

Hasegawa 1/32nd scale FW-190D-9



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This kit has been referred to as an 'oversize quarter scale kit' in some quarters, but I wasn't interested in spending a lifetime opening hatches and adding sparkplugs to a kit, I just wanted a quick build that looked good and this kit certainly fits that bill. As you can see from the pictures, I still haven't replaced the antenna mount on the top of the tail that broke off during assembly, found the Revi gunsight that disappeared with a "sproing" at some point, or added the very distinctive black exhaust common to the FW-190Ds, but it's far enough along to give you a good sense of what to expect..

The kit was basically built OOB except for using some EagleParts aftermarket resin. I highly recommend that you use their prop blades and spinner, as the kit parts are significantly undersized and the EagleParts look a lot better. I also replaced the cowl ring and gun cowling with resin as well, but if I had it to do over, I'm not certain I'd bother replacing the gun cowl. EagleParts also offers plywood flaps for the Dora if you are building an aircraft that needs them. Other than that, the kit simply falls together without any problems and unlike the Tamiya offering in 1/48th scale, Hasegawa gets the interior of the landing gear wells and lower fuselage area correct.

Since I was building a quarter scale Dora from the JV-44 protection flight, I decided I would decorate this kit as another aircraft from the same flight. This time I managed to paint the entire undersurface white, which made it very easy to simply add some tape to mask off the areas of striping. Then I used Testors

Italian Red, which is a very close match to RLM 23, for the undersides and a



mixture of Gunze and Testors paints for the remainder of the aircraft. Note that this aircraft has very greenish (aka sky green) fuselage sides, rather than the more common RLM 76 blue and that the power egg was pre-painted RLM 76 – which really shows up the “rebuilt” nature of this machine.

The JV-44 markings are from EagleCals and are both well researched and go on without any problems.

All in all, it was quick, it was straight forward, and it was a fun build of a colorful aircraft. What more can you ask for?



