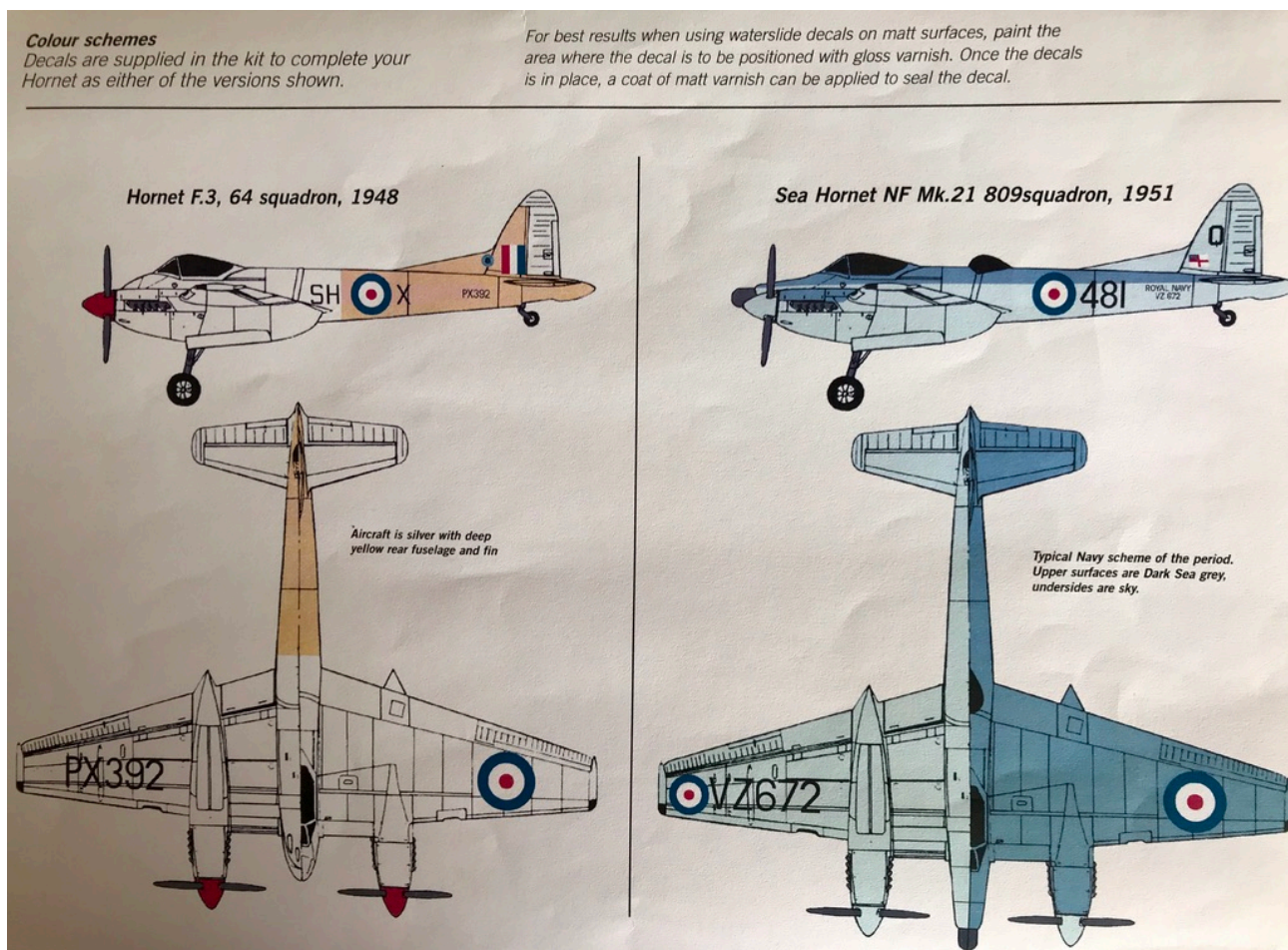


De Havilland Hornet (DH103)

33.75" wingspan, 1/16 scale, designed by Mike Midkiff for Bluebottle Squadron, laser cut and packed by Vintage Model Co.

Parts, drawings, scheme and decals allow for building and finishing either an RAF Hornet F.3, of 64 Squadron in 1948, or a Sea Hornet NF Mk 21, of 809 Squadron from 1951. Even templates for the cockpit are included.



