

GBU-28 Bunker Buster



The GBU-28 (Guided Bomb Unit - 28) is a 4,000–5,000-pound (1,800–2,300 kg) class laser-guided "bunker busting" bomb produced originally by the Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, New York. It was designed, manufactured, and deployed in less than three weeks due to an urgent need during Operation Desert Storm to penetrate hardened Iraqi command centers located deep underground. Only two of the weapons were dropped in Desert Storm, both by F-111Fs. One GBU-28 was dropped during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

History

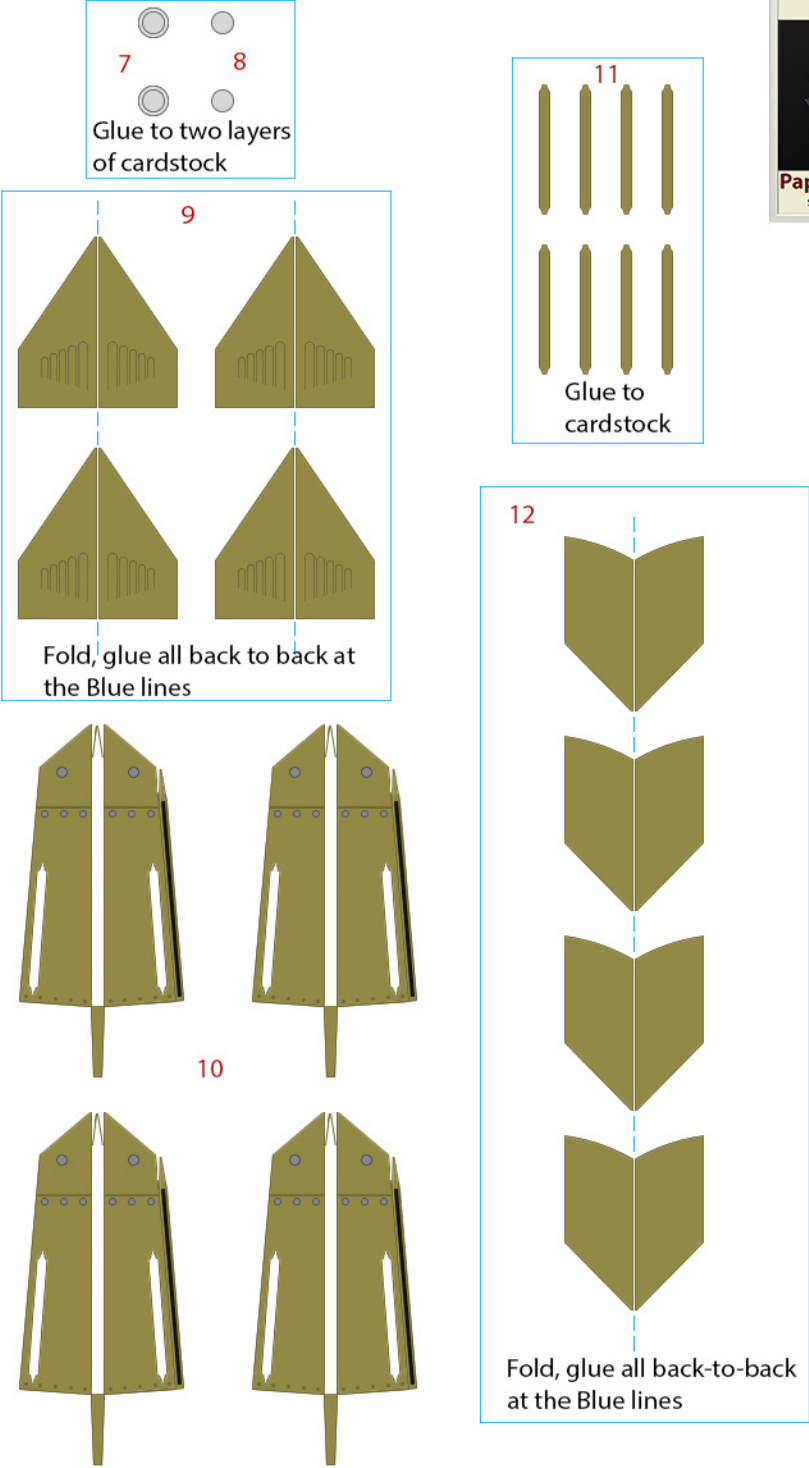
