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The latest impressive Luftwaffe diorama scene produced by Andreas Fey

Workbench readers who have an interest in Luftwaffe operations during WWII will be pleased to see the latest model diorama creation by regular contributor **Andreas Fey** and the following series of atmospheric photographs. Andreas has already enjoyed plenty of Workbench plaudits for his model build projects featuring Luftwaffe subject matter and his latest build is arguably even more impressive than his previous efforts. Although the model is always the main focus of attention with his work, Andreas takes the presentation of his builds to an impressive level, attempting to recreate historical scenes with his projects, taking inspiration from actual wartime photographs or footage seen on official newsreels. Incorporating such details as pilots and ground crews, hangars and maintenance equipment, Andreas will then photograph the scene with a suitable backdrop and a shallow depth of field to ensure that the pictures are as lifelike as possible and a real treat for the eye.

This latest project centred around the dual build of our 1/72nd scale [Messerschmitt Bf 109E-4](#) kit, but it would not be Andreas if he made the build easy for himself. He converted the models to 109E-3 configuration and included additional detail such as new wheels and several photo etched parts, producing two aircraft from the famous Jagdgeschwader 26 '*Schlageter*' unit, one of the Luftwaffe's elite fighter groups of WWII. He has included pilot and ground crew figures, hoping to recreate the scene of a pair of fighters returning to their home airfield following their latest skirmish with the Royal Air Force over the Channel Front – we think he succeeded in some style. Apart from producing two exceptional model builds, Andreas has created a diorama scene full of interest and atmosphere which not only demands closer inspection, but also somehow brings the Bf 109s to life, making them seem like much more than model representations. His clever use of photography also adds to the impression of realism and will surely act as inspiration for many Workbench readers thinking about a foray into the world of diorama displays.



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Atmospheric picture of a Bf 109E-3 being readied for its next sortie

Andreas is close to finishing his latest project, which features the new [Airfix 1/72nd scale Messerschmitt Me 262 Schwalbe](#) and has promised to let us see pictures shortly. We very much look forward to including these in a forthcoming edition of Workbench and would like to thank Andreas for allowing us to share these magnificent pictures with fellow readers.

1/24th scale Hawker Typhoon laid bare