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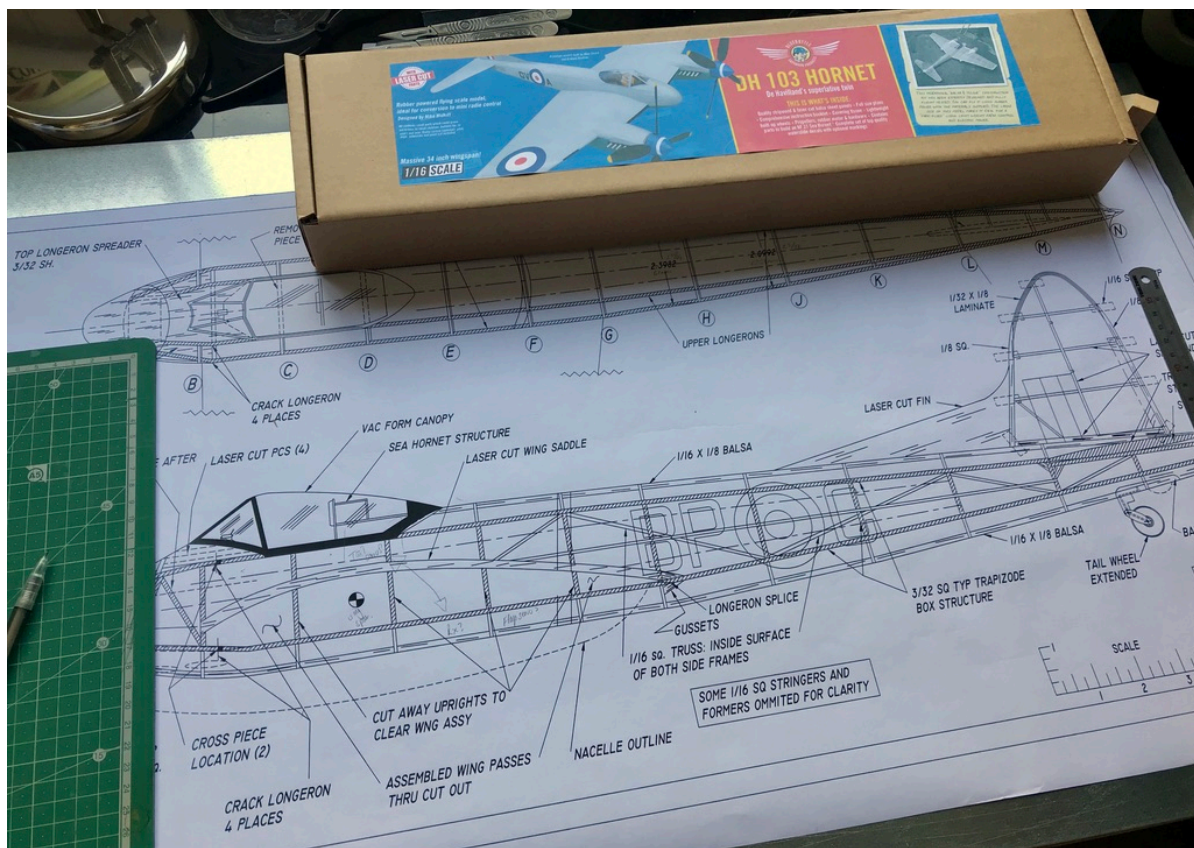
The kit looks to be every bit as good as I have come to expect from Vintage Model Co, although to be fair they have warned me that it has a lot of work in it.

Designed as a twin rubber free flight laser cut kit the plan gives a few hints about conversion to free flight electric power. There are also several topics covering this model on the 'hippocketaeronautics.com' builders forum, but no RC builds that I can find.

My intention is to build a full radio control model using this kit as a basis, incorporating flaps and retractable undercarriage. Although the Royal Navy option is likely to be easier to orientate when flying against our grey skies, the observer dome and radar protrusion from the nose do nothing for the looks. I expect to build the F3.

Although in free flight form the Hornet apparently flies well, given that it was the fastest piston aircraft deployed by the RAF, I anticipate having to beef the design up a bit to allow for control surfaces and a respectable flying speed.

What a cracking project to start as the world enters 'lock-down' and we are all told to stay indoors.



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