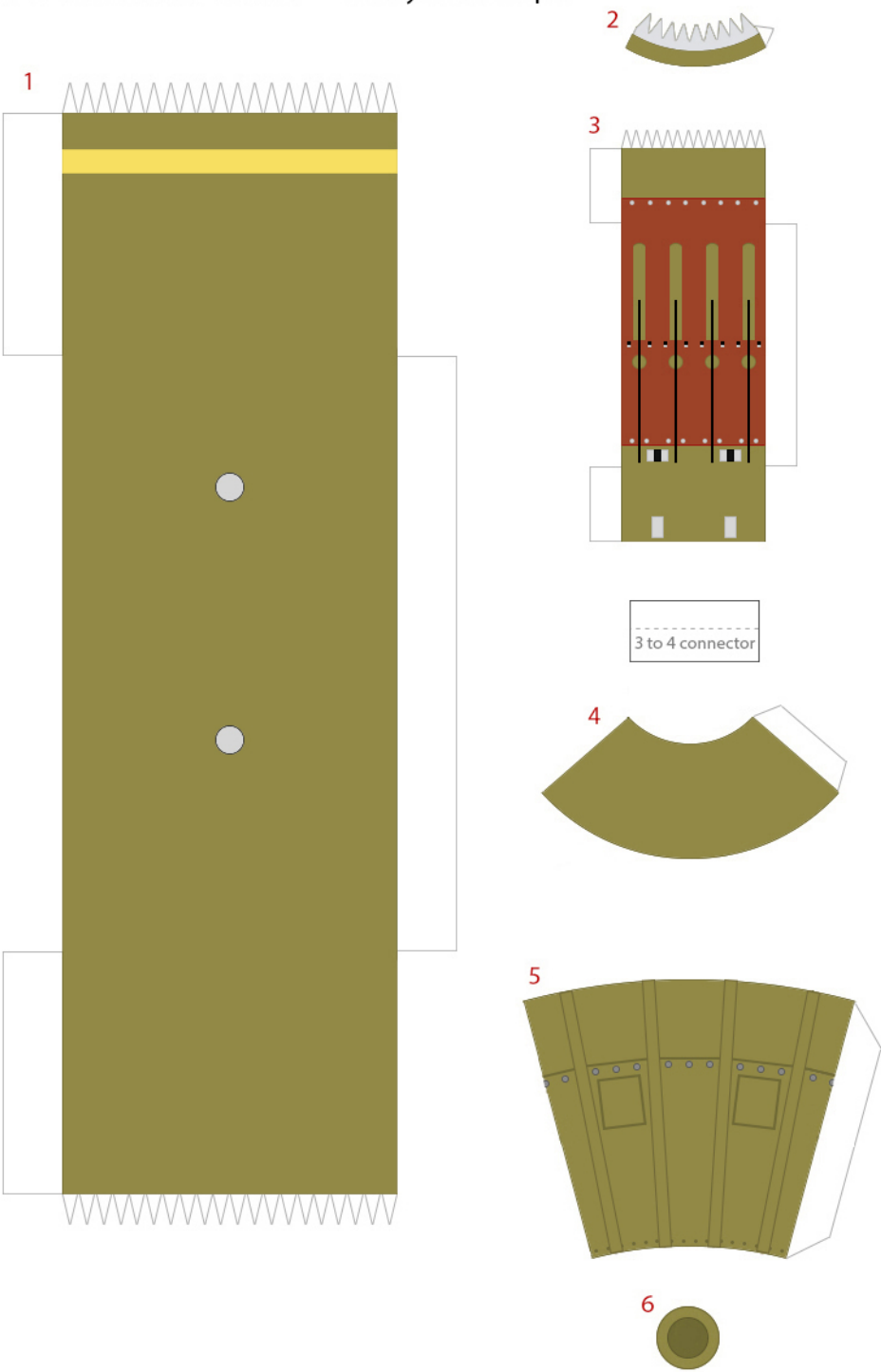
The GBU-28 was nicknamed the "bunker buster" for its ability to destroy hardened bunkers used as Iraqi command centers during the Gulf War. Despite their fame, bunker busters were used only twice during the war. This tested their strength, and the United States used GBU-28s during the Afghanistan War in 2002 and the Iraq War in 2003, giving Iraq another taste of the weapons. GBU-28s later came into the stockpile of Israel, an ally of the United States in 2005. In 2009 Israel gained 55 bunker busters, and they were allegedly used in the Gaza War against Hamas.

