

Egyptian MiGs

My comrades over the barbed wire fence are very fond of Arab stuff. I personally prefer the Israelis. Nevertheless, in a gesture of good will (unlike the reality), we, Arabs and Israelis, help each other building our war gaming arsenals.

José Pargana & José Lopes decided to buy a couple of Scotia's MiG 17, good for the Angolan and the Egyptian Air Forces alike. As for the model, it's pretty much ok. It takes a bit to overcome the cast flash, and some trimming is necessary, but the model, which is simple by its own nature, is pretty decent.

I decided to paint them with the Egyptian AF markings and based all my work in a plane downed by the IAF in 1967, of which I got pictures.

First of all I polished the models with an X-acto and some fine sand. Then I used an Humbrol metal coat paint (ref 27004), applied in a much diluted way over the planes, after which I removed the excess with a simple paper cloth. At last, to finish the painting business, I just applied the acrylic Vallejo paints (which I use so often) in the coloured parts. Quite a simple job, really.



A pair of MiGs flying over Egypt, May 1967

For the finishing process I covered the planes with Tamiya gloss varnish and then a Vallejo satin varnish (I use Humbrol matt coat for land, or really matt, models, which was not the case with this “metal-finished” MiGs).

In the end I think I got good results with these planes who, no doubt about it, will pose a threat to my IDF armoured columns!

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