

Königstiger

a Tom Wise Painting Guide

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These are part of my 506th Heer Tiger Battalion. There will be another 36 King Tigers and 14 Tiger I's added to the Battalion.

The paint schema is from the second Company at the time of Market Garden. The 2nd and 3rd Company were transferred to Arnhem while the Battalion HQ and the 1st Company went to Aachen. Later this would be the only Heer Tiger Battalion to take part in the Battle of the Bulge and it remained on the Western front until the end of the war.



MATERIALS

Magic Wash

1/3 Kel's (Didi's Ink) 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

Paint thinned with Windex
(Blue color) for spraying

Extra Thick Cyanoacrylate

Koh-i-Noor

Rapidograph Pens
3x0, .25

PAINTS

818	Red Leather
826	German Camo Medium Brown
830	German Fieldgrey
863	Gunmetal
875	Beige Brown
890	Reflective Green
914	Green Ochre
950	Black
951	Flat White
955	Flat Flesh

VALLEJO MODEL AIR

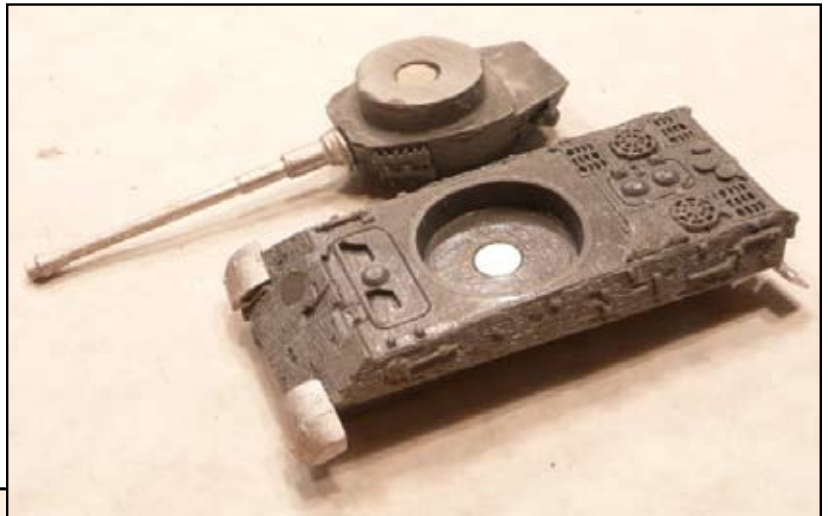
71041	Tank Brown
71011	Tank Green



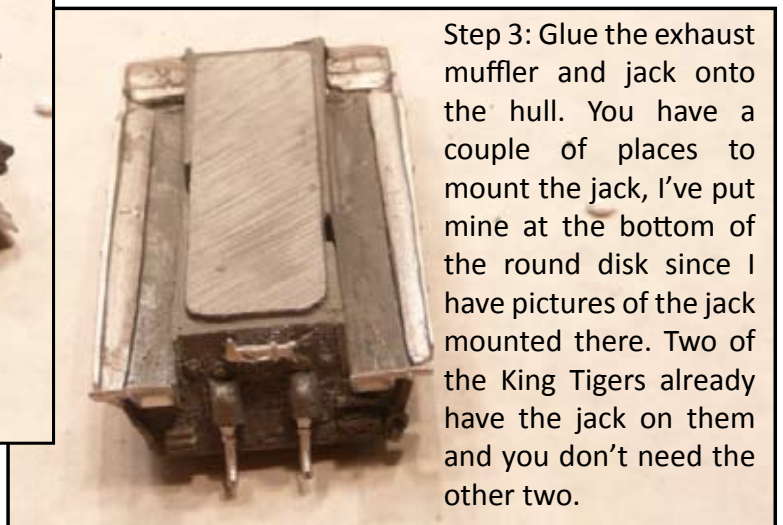
I start by prepping the model by cleaning and filing model lines. The model is assembled except for the treads and the loaders hatch on the turret (if you model a crew figure there).

