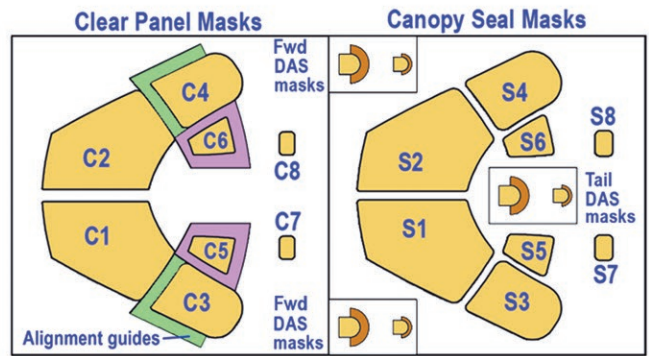




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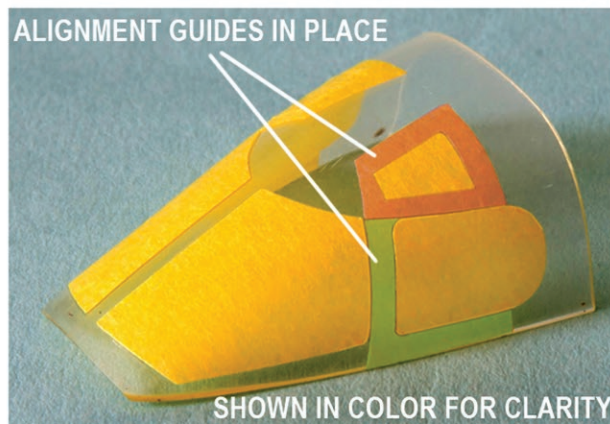
B-1B Lancer Canopy Masks Set

Designed for the 1/72nd scale
Monogram B-1B Lancer kit.



This set supplies precisely pre-cut canopy and the flush mounted DAS fairing Kabuki tape masks. Note that the kit canopy frames are not molded accurately. This set requires you to sand off the kit canopy frames and polish the canopy back to clarity. A fair bit of work, but worth the effort for a far more accurate looking canopy!

- 1) The kit canopy frames must go. Sorry! Begin by sanding off all of the frosted canopy framing, **except the central frame between the windscreen panels**, with a sanding stick. This is key to locating the new windscreen panels. When they are gone, begin sanding with progressively smaller grit sanding sticks. Finish it up with a 3 or 4 grit nail buffing stick. The grits are usually blue, pink, white and gray (see image below). These are great for canopies. By the time you are finished with the finest grit (usually light grey) the canopy should be mostly clear. A final dip in Future (Pledge Floor Care or Johnson's) or AK Interactive's Glass Coat Gauzy should restore it to full clarity.
- 2) It's probably better to glue and fair in the canopy before masking and painting. Apply the masks labelled C1 to C6 as shown. This mask set is designed with alignment guides like the L-shaped section (shown in green above) around the side windows and (purple) section around the "eyebrow" windows. The edges of these guides should have the same relationship on the canopy as they do on the sheet. Note that the bottom of the L-shaped alignment guide for the side windows should be flush with the bottom edge of the kit canopy. Revell only gives you scribed window locations for the WSOs. You can drill out and file them open and make your own clear windows, or paint them gloss black or your color of choice, then mask them off with C7 and C8.
- 3) Once you are satisfied with positioning, remove the position guides. Paint the canopy the interior cockpit color (Dark Gull Grey FS36231). When dry, paint the canopy off-white to simulate the seal color. Let this dry overnight. Apply the offset masks to the canopy and WSO windows. Remove the clear panel masks if it makes it easier to see the edges. There should be a constant offset all around the windows to simulate the sealant strip. Paint the exterior colour of your B-1B. Remove masks during final assembly, after applying the final clear coat to prevent scratching.
- 4) The flush DAS antenna panels are usually beige, natural fiberglass color inside a scale black painted area. Note that there are variants – some aircraft have antennas that are D-shaped, others appear to have a "halo" around the curved part of the D (orange in diagram), hence that part is separate. If your aircraft has the simple D-shape, apply a piece of masking tape to the mask before removing it from the backing paper. This will hold the sections in their proper position. Once the mask is placed, remove the masking tape carefully, and then remove the desired mask for painting. Fwd DAS antennas are located in front of the main gear and are positioned in an approximately 45 degree angle from the centreline. Tail DAS masks go on the flat DAS antenna located under the tail (included in Barracuda Cast set BR72296). Check reference photos for exact locations. Paint as noted above.





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