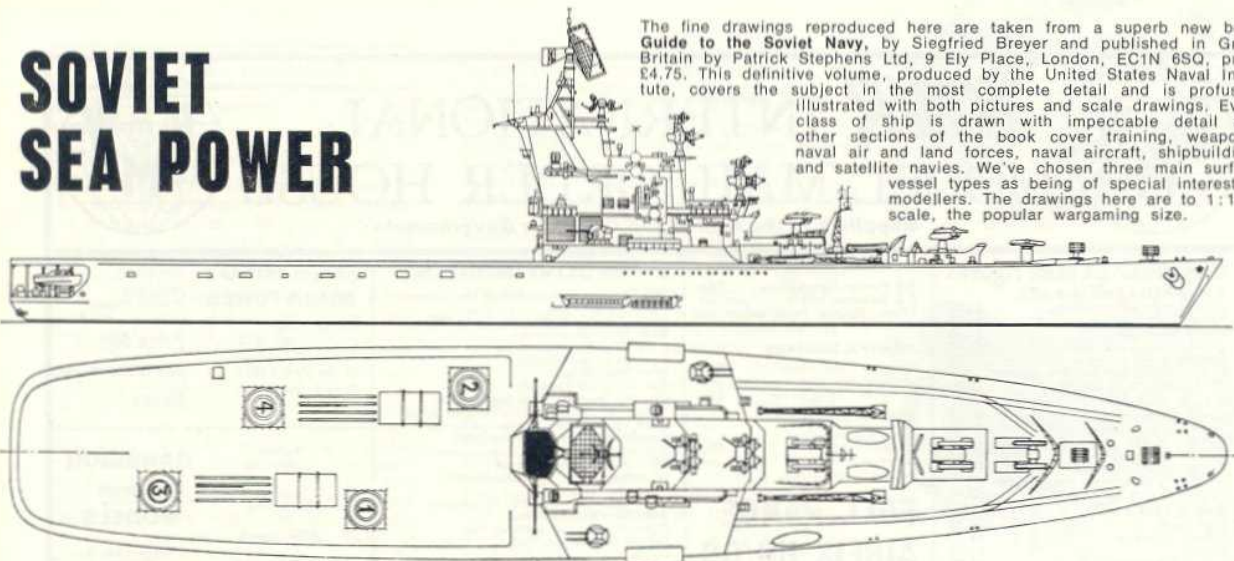
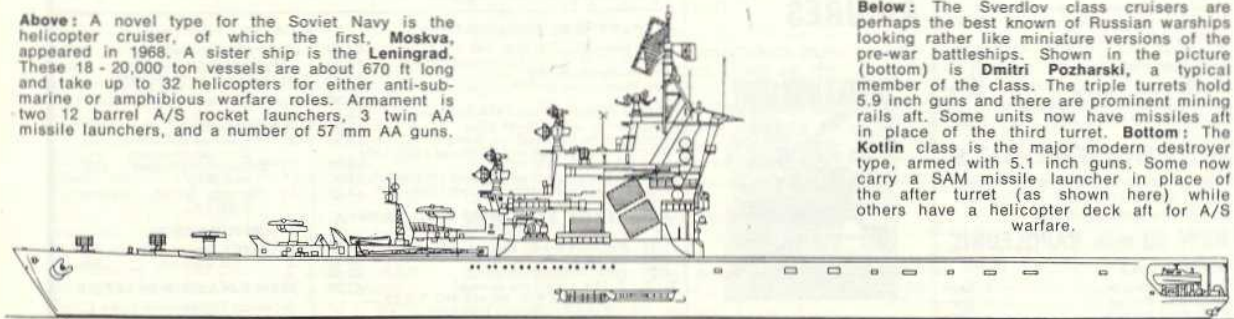