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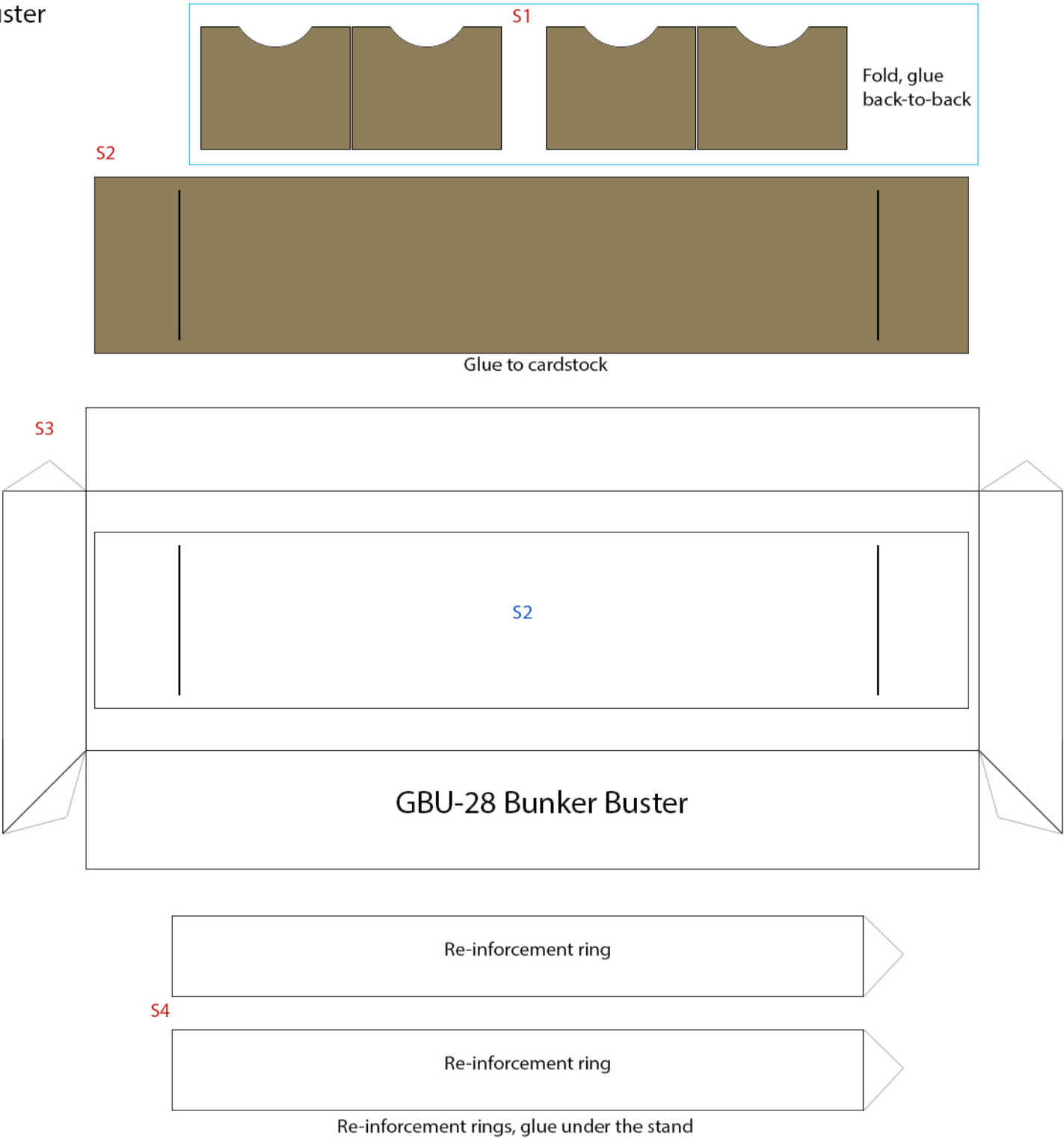
Seen photos of the GBU-28 with a Yellow stripe and some with a Blue stripe. Not sure what the difference is, but a model of each is included in this kit - enjoy.



