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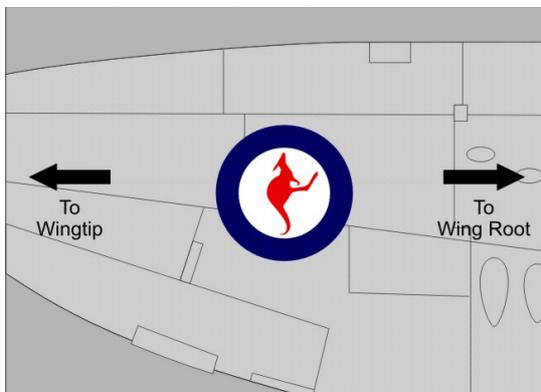
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RAAF Roundel notes.

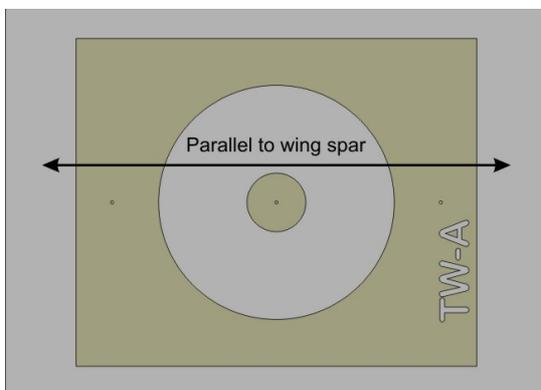
Painting the Royal Australian Air Force roundel can be problematic depending on the colour of your model. The difficulty is the light colour white on the dark blue which can increase the amount of paint needed to achieve good coverage. This supplementary instruction sheet gives guidance on how to paint the roundels using a minimum of paint starting with the white colour! Please read these instructions in conjunction with the basic instructions available online – [click here](#).

The Kangaroo at the centre of the roundel sits facing forwards in normal orientation on the fuselage sides. On the wings the image is rotated 90° so that the Kangaroo looks like it is hopping forwards when viewed from the fuselage on the top and bottom wing. Take a look on Google images for examples to help explain this important orientation requirement.



Because of the Kangaroo orientation on the wing the registration arrows run above and below the image, down the span of the wing, parallel to the spar(s).

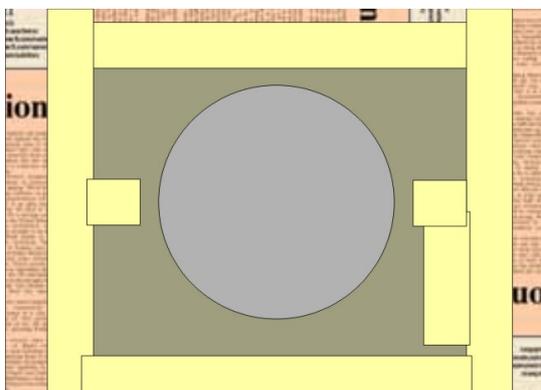
There are 3 masks for each roundel, and the spray order is White, Blue, Red.



Take care positioning the first mask accurately. At the centre is a registration disc to help in this process.

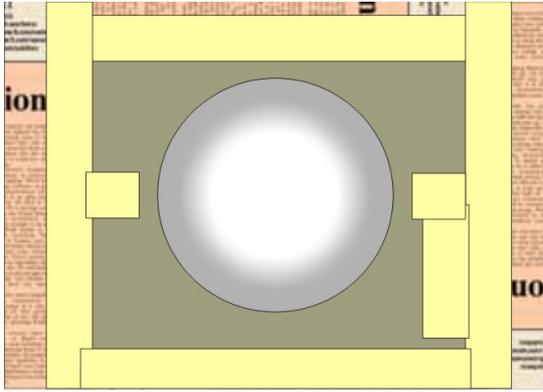
Once the mask is applied remove this registration disc from the centre!

The 2 registration dots for the wings must be approximately parallel to the wing main spars for correct installation (see earlier explanations).



Seal the mask down as described in the basic instructions.

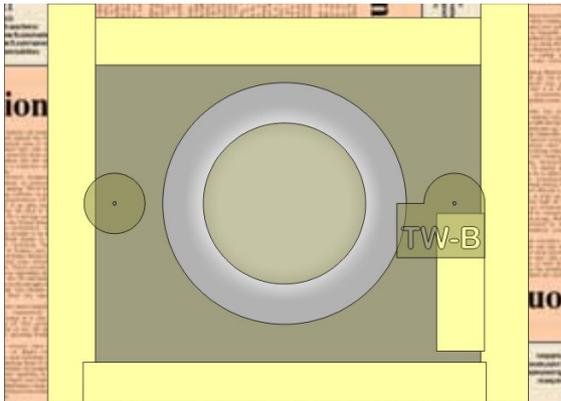
Before painting ensure that the area around the mask is protected from overspray. Using low tack tape cover the stencil label cut into the mask and the registration dots.



Apply the White colour ensuring minimal but even coverage. Spray only to the centre and make the covered area just a little larger than the disc diameter of the "B" mask.

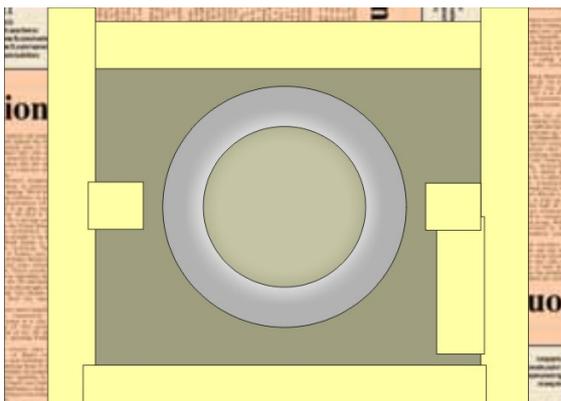
A small modellers air brush is ideally suited to this task as you need to avoid spraying paint onto the outer edge as much as possible.