SOVIET SEA POWER

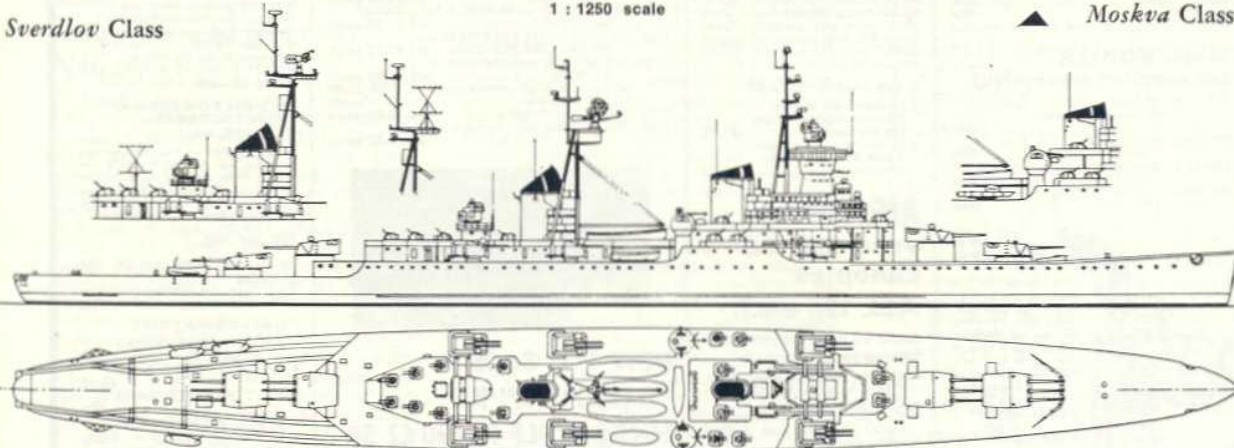
The fine drawings reproduced here are taken from a superb new book **Guide to the Soviet Navy**, by Siegfried Breyer and published in Great Britain by Patrick Stephens Ltd, 9 Ely Place, London, EC1N 6SQ, price £4.75. This definitive volume, produced by the United States Naval Institute, covers the subject in the most complete detail and is profusely illustrated with both pictures and scale drawings. Every class of ship is drawn with impeccable detail and other sections of the book cover training, weapons, naval air and land forces, naval aircraft, shipbuilding, and satellite navies. We've chosen three main surface vessel types as being of special interest to modellers. The drawings here are to 1:1250 scale, the popular wargaming size.



Above: A novel type for the Soviet Navy is the helicopter cruiser, of which the first, **Moskva**, appeared in 1968. A sister ship is the **Leningrad**. These 18 - 20,000 ton vessels are about 670 ft long and take up to 32 helicopters for either anti-submarine or amphibious warfare roles. Armament is two 12 barrel A/S rocket launchers, 3 twin AA missile launchers, and a number of 57 mm AA guns.



Below: The Sverdlov class cruisers are perhaps the best known of Russian warships looking rather like miniature versions of the pre-war battleships. Shown in the picture (bottom) is **Dmitri Pozharski**, a typical member of the class. The triple turrets hold 5.9 inch guns and there are prominent mining rails aft. Some units now have missiles aft in place of the third turret. **Bottom:** The **Kotlin** class is the major modern destroyer type, armed with 5.1 inch guns. Some now carry a SAM missile launcher in place of the after turret (as shown here) while others have a helicopter deck aft for A/S warfare.

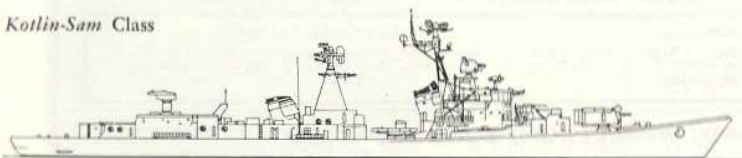


Sverdlov Class

1 : 1250 scale

▲ *Moskva Class*

Right Inset: High AA platform and torpedo tubes fitted on early ships. They have since been removed.



Kotlin-Sam Class

