



PK-601 SUPERMARINE STRANRAER

Designed by R J Mitchell, the Stranraer first entered service with the RAF in 1937 as one of the last biplane flying boats. Its main role was in anti-submarine and convoy escort roles. Many were used by the Royal Canadian Air Force. The painting depicts a Stranraer of 240 Squadron RAF and is a superb demonstration of light/shade and movement, not to mention some very fiddly rigging!

"This was a nice aircraft to illustrate and again one of my favourites."



PK-606 PB4Y PRIVATEER

The Privateer was a development of the classic B-24 Liberator and entered service with the US Navy in late 1944. The PB designation stood for 'Patrol Bomber' which was the Privateer's intended role. However, with the end of hostilities, the aircraft performed a variety of tasks including signals intelligence (SIGINT) flights, Hurricane hunting and firefighting. A few even ended up flying for other air forces in various conflicts around the world making the name particularly apt.





PK-651 DOUGLAS SKYRAIDER

The Skyraider was too late to see service in WWII but saw a lot of action post-war, serving for nearly 30 years. It was rugged, powerful and could carry a huge amount of ordnance on its various wing pylons. It also had the ability to loiter over the battlefield for a long time, making it an excellent ground support aircraft. It was used in combat in the Korean and Vietnam Wars with it being best remembered for escorting the rescue helicopters that went in to recover downed pilots. 50 Skyraiders were also acquired by the Royal Navy for the Airborne Early Warning role in 1951.



PK-653 KAMAN SEASPRITE

This helicopter was acquired by the US Navy in the early 1980s and had many additional features from the original UH-2. It was capable of 130 knots and had a range of 411 nautical miles. It served with 8 US Navy squadrons, often operating behind enemy lines rescuing downed pilots. It was deployed in many war zones, the last being Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and was finally retired in 1994.

The aircraft illustrated is the anti-submarine version that was carried aboard the USS VALDEZ a KNOX-class Frigate.

“The Seasprite is the only one I illustrated in the 1-48 Scale series of aircraft kits and was completed just before the Matchbox demise.”





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