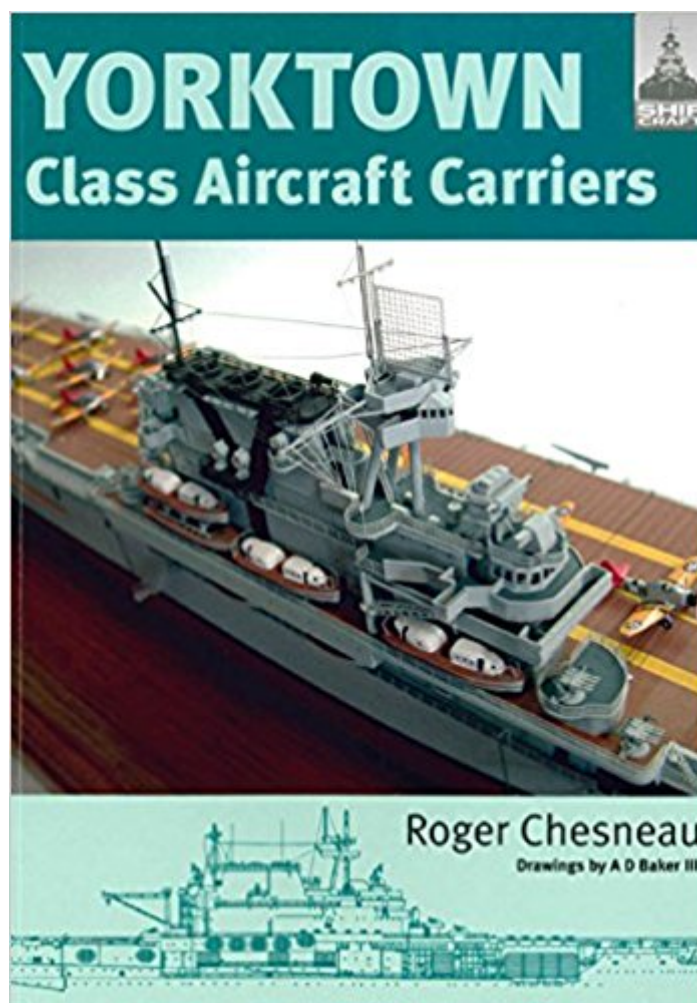




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The 'ShipCraft' series provides in-depth information about building and modifying model kits of famous warship types. Lavishly illustrated, each book takes the modeler through a brief history of the subject class, using scale plans to highlight differences between sisterships and changes in their appearance over their careers, then moves to an extensive photographic survey of either a high-quality model or a surviving example of the ship. Hints on building the model, and on modifying and improving the basic kit, are followed by a section on paint schemes and camouflage, featuring numerous color profiles and highly-detailed line drawings. The strengths and weaknesses of available kits of the ships are reviewed, and the book concludes with a section on research references - books, monographs, large-scale plans and relevant websites. The subject of this volume is the Yorktown class, the near-legendary American aircraft carriers that kept the Japanese at bay in the dark days between Pearl Harbor and the decisive battle of Midway, where Yorktown herself was lost. Hornet launched the famous Doolittle Raid on Japan before being sunk at Santa Cruz in October 1942, but Enterprise survived the fierce fighting of the early war years to become the US Navy's most decorated ship.

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Customer Reviews

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I build ship models - sort of a strange thing in the middle of the Midwest woods and corn fields - and this book is still a wealth of information for Yorktown class ship modelers. Note, it is 2015 and many of the issues addressed in this book from nearly a decade past still exist. The recent "Merit" 1/350 Yorktown has mistakes in the plating appearance with its hull. Trumpeter never corrected the hull of the 1/350th scale Hornet. The Revel 1/487 scale (near 1/500 scale) USS Yorktown is O.K. in appearance. Note, in mid-summer of 2015 there is word that Trumpeter may be producing a 1/350 model of the USS Enterprise in the battle of Santa Cruz fit (Guadalcanal Campaign). If money is no object then the Modeler may want to consider getting the new 1/200 scale USS Hornet. That kit will run a modeler nearly \$400 to \$500, depending on supply. That keeps a modeler busy for the better part of a year in clean up, assembly, and painting. However, back to the book. This book has proved its value. It breaks down Yorktown, Enterprise, and Hornet by construction, differences, and fittings. At Midway both Yorktown and Enterprise were virtual twins. Hornet was different than her sisters, sort of a cross with an Essex class in the deck & machinery layout. The reader is given many pictures of the three ships and drawings of Yorktown in '40 fit, Hornet in '42 fit, and Enterprise in her post 1943 refit with hull blisters added. Unfortunately, there are no pictures of Enterprise in her October to December '42 fits here the US Navy added more anti-aircraft guns. That cost a star. Still, the information is very valuable. There are excellent builds of the 1/350 and Revel 1/487 carriers. The Revel conversion to the 1940 Yorktown is the best and was one of the best models produced in the early 2000 by a master modeler. These builds are so well researched and good they can be used as source documents for your build. Additionally, many of the links for supplies are still valid. Note, 1/500 aircraft can be ordered from Shapeways 3D printing. Nautilus Models is still in business and sells the proper islands for the Revel, Merit, or Trumpeter kits. Gold Metal Models is still in business and makes photo etch for both the 1/487 and 1/350 scale ships. Mention is made of Tamiya's excellent 1/700 scale ships. However, no real construction review is done. Other smaller scales are written, such as the 1/1200 scale, but those are not given much of a write up because of the size. I enjoyed this book. It is now a good part of my reference collection.

I recently built Merit's Aircraft Carrier Yorktown CV-5, 1/350 scale. Being that this was my first build of a model aircraft carrier, I needed all the help I could get. My research pointed to the publication of "Yorktown class Aircraft Carriers". The level of information provided me with a boatload of helpful tips and knowledge. The pictures of other builds was instrumental in getting me past several learning curves. I recommend this reference guide to anyone wishing to build a model aircraft carrier.

Brief overview of the ships history and review of available model Kits. Nice photos of models. But the reason i bought it was i wanted clear detail of the differences between the 3 ships of this class. Doesn't fill that bill. You can generally make out the differences from distant photos but not what i was looking for.

Naval ship/model builders will love this

.. for modelers and Navy Fans ! Excellent illustrations , drawings and fotos ! A Short History of each ship to !! Highly Recomendable !!!

Good reference for building the Yorktown class aircraft carriers.

Very pleased. Fast delivery.

Excellent source for modelers working on Yorktown class carriers. The color photos of the models are especially well done. Any one interested in this subject will thoroughly enjoy this very helpful source

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