

2.SS Gepanzerte Panzergrenadier

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These are for my 2SS Panzerdivision that I'm going to play at the 10th Cavalry Event at the end of Sept. Painting the SS uniform is very time consuming, figure it will take three times as long to paint a platoon as it would a standard Wehrmacht platoon. Unfortunately, I still have seven more platoons to paint. I over bought and forgot there was a platoon in the 2nd SS army box.

MATERIALS

Magic Wash

1/3 Kel's Magic Sauce
1/3 water

1/3 Future Floor Polish

Air Compressor

Sanborn Black Max 3 1/2 hp
7-9 psi

Air Brush

Iwata HP-C Plus

Extra Thick

Cyanoacrylate

Koh-i-Noor

Rapidograph Pens
3x0, .25

INKS

Black

Peat Brown

PAINTING THE PANZERGRENADIER FIGURES

Step 1. Starting with the figures primed black



PAINTS

801	Brass
818	Red Leather
821	German Camo Beige
822	German Camo Black Brown
824	Camo Orange Ochre
825	German Camo Pale Brown
830	German Fieldgrey
833	German Camo Bright Green
863	Gunmetal
869	Basalt Grey
871	Leather Brown
872	Chocolate Brown
874	US Tan Earth
875	Beige Brown
914	Green Ochre
929	Light Brown
950	Black
951	Flat White
955	Flat Flesh
957	Flat Red
979	German Camo Dark Green
983	Flat Earth
988	Khaki
995	German Grey

Numbers indicate Vallejo paint color code

VALLEJO MODEL AIR

71041	Tank Brown
71011	Tank Green

Peat Dot Uniform

Step 1: Using a heavy dry brush paint the base uniform using 824 (Camo Orange Orche).

Step 2: Dry brush 914 (Green Ochre) over the figure.

Step 3: Paint a few irregular patches of 830 (German Field Grey) over the uniform.

Step 4: Paint evenly spaced dots of 830 (German Field Grey) evenly spaced over the uniform.

Tip: I started out using a tooth pick for the dots, but the dots were bigger than I wanted. I took a T-pin and filed a little of the tip off and used that to apply all the dots on the uniform.

Step 5: Paint dots of 914(Green Orche) within the patches of 830(German Field Grey) that you painted in Step 3.

Step 6: Paint evenly spaced dots of 833 (German Camo Bright Green) between the dots you did in Step 4. No not paint dots in the 830 (German Field Grey) that you painted in Step 3.

Step 7: Paint evenly spaced dots of 822 (German Camo Black Brown) between the dots you did in Step 4. No not paint dots in the 830 (German Field Grey) that you painted in Step 3.

Step 8: (Note shown) I very lightly dry brush 914 (Green Orche) over the uniform to blend the colors together. You can skip this step if you like.



Oak Leaf Summer Pattern

Step 1: Using a heavy dry brush paint the camo smock using 825 (German Camo Pale Brown).

Step 2: Dry brush the smock using 874 (US Tan Earth).

Step 3: Paint irregular patches of 979 (German Camo Dark Green)

Step 4: Paint irregular patches of 833 (German Camo Bright Green) inside the patches in Step 2, leaving a border of 979.

Step 5: (Not shown). Paint dots randomly of 979 (German Camo Dark Green) between the patches already painted. Also add some dots inside the patches of 833 (German Camo Bright Green) that you painted in Step 4.



Oak Leaf Fall Pattern

Step 1: Using a heavy dry brush paint the camo smock using 825 (German Camo Pale Brown).

Step 2: Dry brush the smock using 874 (US Tan Earth).

Step 3: Paint irregular patches of 872 (Chocolate Brown)

Step 4: Paint irregular patches of 929 (Light Brown) inside the patches in Step 2, leaving a border of 872.

Step 5: (Not shown). Paint dots radomly of 872 (Chocolate Brown) between the patches already painted. Also add some dots inside the patches of 929 (Light Brown) that you painted in Step 4.



Step 1: Paint pants on the figures with Oak Leaf pattern using 830 (German Field Grey). Then mix 25% 951 (Flat white) into base color and dry brush this over the pants. Next mix 50% white with base color and light dry brush this over the pants. Optional: You can mix in some of the Peat Dot camo pants with your Oak Leaf figures instead of doing them in field Grey. I'll be doing this on future platoons since by 1944 there was a lot of mixing and matching of uniforms.

Step 2: Paint boots using 871 (Leather Brown)

Step 3: Paint anklets, SMG potches and bread bag using 988 (Khaki)

Step 4: Paint figure base 983 (Flat Earth)

Step 5: Paint the few SS figures that have bare helmets 995 (German Grey).

Step 6: Mix 25% 951 (Flat White) in with 995 (German Grey) and dry brush the helmets.



