The Sopwith Camel and World War 1

The Sopwith Camel was a British First World War single seat biplane fighter introduced on the Western Front in 1917.

Manufactured by Sopwith Aviation Company at sites around the country, including at Lincoln, it had a short-coupled fuselage, heavy, powerful rotary engine, and concentrated fire from twin synchronized machine guns. Though difficult to handle, to an experienced pilot it provided unmatched manoeuvrability. A superlative fighter, the Camel was credited with shooting down 1,294 enemy aircraft, more than any other Allied fighter of the war. It also served as a ground-attack aircraft, especially near the end of the conflict, when it was outclassed in the air-to-air role by newer fighters.



It's a little known fact that Lincoln was one of the leading aircraft manufacturers during World War One, with Ruston Proctor & Co Ltd. producing the most of this aircraft type.

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SOPWITH CAMEL MODEL

This will work best if the resource is printed on to a light Card.

INSTRUCTIONS

Making time – 30 mins+ You will need:-Light Card to print on to Scissors Glue Stick

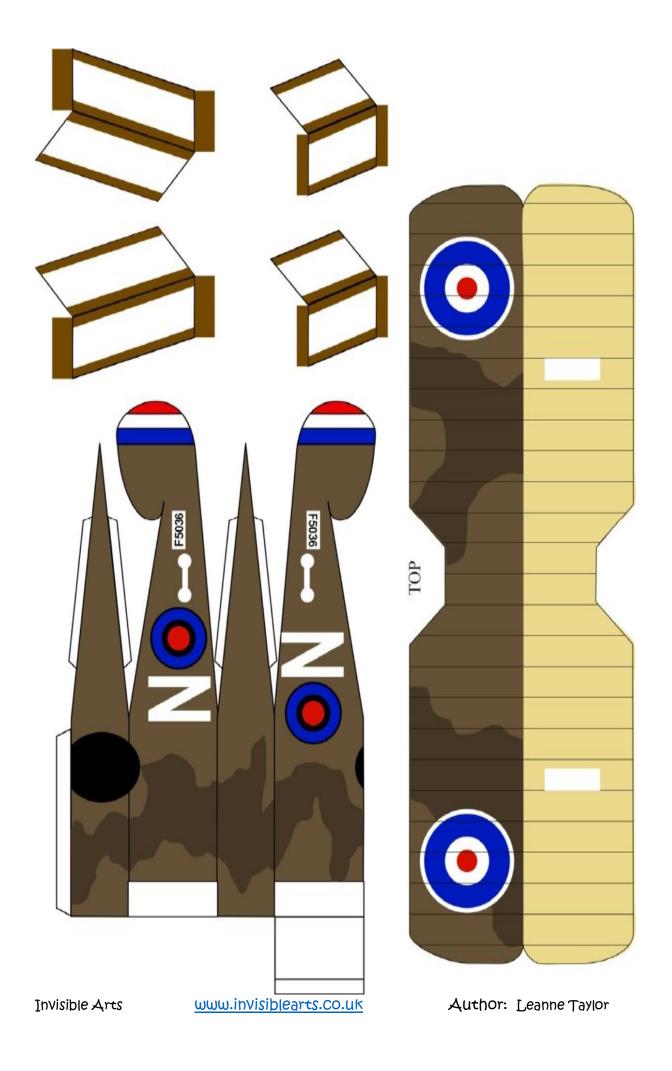
- 1. First cut out all the pieces.
- 2. Then fold and glue the main wings.

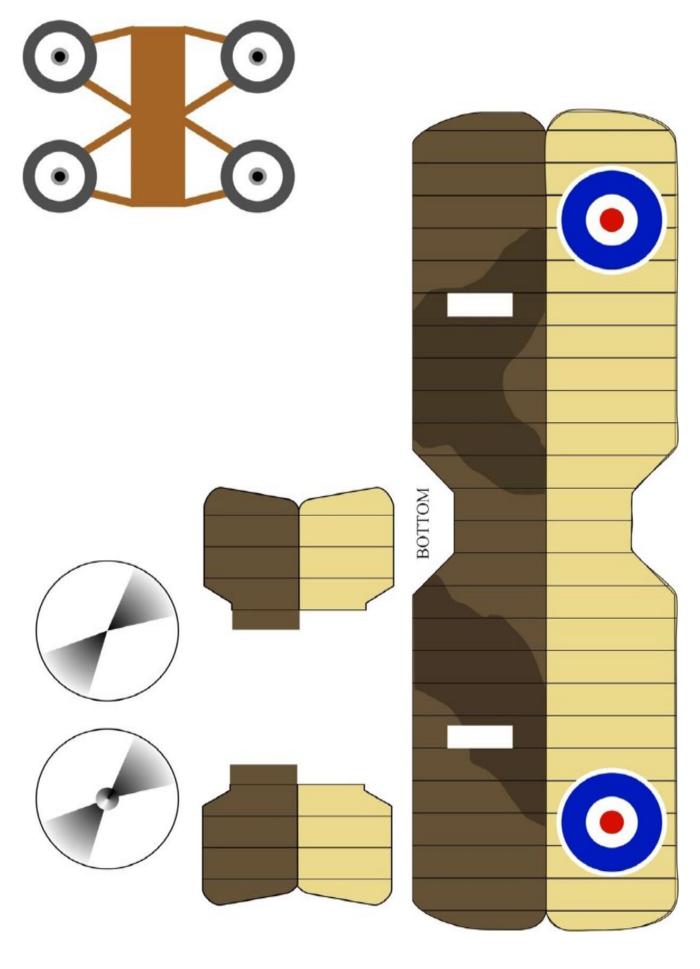
(The ones with the insignia on the light brown are the lower ones).

- 3. Fold and glue the main fuselage, the rear wings, the wheels, propeller and the wing struts, which also need the ends folding ready to be glued.
- 4. All of these will need to be dry before the next step.
- 5. Glue the fuselage to the lower wing, making sure that the light brown side goes at the bottom.
- 6. Glue the struts on to the upper wing where the white rectangles are.
- 7. Next glue the upper wing to the lower wing using the struts.
- 8. Then glue the rear wings on.
- 9. Finally glue the wheels and the propeller on.



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