



BEGINNER  
MINI  
PAINTING  
*Guide*

# The Absolute Beginning

When beginning your journey into hobby painting, we begin by picking out a model and there are many to choose from;

- Reaper
- Wiz kids
- 3D prints
- Warhammer (Games Workshop Plastic sprue)
- Resin
- Metal

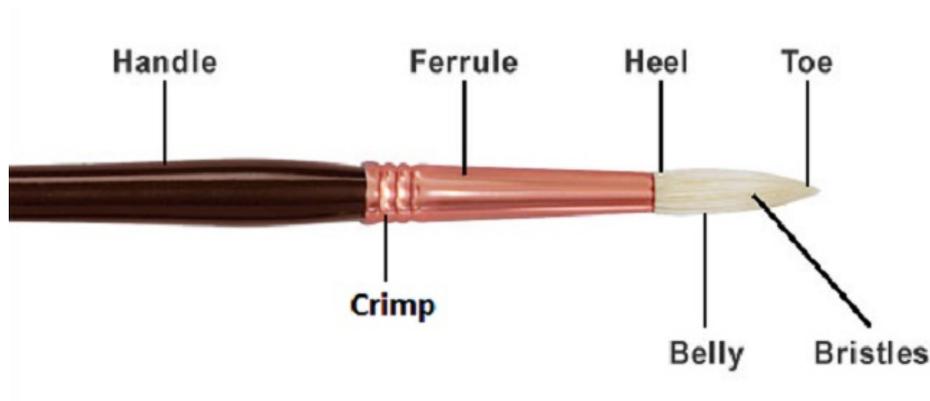
It will be up to you and your experiments with the different materials to find one that you like the best.

These models can be found at hobby shops, game stores and cafes.

## HOW TO PREP FOR PAINT

- Clean the model in warm mild soapy water to remove mold release
- Shave down mold lines and flashing with a blade or file
- Smooth any hold and fill in the gaps (Gap filler and green stuff)
- Prime the model (Fine spray, airbrush, cheap primers, brush on.) (Coloured primers and zenithal highlighting)
- Primer colour can help bring out the detail in the model (White for light colours, dark for dark colours)

# Tools Available and Common Paint Brands



- Painting Handles
- Wet Palettes
- Brushes (Synthetic or Natural)
- Paint Mixers
- Lamps
- Dryers

## Paint Brands

- Vallejo
- Citadel
- Model Color
- Army painter
- Monument Hobby
- Game Colour
- P3
- Greenstuff World
- Kimera

Other mediums you can add to your paint for different effects include:

Retarder Medium  
Glaze Medium  
Thinner Medium  
Flow Improver  
Crackle Medium  
Chipping Medium  
Iridescent Medium  
Ink

# Action Steps

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Prep and Prime the model.  
Choose color palette.

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Prep your palette and choose your base layer of paint.  
Thin your paint to a milky consistency.

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Begin by painting your base layers in the various colors you choose. For example, painting the cloth blue and the armor grey. Create an opaque base layer of color to build upon.

# Painting Tips

- Keeping your hand close to the end of the brush for more control
- Always keep the belly of the brush full of paint and not any higher
- Never have the brush full to the heel
- We do not use the tip of the brush but the side of the brush
- We do at least two thin layers of paint for the base layer

# Beginner Friendly Techniques

These are some reliable techniques to have a table top ready model in no time!



## BASE LAYER

An opaque layer of color to begin the layering process.



## WASH OR SHADE

**A thin watery paint or stain that fills in the shadows and gaps of your model creating more contrast.**



## DRYBRUSH

A highlight or effect for your figure that enhances the details.

**We finish a model by spraying the model in a matte varnish. This will prolong the life of your paint job.**