

# X-WING CANOPY FRAMES

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### INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing ParaGrafix's cockpit canopy frames for the X-Wing subscription kit from DeAgostini Publishing. This set is intended for modelers of moderate experience who are handy at modifying existing kit parts.

Please note that these instructions replace most all of the kit's instructions for assembling the cockpit. It is suggested that you familiarize yourself with all aspects of the cockpit assembly before proceeding.

### Materials

In addition to the photoetch, you will also need photoetch scissors or a knife\* to remove individual pieces from the main fret, a file to remove material left from cutting.

To avoid fogging or crazing the clear plastic, we suggest using Micro Krystal Klear or Testors' Clear Parts Adhesive and Window Maker.

\* We prefer a #17 Xacto chisel blade in combination with a glass cutting board or other, similarly hard cutting surface.

### Decals

Please see the enclosed instructions for the use of the decals in conjunction with this set.

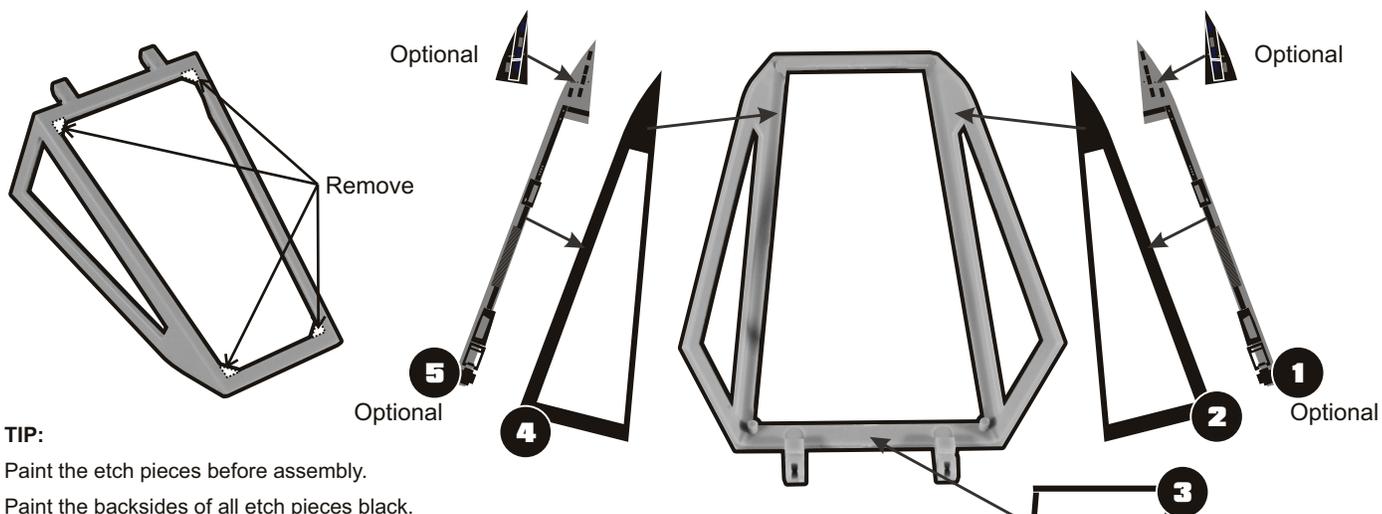
### Key

Kit part (plastic): **1**

Photoetched part: **1**

### Main Canopy

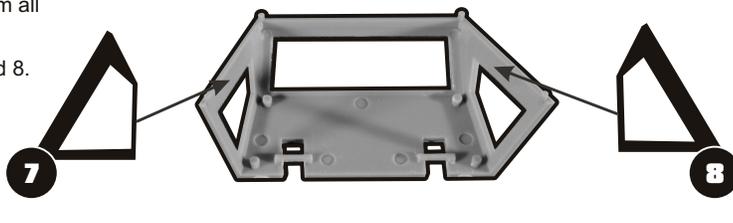
Square off the four corners of the front windscreen to accurately portray the full sized X-Wing sets. (This will remove the front set of locator pins.) Mount the glass and trim the rear locator pins flush, taking care not to scratch the glass where it will be visible. Attach etch parts 2, 3, and 4 as shown. Etch parts 1 and 5, and the decals, are optional to depict the X-Wing as seen on Hoth in one shot. (The details disappear on Dagobah.)



### Rear Canopy

Mount kit glass and trim all mounting pins flush.

Attach etch parts 7 and 8.



# Decal Application

## Notes:

Decals are best applied to a glossy surface. Apply over glossy paint, or spray a clear gloss before applying decals.

- Leaving decals in water too long can result in washing away the adhesive that's there to hold them in place. Leave the decal in the water ONLY until you see the blue backing start to change color.
- These decals have white bleed around all individual parts. Trim away the white either before application, or allow the decals to dry, then trim away the white border with a very sharp hobby knife.
- These decals have been coated with Testor's Clear Flat Lacquer. Do not use enamel based overcoats (such as Rustoleium or Krylon) as this can cause damage to the finish and decal.
- Tap water sometimes has impurities that can discolor decals. If you have hard water or experience discoloration, consider using bottled or distilled water when applying decals.
- Test your application and finishing techniques with an unused section of the decal sheet, such as the ParaGrafix logo.

## Before Application:

You may find moving your decal into its final position if you had a "primer" to the surface. This can be any of the following: Microscale Micro Set (using the instructions on the bottle); a solution of equal parts white ("Elmer's") glue; the decal setting solution of your choice.

Prepare a small dish of water.

## Application:

- Cut an individual decal from the main sheet using a very sharp hobby knife or scissors.
- Place the cut decal face down on a non-absorbant surface, such as a piece of glass, tile, or a dinner plate (that you will never be eating from again).
- Dip your finger into a bowl of water and dab the backside (paper) of the decal until it is evenly, but lightly, covered with water.
- Lift up the decal and as soon as it can be moved with a little finger pressure, transfer it to your model.
- Very carefully adjust the position of the decal using a damp cotton swab ("Q-Tip") or damp paper towel.
- If needed, apply a decal solvent (such as Microscale's Microl Sol) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Carefully press the decal down with a damp cotton swab, working from the center to remove any air bubbles and blotting up any excess water.

## After Application

- Allow the decal to thoroughly dry (up to several hours depending on the humidity) before continuing. For best results, wait a day or more.
- Carefully trim any white bleed from around the decal.
- Coat the decal with the clear coat of your choice ... but NO enamel such as Rustolium or Krylon. Good choices are Testor's Clear Flat or Gloss Lacquer, or Future Floor Wax (known for the time being as Pledge Revive It Floor Gloss, though this is subject to change without notice). Multiple light coats are preferable to a single, heavy coat.



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