Step 1: Paint the face and hands 955 (Flat Flesh). Try to leave the eye, nose and mouth highlighted in black. If you don't, don't worry you'll pick up the detail in Step 2.

Step 2: Apply Newton and Windsor Peat Brown on the face and hands.

Step 3: Using 955 (Flat Flesh) hit the nose, either cheek and the chin to bring out more contrast.

Step 4: Paint the Panzerfaust, Panzerschrek, gas mask, ammo cans, stick grenade head and spare MG barrel using 882 (Middlestone)

Step 5: Apply Newton and Windsor Peat Brown to the Panzerfaust, Panzerschrek, gas mask, ammo cans and spare MG barrel.

Step 6: Mix 50% 951 (Flat White) with 882 (Middlestone) and dry brush this on the Panzerfaust, Panzerschrek, gas mask, ammo cans and spare MG barrel.



Step 1: Paint the MG, holsters, webbing, belts and map case 950 (Flat Black). Paint Rifles, grenade handle and shovel handles 875 (Beige Brown)

Step 2: Paint the MG (Dry brush), pistols, mess kit and belt buckles using 863 (Gun Metal).

Step 3: Paint water bottle 984 (Flat Brown).



Step 1: Paint Collars (German Field Grey). Paint black squares on either side of the color and paint a black outline on the left sleeve of the Pea Dot uniform. Paint SS rune on the right side of the collar and the rank on the left side using 951 (Flat White). Paint an eagle inside the black on the left sleeve using 951 (Flat White).

Step 2: Dry brush 995 (German Grey) over the 950 (Flat Black) on figures with black equipment.

Step 3: Black line the figure.



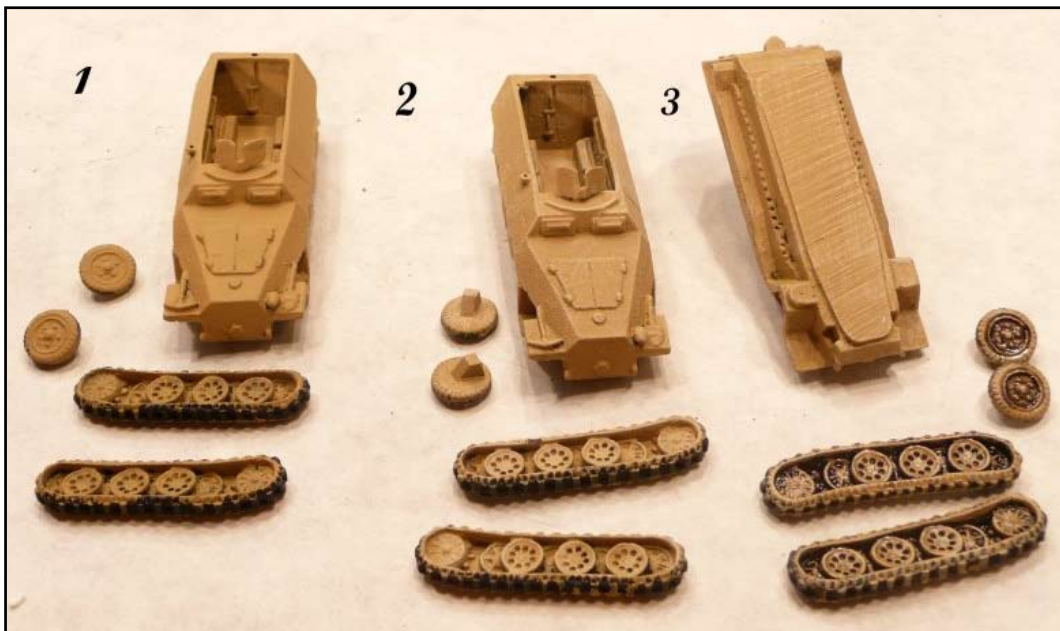
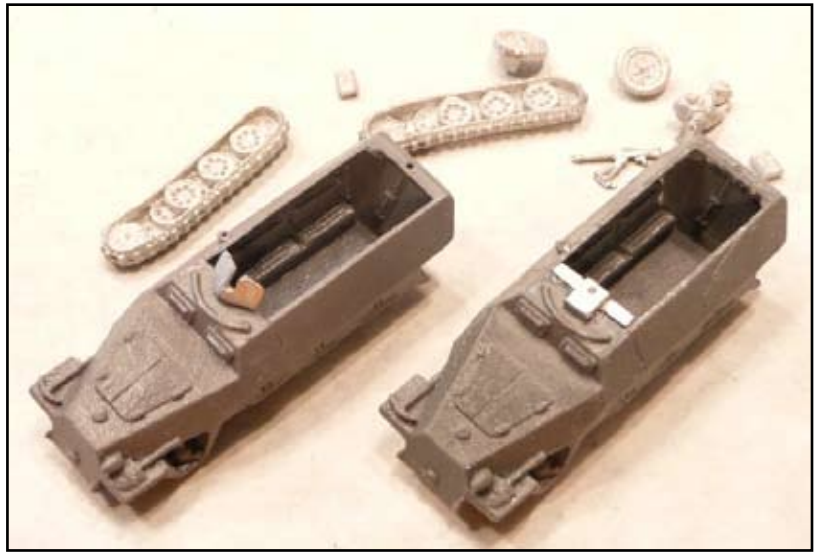
Infantry mounted and finished.



