

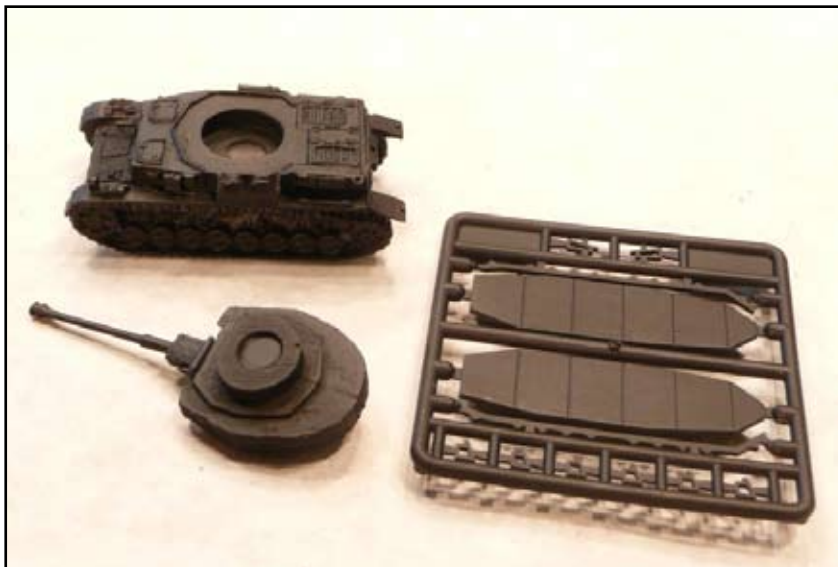
Panzer IVH

a Tom Wise Painting Guide

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Originally these were going to be for the 2SS out of Cobra, but I liked the lists in River of Hero's so I've changed my SS to be from the 3rd SS and 5th SS Panzer Divisions.



I start by prepping the model by cleaning and filing model lines. The model is assembled which differs from my usually method. I do this since the treads and fenders are one piece. I also want the camo pattern to match between the pieces. I start by cleaning and prepping model and drilling holes in the hull and turret to accommodate the rear earth magnets.

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

PAINTS

818	Red Leather
830	German Fieldgrey
863	Gunmetal
875	Beige Brown
914	Green Ochre
950	Black
951	Flat White
955	Flat Flesh
957	Flat Red

Numbers indicate Vallejo paint color code

VALLEJO MODEL AIR

71041	Tank Brown
71011	Tank Green

Step 1: The base coat of 914 is applied with a 1/4" wide brush. It will take a few coats to get the proper coverage. To not fill in the zimmerat I paint on the flat surfaces to knock off some of the paint and then with a stoke similar to dry brushing I go over the zimmerat. NOTE: I leave the skirts and hangers on the tree until I'm ready to apply them to the vehicle so as not to lose them and to make it easier to paint.

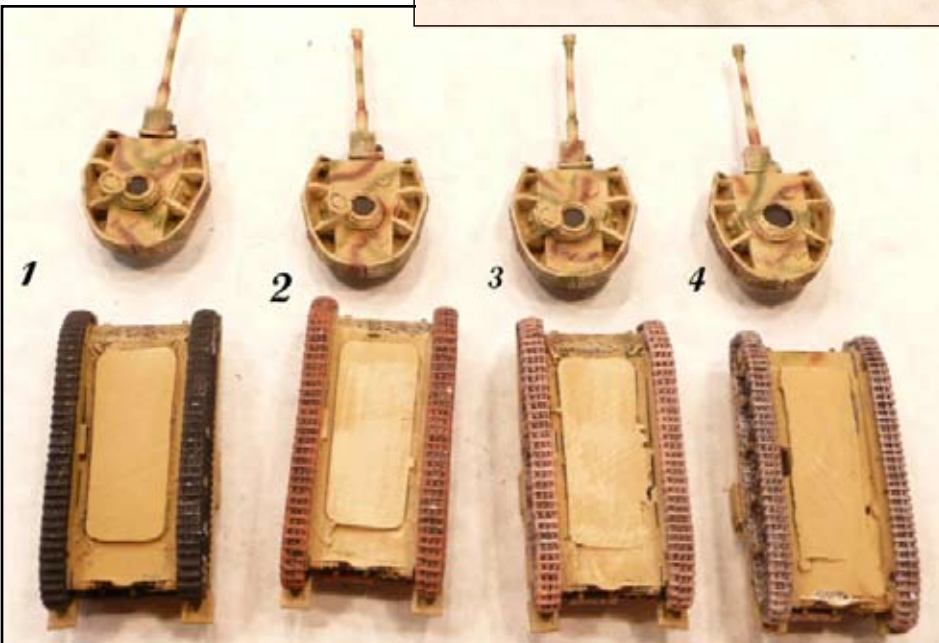
Step 2: I apply magic wash to the zimmerat to bring out the detail. Also, I magic wash the road wheels.

Step 3: Next I dry brush a 50/50 mixture of 914(Green Ochre) and 951 (Flat White) over the entire vehicle.



Step 1: Painting a 5th SS Viking PzIVh I use Model Air 71011 (Tank Green) and paint a spider web pattern over the vehicle.

Step 2: Painting a 3rd SS Totenkopf PzIVh I paint irregular lines using Model Air 71041 (Tank Brown) and 71011 (Tank Green).



