

Vought Corsair II

The Vought F4U Corsair was one of the most powerful aircraft to see service flying from aircraft carriers during World War II. They were very useful and successful so they continued in service with several air force well after that war.

The F4U-1A was almost identical to earlier versions but was changed with a new cockpit canopy and a taller tailwheel to give the pilot improved vision.

The Royal Navy received its first F4Us (called Corsair Is) in 1943 and used them on aircraft carriers before the US Navy. Their wings had to be clipped by 200mm so they could fit in the lower British hangar decks. They began flying operations against Japanese forces in the Pacific in April 1944.

This model represents Corsair II (F4U-1A) JT634, 13-7, of 1843 Squadron, Fleet Air Arm, flying from HMS Victorious in 1944.

Data: *Single seat fighter. Engine one Pratt & Whitney R-2800-8 18 cylinder twin row air cooled radial engine of 1491kW. Wing span 12.47m. Length 10.15m. Gross weight 6354kg. Maximum speed 684km/h. Range 1633km. Armament six 12.7mm machine guns. Crew one.*

Tamiya 1/48 kit with Eduard aftermarket seat belts, under fuselage whip aerial made from broken guitar wire and a mix of Hobbycraft and Xtradecal decals. Reconfigured to a Corsair II by clipping the wings to RN Corsair specifications to fit below the RN smaller hanger decks. Painted with Model Master enamels, Extra Dark Sea Grey, Dark Slate Grey topside camouflages and Sky Type S underneath surfaces. Completed by Wayne.



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