New Zealand, which received 172, the Soviet Union, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Towards the end of the war many P-40Ns were also used as advanced training aircraft. The Royal Australian Air Force received a total of 468 aircraft. Two squadrons flew in Italy and ten squadrons in the South West Pacific Area. They were phased out from mid 1945 as P-51s became available.

This model represents a P-40N, A29-572, flown by 78 Squadron, RAAF, at Noemfoor Island in 1944.

**Data:** single-seat fighter. *Engine* Allison V1700-115 V-12 piston engine of 1014kW. *Wing span* 11.36m. *Length* 10.16m. *Maximum take-off weight* 3511kg. *Maximum speed* 5633km/h. *Range* 1738km. *Armament* six 12.7mm machine guns and up to 318kg of disposable stores. *Crew* 1.

*Hobby Boss* 1:72 kit with *Tally Ho* decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in January 2008.



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