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GENERAL ASSEMBLY: This highly-detailed kit features precision-tooled parts for ease of assembly. Care and patience must be exercised to achieve optimal results. The kit has been designed to assemble via snap assembly.

GLUE ASSEMBLY: If a modeler chooses to glue their model, it is recommended that the instructions be examined carefully before applying cement. You will find this very helpful, as it will allow you to gain a clear understanding of how the parts fit together in order to best plan painting and final assembly. If doing a test fit, scraping the attachment pins with a knife blade may be beneficial to separate parts before re-assembling with glue.

SUB-ASSEMBLIES: Note that this kit is intended to be built in sub-assemblies. This makes building the kit far more manageable. It is very important to note that it can be extremely advantageous to apply paint and decals to sub-assemblies before completing final assembly.

DECALS & PAINT: This kit includes extensive water slide decals. Note that the large areas of aztec paneling decals are applied first, allowed to dry, and a second set of smaller decals (primarily marking decals) are placed on top. These decals are compatible with setting solution which can be applied to conform around surface details. Paint is not required to produce satisfactory results. However, some modelers prefer to add additional painted detail to their kits. See the diagrams on this sheet for instructions regarding decal placement and optional paint specs. For best results apply dull coat for final finish.

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Snap the **starboard nacelle halves** (36R & 37R) together in place on the **starboard nacelle strut**, being sure to trap the end tabs within the slotted area of the nacelle.

Repeat with the port side by snapping the **port nacelle halves** (38L & 39L) together in place on the **port nacelle strut**, being sure to trap the end tabs within the slotted area of the nacelle.

Snap the front of the **hull halves** (33 & 34) together, trapping the **deflector dish** (41), **upper hull** (40) and **retaining ring** (42) in place. (You may wish to lay one hull half on its side and gently put the deflector dish, upper hull and retaining ring in place, and then carefully snap the other hull half in place.)

Leave the rear of the hull halves slightly loose. Next, slide the tab of the **nacelle assembly** in place in the slot on the underside of the **hull assembly**. Press the aft (rear) section of the hull together, making sure the nacelle assembly is fully trapped in place.

**HINT:** If painting ship an overall base color, allow paint to dry thoroughly before applying decals.