PAINTING THE HALF-TRACKS

I start by preping the model by cleaning and filing model lines. The model is assembled except for the treads, AA MG, crew and wheels.

The figures are primed in flat black. I use a cheap flat black paint I get at Wal-Mart for 0.99 cents a can.



Step 1: The base coat of 914(Green Orche) is applied with a wide brush. It will take a few coats to get the proper coverage.

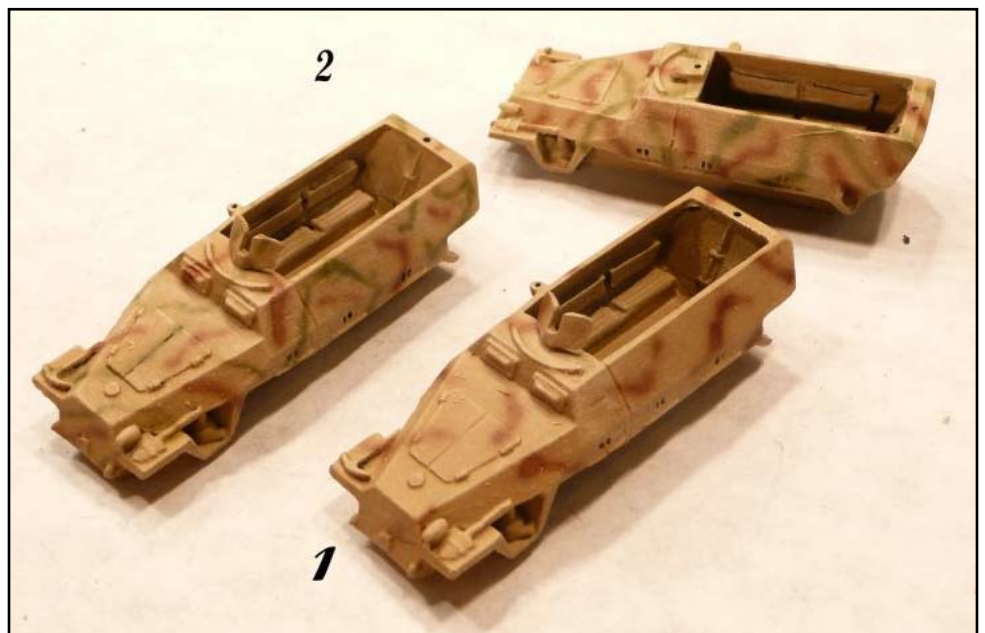
Step 2: Dry brush a mix of 914(Green Orche) mixed with 951(Flat White). I use a 50/50 mix since the Green Orche is a light color and I want the highlights to show up better.

Step 3: Magic wash the road wheels and front wheels.

Step 1: Air brush 71041 Tank Brown applying irregular wavy lines

Step 2: Air brush 71011 Tank Green applying irregular wavy lines avoiding the brown lines you painted in step 1.

Tip: I keep a thinned pot of 914(Green Orche) at my airbrush location and go back over your vehicles were necessary to clean up the camo pattern if it's not exactly what I want.



Step 1: Repaint black (950) on the road wheel rubberand, exhaust pipes and treads

Step 2: Dry brush 818(Red Leather) on the treads and exhaust pipe.

Step 3: Dry brush 818 mixed with 951 (flat white 50/50) and brush it the same way as above. Lightly dry brush a little 951 (Flat White) on the exhaust muffler.

Step 4: Then I dry brush gunmetal (863) down the length of the treads, not across them, as well as paint the tool heads and MG.

Step 5: Paint the figure inside the Sd Kfz 251, paint the tool handles and benches 875 (Beige Brown). Mix 25% 951(Flat White) in with 875 and dry brush the benches.



Final Steps:

the Drivers seat 940 (Saddle Brown)

Step 1: Black line (technical pen 3x0/.25 tip) the vehicle.

Step 2: Decal to suit.

Step 3: After everything is dry I go lightly over the entire vehicle with 914 (green Orche) and 951 (flat white) mixed 50/50. I do this to blend everything together, go lightly.

Optional: You can paint an identification plate on the bottom front of the vehicle. I the used a technical pen (Black Ink) and drew in an identification number.



Finished!