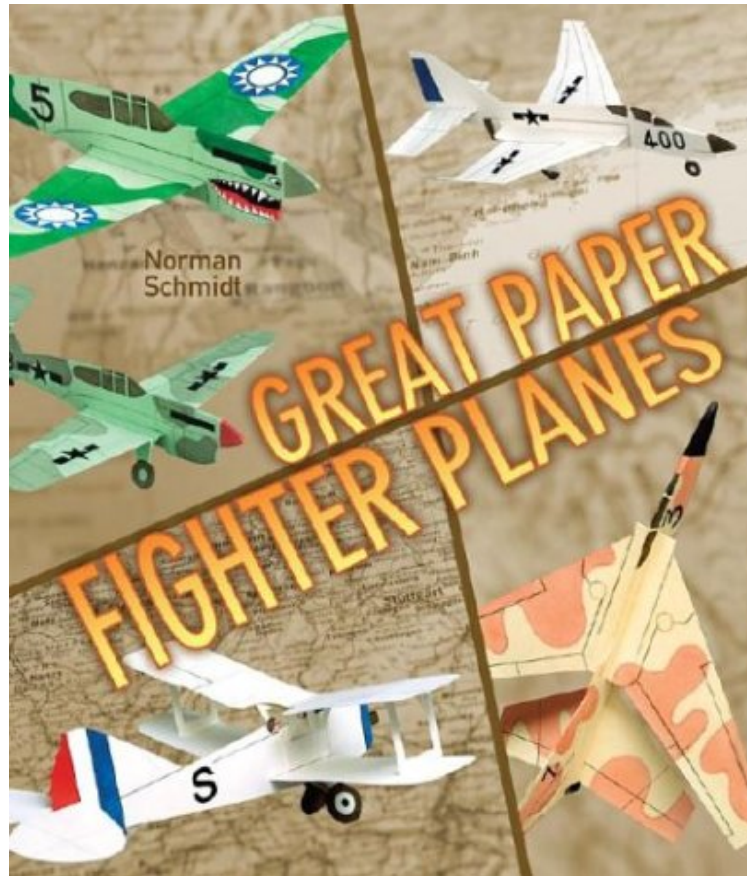


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works great for gluing the copies onto the index cards, although the copies just barely fit so make a few extra.2.) For cutting out the planes a sharp #11 X-Acto style knife blade is really handy.3.) Standard glue sticks work great for building up the layers, but take a while to dry ... several hours to overnight is best depending on temperature and humidity.4.) The stabilizers aren't quite as stable as they might be, and so planes do flutter if thrown too hard or in a stiff breeze.5.) I have the hardcover edition, which folds flat for copying; this is important, and I don't know if the soft cover does the same thing.

Hobbyists, aviation enthusiasts, and history buffs alike will find hours of enjoyment in this guide to making and flying paper fighter planes. Many of the past century's classic fighters are included here, such as the legendary Sopwith Camel, P-51 Mustang, Mitsubishi Zero, Messerschmitt Bf 109, and the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom. Simply photocopy the predrawn and numbered parts for each model onto a standard index card, then cut and construct them into working planes with actual flight characteristics. For a little extra realism, add authentic detail/model markings, national symbols to the aircraft using basic art supplies. A historical narrative describes the evolution of plane designs over the course of the past 100 years, as well as the progression of each model.