You must allow the paint to dry thoroughly before you continue. **DO NOT REMOVE ANY OF THE "A" MASK!**

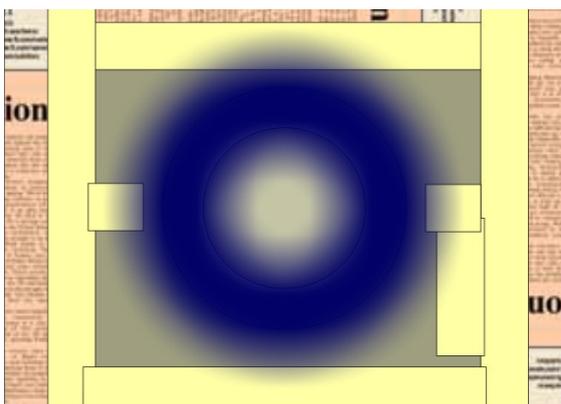


When the White paint has dried sufficiently to take more handling (see manufacturers instructions) you can prepare to add the "B" mask.

Remove the masking tape from the registration dots on the "A". Use these dots as registration marks for the "B" mask.



When the "B" mask has been applied and the application film removed both of the registration disks for the "B" mask should be removed leaving just the disk in the centre of the insignia.

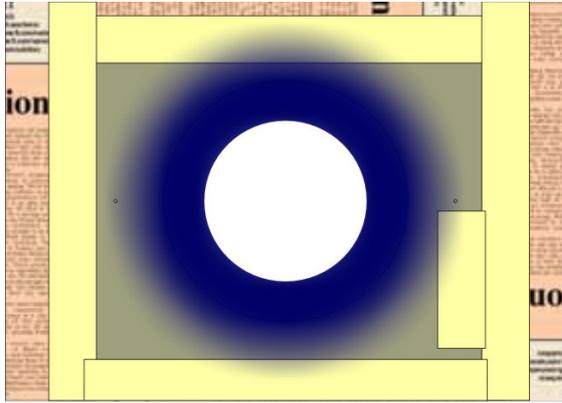


Spray the Blue evenly and in light passes until the colour depth is acceptable.

Allow to dry.

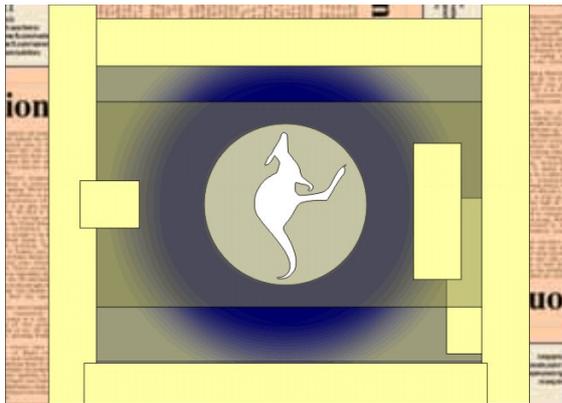
At this stage, once the blue has dried you can remove all of the spray masks provided you made provision to indicate the location of the registration dots on the model. See basic instructions.

Alternatively you can only remove the remaining part of the "B" mask before continuing.



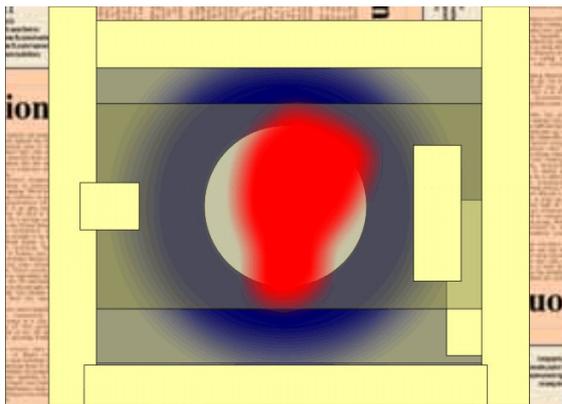
The example images will continue assuming that only the remaining disc for the "B" mask has been removed.

Note also the masking tape over the registration dots have once again been removed so that mask "C" can register over the dots correctly.



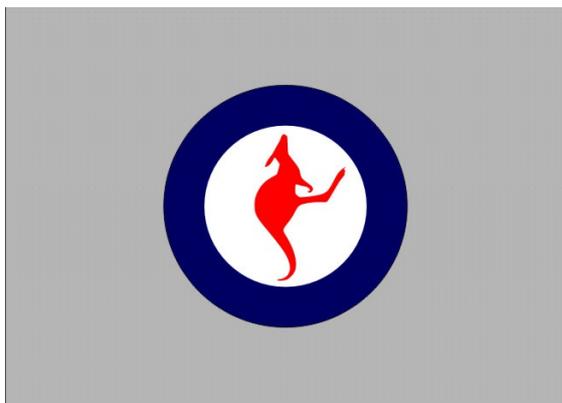
Apply the final "C" mask ensuring the Kangaroo orientation looks correct from the fuselage. i.e. hopping forward when viewed from the fuselage.

Apply masking tape over the registration dots to prepare for spraying.



Spray the red paint onto the area as previously. You will not need too much paint having a perfect white background to work with.

Once everything is dry you can remove the masking t reveal the finished insignia.



And there you have it. Remember the wing insignia will have registration marks to the top and bottom of the Kangaroo, and for the fuselage the dots will be to the left and right!

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Thank you.

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