

MODELLING

New Releases and Kit Reviews

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New to the Market.

In 1:72 scale: MAC has released the Hansa Brandenburg C.I priced at £16.50. Airwave has re-released their Cockpit interior for the Nieuport 28, costing £4.40. Print scale has released a comprehensive set of decals, all of which have a version of a skull as part of the finish, on a range of Austro-Hungarian, Polish and German aircraft; these are priced at £13.35. Finally Aims Decals has released RFC/RAF roundels costing £6.25

In 1:48 Scale: Eduard has re-released their Profipack Roland C.II, priced at £14.30. It has also re-released their SE5a, priced at £16.70 and the Bristol Fighter F2B priced at £14.35. Lukgraph has released comprehensive kits of the Rumpler 6B.1 float plane and the Lohner Type L flying boat, costing £118.50 each. Print scale has released a comprehensive set of decals, all of which have a version of a skull as part of the finish, on a range of Austro-Hungarian, Polish and German aircraft; these are priced at £14.50. Aims Decals has released RFC/RAF roundels costing £8.75. Quinta Studio has released nice wood grain decals priced at £4.50 and 3D cockpit interior decals for the Fokker E.V / D.VIII costing £16.20. Finally FLY has released 3 versions of the Breguet 14B2, in French, International and Finnish markings. These cost £38.70 each.

In 1:32 Scale: Quinta Studios has released a range of wooden propellers, suitable for the Mercedes DIII engine as used in Albatros and Pfalz fighters. These are very reasonably priced at £3.50. They have also released 3D decals for the interior of the Sopwith Triplane, priced at £18.00. Aims Decals has released RFC/RAF roundels costing £18.25. Lukgraph has released a number of comprehensive kits, these comprise of the Rumpler 6B.1 and Albatros D.III Oeffag, both of these kits are priced at £163.50 each. Lukgraph has also released two versions of the Lohner Type L flying boat. The standard kit costs £155.25 while the premium kit costs £223.50

Aviatic has released a wide range of parts, conversions, decals in 1:48, 1:32 and 1:24 scale. Prices vary depending on the item. As I often say in this column, Aviatic are always worth checking out!

Build Reviews: This issue will focus on the winning entry in the IPMS Ireland National Championship 2022. The winning entry was a stunning Pfalz D.IIIA built by one of our club members, Ronan Donohoe.

Wingnut Wings Pfalz D.IIIA; 1:32 scale Modelled by Ronan Donohoe

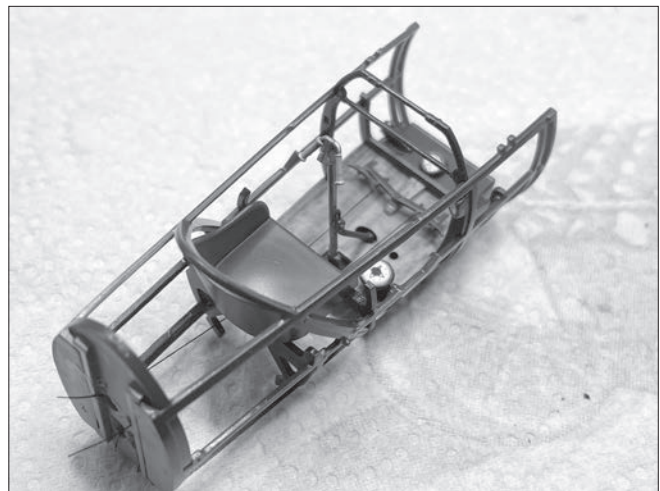
Wingnut Wings (WnW) has a reputation as being the finest plastic injection World War I aircraft kits in any scale. They are also hard to find and expensive currently, as the company ceased operations in 2020. Until I built this kit in the first half of 2022, I had not built a biplane, a WWI subject or anything with rigging beyond a simple aerial wire, so the project contained many firsts for me.

I had no particular reason to choose this kit out of the WnW kits in my stash. I wanted to start with a single seater and a German subject (the lozenge camouflage really appeals to me) and it was also a case of "last in, first out" (to the stash!) as I had just bought the kit a few weeks before starting the build.

The first thing you notice with a WnW kit, is the quality of the instructions, which are superb. They are clear, easily



readable, and include many historical reference photos, plus excellent colour diagrams of the various schemes that can be built out of the kit. The parts are laid out very well on the sprue and the decals are made by Cartograf, and are subsequently very good indeed.



Construction starts in the cockpit, and a set of PE seatbelts are included. But Instead, I used a set of Kits-World 3D printed seatbelts which was one of the few aftermarket parts I used for this build (the other being an exhaust manifold from Barracuda models, which has detail for the asbestos insulation moulded integrally with the part). There is a rigging diagram included so you can add the control wires which generally run under the pilot's seat and into the rear fuselage.

The next step is to assemble and paint the engine. This is then brought together with the cockpit to form a single unit which is then sandwiched between the two fuselage halves. Here was the only real issue I had with the kit, in that I had problems getting a good fit just in front of the cockpit opening. I don't think it was due to a fundamental issue with the design of the kit, but instead I believe I had not mounted the gun system exactly right which caused a slight fit issue. The quality of the parts and the engineering of WnW kits is of such a fine standard, that they can be unforgiving if you don't place parts in exactly the right area (which in fairness is easy to do I found). Even a layer of paint can be enough to disturb the fit of some parts, and hence I scraped off paint on the mating surfaces of some parts to ensure a good fit.