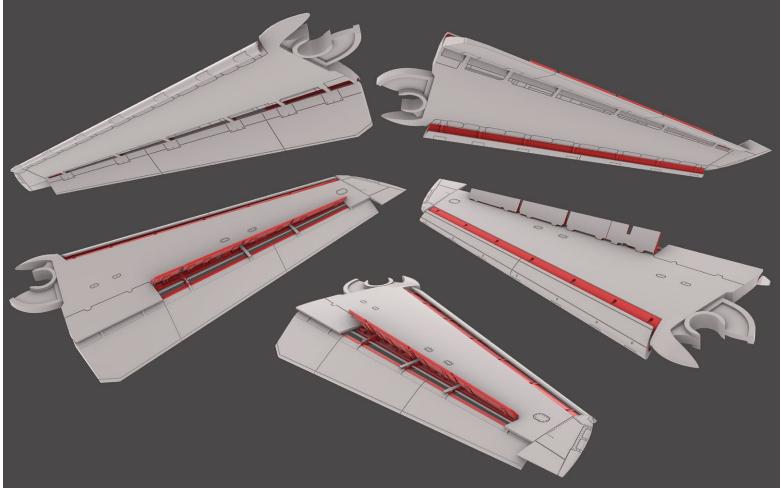


WINGS with spoilers deployed For 1/72 Academy F-14A









Before you start removing the supports and preparing your parts, please read the recommendations below.

The first step is to remove the protective cage. Once done, I recommend removing the smaller supports on the most fragile parts. Namely the spoilers and the flaps. It is also possible to remove, either with a finger or a toothpick, some of the supports accessible between the wings.

I recommend saving the largest supports completely for last. Namely the supports supporting the leading edge slats. So once you've finished removing the smaller brackets, you can focus on the final brackets attaching the wings to its base. The final steps (not shown) consist of sanding the various attachment points. Since resin is more brittle and harder than plastic, I recommend, to start, using a medium-grit modeler's file and finishing with 600-grit Tamiya pads at the beginning and finishing with 1000-grit pads.

Important: I favored a single piece print. This is a choice that requires extreme vigilance when handling parts. So to avoid breakage, be careful not to put too much pressure on parts such as the leading edge slats, spoilers and flaps.

The wings were designed to be assembled at the very end of assembly of the F-14. All painting operations can therefore be carried out separately before final assembly. In the meantime, be sure to store them in a place protected from impact.

Removal of supports

Here is a quick summary to guide you as you remove the supports. I only illustrated part until freeing one of the 2 wings. Removal of the second wing supports will be handled in the same manner as the first.