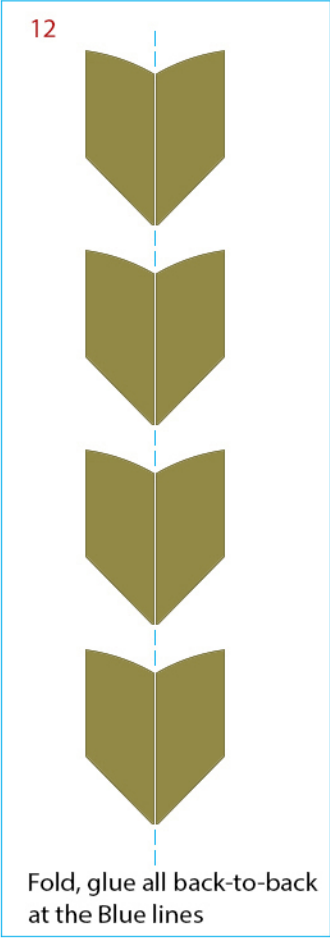
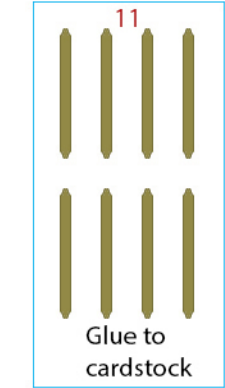
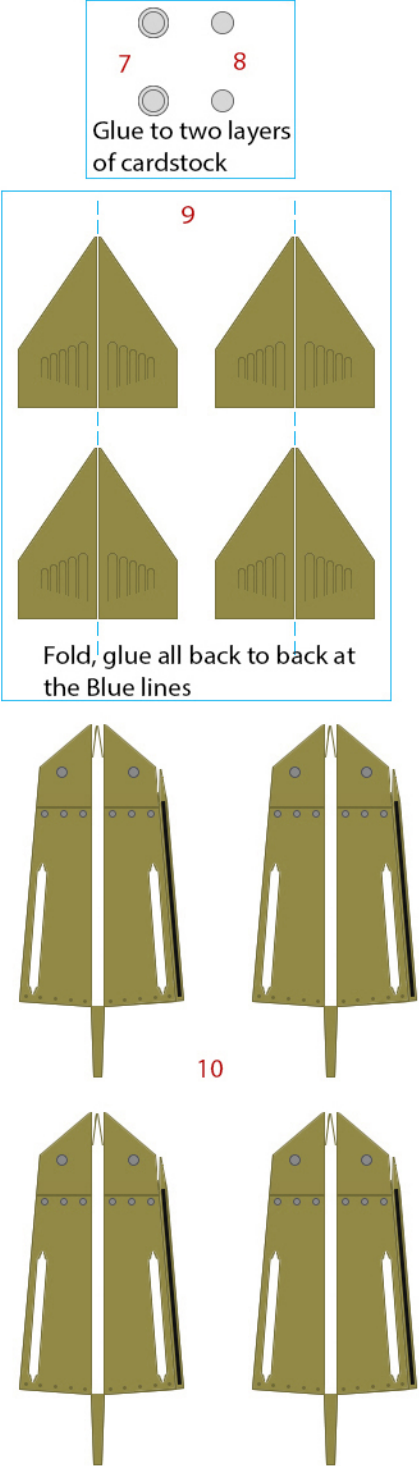
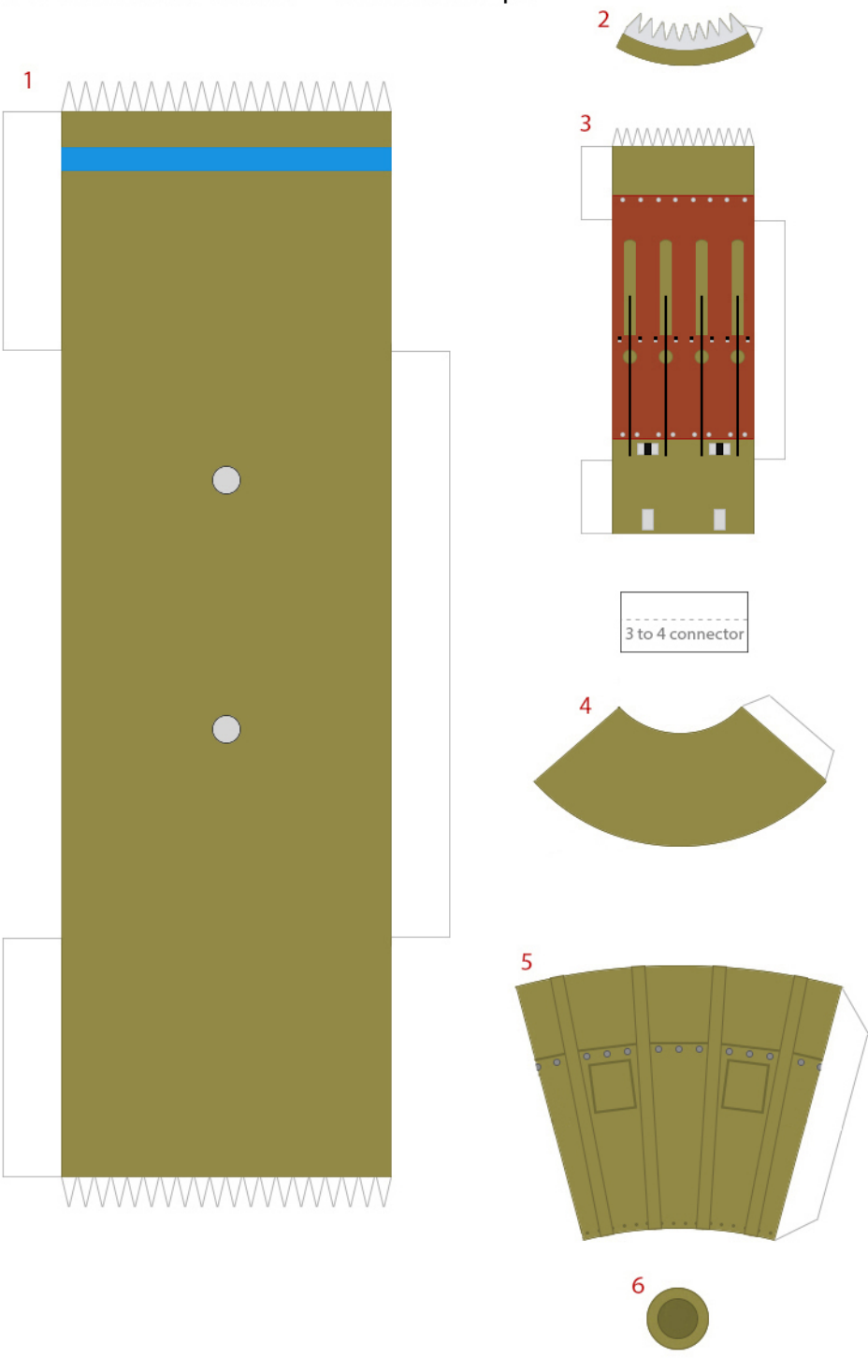
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GBU-28 Bunker Buster - With Blue stripe



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