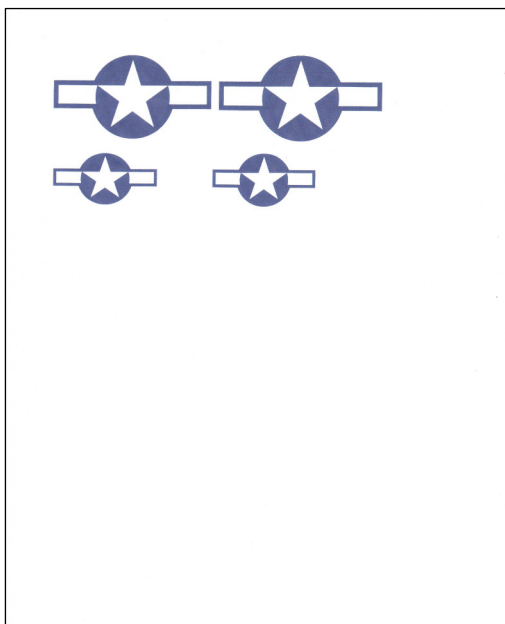


Making Tissue Markings

This method works great for most national insignia and for larger solid pieces (N Numbers, Light Stripes on a dark model, etc. For markings first you need to create a text document in what ever system you use. Then find the marking or markings you wish to reproduce and cut and paste it or them into your text document. I attached a reduced photo of the document for the stars on my Howard Dimer below. This is the document that you will print from. Use your photo editor for text documents to size the markings to the correct proportion.



Once you have them in a document and the correct size take a piece of white Jap tissue (use the good stuff here, not domestic) large enough to cover the printed area. Spray a light coat of removable tack cement, available at art stores, on the dull side of the tissue. Stick it down over the area that will print, shiny side up, and run it through your printer. Remove immediately from the bond paper base and let ink dry. Once dry dust on a couple of coats of Testers Dull Coat to seal the ink.

After all of the top surfaces are dry use powdered white chalk (scrape the chalk powder from a piece of art quality chalk bought

when you get the spray cement) and a cotton ball to rub into the back side of the tissue. It will take 2 or 3 times, followed by a light spray dusting of fixative after each application, to make the tissue opaque enough to let the white areas be really white when applied. Once dry again apply a glue stick to the back of the markings and let everything dry at least over night and a couple of days is better. You're now ready to cut the markings out and apply them.

To apply cut out marking, place exactly where you want them and touch with a soft paint brush wet down with denatured alcohol. The alcohol will re-moisten the glue from the glue stuck and set it into place. If the roundel or star is a bit off re moisten it lightly and shift it. Very little moisture used in this method of making and applying markings so your tissue stays drier. Once in place and dry, dust on a coat of clear krylon to double seal the edges.

