

Type 42 Destroyer (Batch 3) H.M.S. EDINBURGH

1/350 Scale

HMS Edinburgh was laid down at the Cammel Laird Shipbuilders, Merseyside on 8th September 1980 and launched 14th April 1983. One of four Batch 3 Type 42 Destroyers that were ordered to an improved design to overcome the shortcomings of the earlier Batch 1 and 2 versions of the class, the Batch 3 was stretched at the focsle to a further 53feet in length and 2 feet on the beam which gave better stability and also increased the magazine space for both Sea Dart and the 4.5" gun. Edinburgh was commissioned into the Royal Navy on 17th December 1985 and was distinctive in her appearance from the others in the

Edinburgh was commissioned into the Royal Navy on 17th December 1985 and was distinctive in her appearance from the others in the class by having a raised bulwark at the bow, like those on the Type 22 Frigates. This was done as part of a measure to protect the single Vulcan/ Phalanx CIWS mounting that was fitted between the Sea Dart launcher and the 4.5 mounting, but only remained in place for a short while before it was removed and a pair of CIWS mountings fitted in the wing positions amidships as with the other ships of the class.

HMS Edinburgh served through several deployments that included the South Atlantic patrols and also taking part in the second gulf war. She visited ports along the east coast of South America and was part of the Standing Naval Force Mediterranean, where she was actively involved in monitoring the sea lanes as part of the war on terror.

In January 2010 HMS Edinburgh became the last Type 42 Destroyer to enter into a refit at Portsmouth Naval Base, emerging again in September with new engines, communications systems and living accommodation, as well as a new coat of paint above and below the waterline. The ship conducted as series of trials with the new equipment and was formally accepted back into the fleet in October 2010. The next three years saw Edinburgh deployed to the Falkland Islands again and she also conducted the last ever Sea Dart Missile firing. From May 2013 she conducted a farewell tour of Great Britain and culminated with a visit to Birkenhead where she was built, before returning to Portsmouth where she was decommissioned on 6th June 2013.

Specifications

Length 463ft (141m) Beam 50ft (15.2m) Displacement 5,200 tonnes Speed 34 kts Complement 269 Officers and Men

Armament

1 x 4.5" Mk 8 Gun1 Twin Sea Dart Missile System2 or 4 x 20mm Oerlikon GAMBO-12 x Vulcan Phalanx CIWS2 x Triple Anti Submarine Torpedo TubesNATO Sea Gnat and DLF 3 Decoy Launchers1 x Lynx Helicopter





General Precautions

When assembling a Resin / Photoetched metal kit, certain precautions must first be taken.

 Resin dust can be harmful if inhaled. It is recommended that you wear a suitable dust mask when drilling or sanding resin parts.
Cyano adhesives (super glues) are generally used to assemble this type of kit. Care must be taken when using this type of adhesive as it will bond in seconds. Follow the advice on the container.

3.Wash resin parts in a solution of warm soapy water before assembly. This will remove any residual mold release agents and ensure a good key for painting.

4. Soak photoetch parts in a suitable solvent, such as white spirit, to degrease the surfaces prior to painting.







Shape and fit the railings, etched parts 16, to the edges of the SCOT Platforms as shown above. Shape and fit the railings, etched parts 3, to the outer edges of the walkways 29.

Fit the SCOT platform assemblies to the sides of the upper superstructure, so that the edges of the angled deck plates on the platforms fit against the edges of the superstructure deck. The side supports fit against the sides of the vertical walls. The platforms should be positioned so that they extend directly over the range sight enclosures on the deck below.









