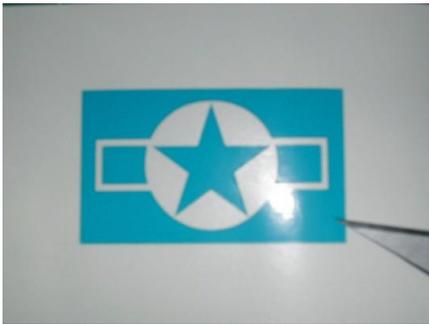




# PAINT MASK INSTRUCTIONS

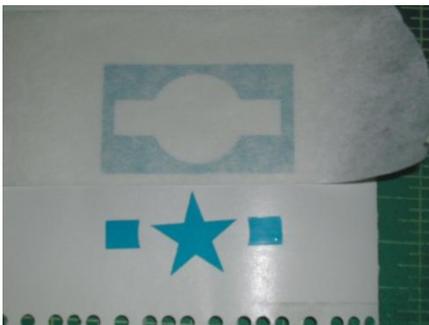
## *Applying the masks for insignia and code letters*



Prime your model to insure a good bond between your color and the model.

Cut the mask you want to use apart from the sheet. Make sure you don't cut any other mask by accident!

"Weeding" is pulling away the unwanted vinyl, in this case, everything that is white. You'll actually get two masks here. Be careful not to stick the vinyl you're peeling away to any part of your mask. Using a x-acto with a good point, carefully pull out the star and bars and place them on a small piece of wax paper. You will need these later on to mask off for the insignia blue.



To transfer the mask to the model, you can use medical paper tape. You can get this at any drug store. If you feel comfortable with peeling and sticking the vinyl, that's ok too. Carefully remove the mask and place it on the model.

Peel away the tape, if you have used it, and mask for paint.

Once you get the mask on, start painting your model. Remember, mask as much of the rest of the model as you feel comfortable with. You don't want any overspray.



Since our example is a US insignia, we will need to apply the blue next. Make sure the base color is completely dry. Using your x-acto, carefully place the star and bar mask on the white field. Take care not to scratch the white with the tip of you blade! After lightly burnishing with your finger, you're ready for the blue.



Once the paint has dried to the touch, you can remove your mask.

Again, make sure you don't scratch the paint with your x-acto knife. Once all the masking is removed, you can weather you model as you normally would.

Note: "This works really well with Japanese hinomarus. They chipped and were retouched regularly."