

## Italeri Ju52 transport

Its been a long time since I built an aircraft kit other a couple of fighters for my games so this review is from the standpoint of a relative novice.

### **Good bits**

The kit covers a vast array of variations as you would expect with this manufacturer and the long life of these machines (including post-war). The instructions were very clear when it came to the various configurations and which parts to use. All parts fitted together well although I did put in a couple of extra bulkheads into the main cabin to keep the sides straight.

Flash was minimal and the assembly was reasonably quick - even for someone taking his time to make sure that parts were fitted the right way up etc!!

The engines were fiddly but as I am not used to making aircraft engines from kits, that's probably just me!! I also spent a bit of time making sure that the undercarriage was sound. This looks like the weakest part of any aircraft model with its undercart deployed so I wanted to make sure that I had it right and strong.

### **Difficult bits**

Although I make railway coaches from kits, the sheer size of this thing surprised me but taking your time is rewarded.

There were no really difficult bits apart from the wing flaps (there must be technical word for these?) so full marks to Italeri for that. I did not have scale drawings so I will leave it to someone else to say whether this is an accurate model or not - all I know is that it really looks the part.

**Paint job** - this came from the picture on the box and the painting guides that came with the kit. I varnished it and didn't weather it so it looks a bit pristine but I am sure that will change when I can get to my weathering powders!!

**Score out of 10** - I would have to say 9 as I managed to dislodge the wing flaps several times during painting due to their very fragile fixings. It looks amazing when placed on the wargames table and really brings home the space that a model airfield would take up if represented anything near full size. It also sets the mind racing thinking about building a hangar.....