

# 1/72 KAWASAKI KI-61-ID HIEN (TONY)

ITEM # 60789

**THE 1/72 WAR BIRD COLLECTION WELCOMES ANOTHER JAPANESE ACE WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THE ELEGANT KI-61-ID HIEN!**

**THE HIEN WAS OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY IN 1943, AND STOOD OUT AMONG ITS JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CONTEMPORARIES IN THE PACIFIC WAR ON ACCOUNT OF ITS LIQUID-COOLED HA-40 ENGINE, SLIMLINE FUSELAGE AND LONG, ELEGANT WING. A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT VARIANTS WERE PRODUCED, AMONG THEM THE KI-61-ID WHICH FEATURED A 20CM-ELONGATED NOSE TO HOUSE 20MM CANNONS, PLUS 12.7MM MACHINE GUNS IN THE WING. IN FACT, WITH 1,360 UNITS IT WAS THE MOST PROLIFERICALLY PRODUCED HIEN VARIANT; ITS SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AT HIGHER ALTITUDES MEANT THAT IT WAS OFTEN GIVEN THE BRIEF OF TAKING ON INCOMING U.S. B29 BOMBERS IN THE SKIES AROUND THE HOME ISLANDS OF JAPAN.**



## ABOUT THE MODEL

- THIS IS A 1/72 SCALE PLASTIC MODEL ASSEMBLY KIT. APPROX. LENGTH: 125MM, APPROX. WINGSPAN: 167MM.
- THE MODEL ACCURATELY DEPICTS THE KI-61-ID HIEN WITH ELONGATED NOSE AND SLIMLINE FUSELAGE.
- FUSS-FREE ASSEMBLY WITHOUT SACRIFICING DETAIL WAS OUR DESIGNER'S WATCHWORD WHEN CREATING THIS KIT.
- THE COCKPIT PARTS BREAKDOWN IS CHANGED FROM ITS 1/48 SCALE COUNTERPART, AND CAN BE PRE-ASSEMBLED THEN SLOTTED INTO THE ALREADY-BUILT FUSELAGE SIDES.
- THE FUSELAGE UNDERSIDE RADIATOR/OIL COOLER IS ARTFULLY RECREATED WITH A SINGLE PIECE.
- ONE-PIECE CANOPY OFFERS EXCELLENT FIT WITH FUSELAGE.
- CLEAR PARTS ARE INCLUDED TO RECREATE LIGHT AND GUN SIGHT COMPONENTS.
- OPTIONAL VENTURI TUBE AND FUEL COOLER PARTS ARE ALSO INCLUDED.
- COMES WITH 3 MARKING OPTIONS, INCLUDING THE COLORFUL TONES OF THE 244TH AIR GROUP.

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