Assembly of GBX30 Konigstiger Platoon Box set

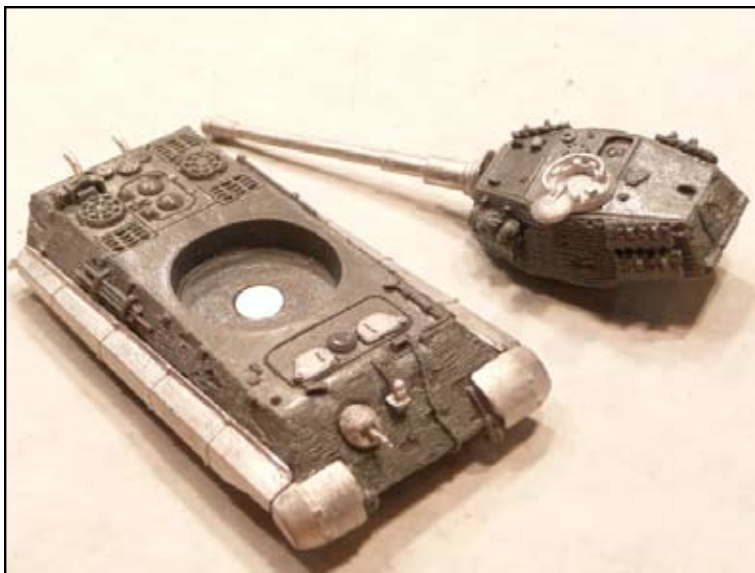
Step 1: (Optional) I replace the rare earth magnets that comes with the box set with 1/4"x1/32" magnets. The turret stub is inconsistently sanded and not to the same height so I pull two magnets off of my stack and put the turret back on (nothing glued yet). I then shake the hull and turret with the magnets inside and if they rattle around I glue the magnets. If they don't rattle I drill out the turret stub. The picture show a model with the turret drilled. I Start by gluing the front and rear fender to the hull. Note the side fenders are not consistently to the same length and you may want to leave the rear mud guard off until after they are attached. I also repaired the front fender on one Tiger to have a complete front mud guard. The kit comes with two complete fender sets and one battle damaged set.



Step 2: Glue on the side fender to the hull.

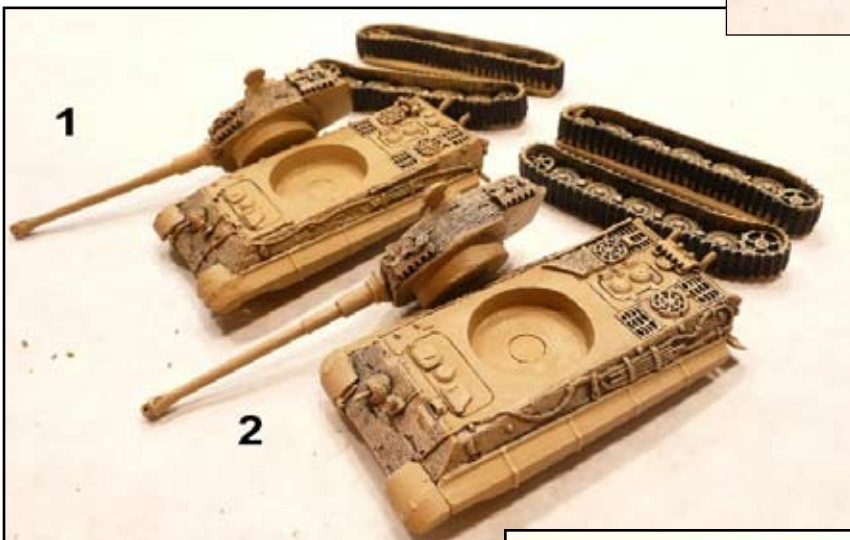


Step 3: Glue the exhaust muffler and jack onto the hull. You have a couple of places to mount the jack, I've put mine at the bottom of the round disk since I have pictures of the jack mounted there. Two of the King Tigers already have the jack on them and you don't need the other two.



Step 4: Glue the ball mount MG, hatches and light to the hull. Glue the commanders hatch and gun barrel to the turret. Note: the gun barrel will not be flush against the turret there is a gap at the top and bottom.

Step 5: (label 1) The first base coat of 914 is applied with a wide brush. It will take a few coats (label 2) to get the proper coverage. Also, to not fill in the zimmerate I paint on the flat surfaces to knock off some of the paint and then with a stroke similar to dry brushing I go over the zimmerate.



Step 6: (label 1) Now magic wash, wash the road wheels and the zimmerate. Try not to get any wash on the un-zimmerated surfaces. (Label 2) After the wash dries take a mixture of 50% 914 (Green Orche) and 50% (flat white) and dry brush this over the entire model.

Step 7: I used 826 German Camo Medium Brown (label 1) then apply 890 Reflective Green (label 2). Spray on an irregular pattern over the model. I use Windex (Blue color) to thin my paint for spraying. If you thin with windex use no more then 20-40% Windex to paint, more then that and the paint will change color on you. I also put a drop or two of 597 Slow Dry into the paint to help with spraying.



Step 8:

(Label 1) Repaint the treads, cable, muffler and stowage flat black.

(Label 2) Now I dry brush 818 (red Leather) on the treads, tow cables and muffler. I go down the length of the treads and across them.



Step 9:

(Label 1) Next I dry brush 818 mixed with 951 (flat white 50/50) and brush it the same way as above (using the brush shown).

(Label 2) Then I dry brush gunmetal (863) down the length of the treads as well as paint the tool heads, tow cables and MG. I also paint the tool handles Beige Brown (875).

Step 10:

Blacklining. I black line ever spot where there is an edge that can be black lined. Don't worry about the ink having a shine to it, it will go away when it is dull coated. Decal the vehicle and then dull coat with Testor's Dull Coat.



Finished!