

MARKINGS for Panther Ausf. G *Cuckoo* (4th Battalion, Coldstream Guards, October 1944 to February '45)

Cuckoo carried a large, white Allied star-in-circle on both sides of the turret, and also one on the turret roof. However, details of the roof star are not available, so the one shown is speculative. However, *that* it was present is clear from a photograph, and it would almost certainly have been point-forward. The *Pilz* on the left and most of the left-front lifting eye were also painted white where they were covered by the ring around the star. All of the stars were hand-painted and not perfectly regular.

The name CUCKOO was on both sides of the turret, almost certainly in yellow; a yellow diamond was painted on the rear of the turret.

In late 1944 only, *Cuckoo* also carried a hand-painted arm-of-service marking of "153" on the rear of the right stowage bin. This apparently did not have the red background for an armoured formation — though perhaps it did and the background was just not visible in black-and-white pictures. This marking appears to have disappeared by the time *Cuckoo* was filmed in an orchard in February 1945, when it was painted in show camouflage.

Drawn to 1:35 scale. For other scales, print out at:—

Scale	Percentage	Document size
1:35	100%	14.85 × 21 cm
1:16	219%	32.5 × 46 cm
1:48	72.9%	10.8 × 15.3 cm
1:56	62.5%	9.3 × 13.1 cm
1:72	48.6%	7.2 × 10.2 cm
1:76	46.1%	6.8 × 9.7 cm
1:87	40.2%	6.0 × 8.5 cm

Cut out the diagrams below to use as templates for spraying or dabbing paint through with a brush. Fill in the gaps after removing the stencil.



Turret roof
(speculative)



Left side



Right side

153

CUCKOO