Step 1: Next I repaint black (950) on the road wheel rubber, the treads, hatch opening, exhaust pipes, MG and tow cable.

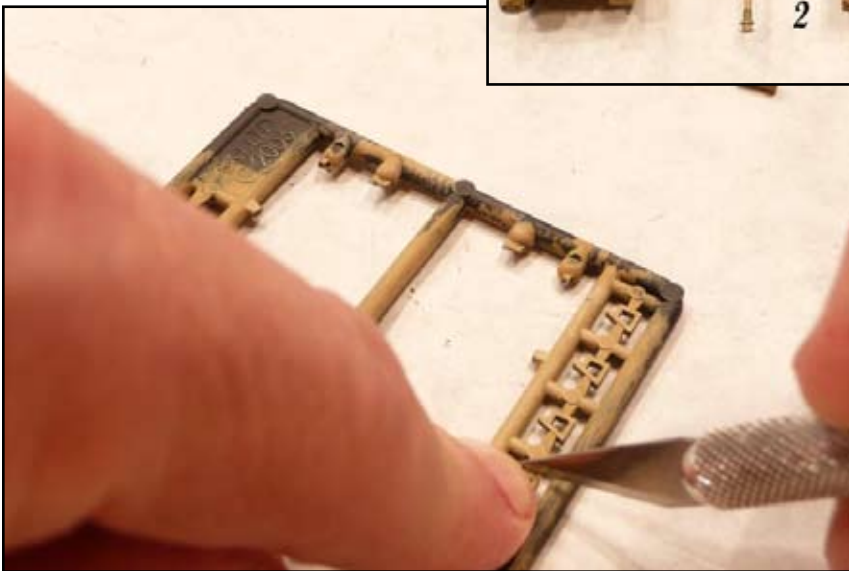
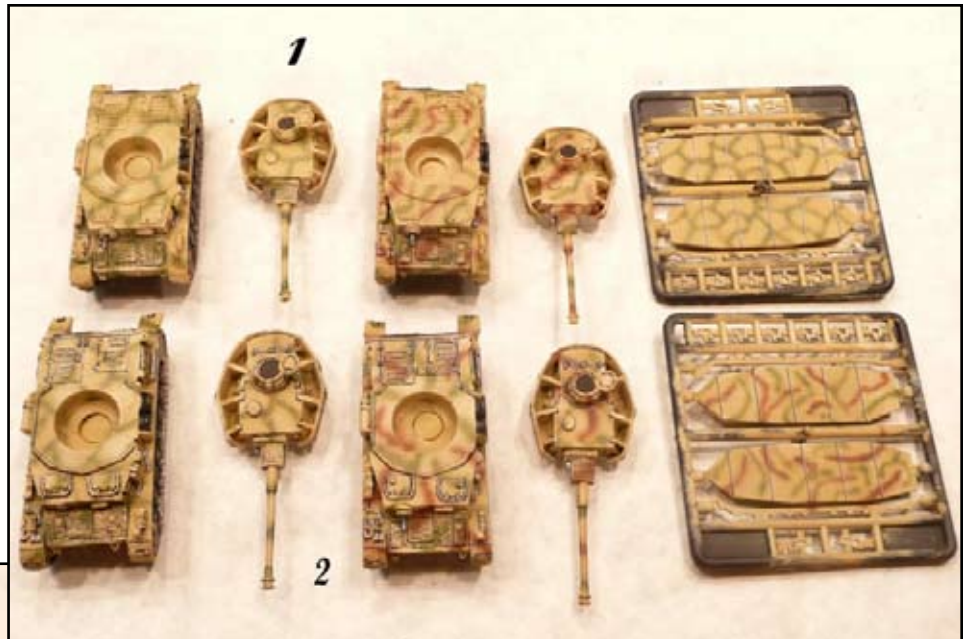
Step 2: Now I dry brush 818 (red Leather) on the treads and exhaust pipes. I go down the length of the pipes and across them.

Step 3: Next I dry brush 818 mixed with 951 (flat white 50/50) and brush it the same way as above.

Step 4: Then I dry brush gunmetal (863) down the length of the treads as well as paint the tool heads. I also paint the tool handles Beige Brown (875).

Picture 1 is the vehicle before Blacklining.

Picture 2 is the vehicle after Blacklining. I blackline everywhere there is a seam.



Now cut out the hangers and skirts. Use your index finger to hold the hanger in place while you cut it free. This will prevent the hanger from shooting across the room. NOTE: save the tree that the hanger and skirt were attached too. We'll be using it later.



Glue the hangers to the vehicle. Don't worry about the paint coming off the hangers they will be touched up later.



With the empty tree that the skirt and hangers were on cut the center spare out and cut 1/4" studs from it. You should be able to get six 1/4" studs from the sprue. I cut them long and sand them down with my dremel tool. Then glue a 1/4" stud to each side of the treads as shown. The reason I do this is the first box I did I only used the hangers and when I was gaming with them the skirt would flex and eventually break off.

Glue the hanger support to the skirt. Note there are two studs on the hanger they go out as shown. The studs are used to align the skirt to the hangers, they go between the hangers.



Next I decal and solvent set the decals. After everything is dry I go lightly over the entire vehicle with 914 (green Ochre) and 951 (flat white) mixed 50/50. I do this to blend everything together, go lightly. Finally I dullcoat the vehicle.



Finished!

3rd SS Totenkopf Platoon



5th SS Viking Platoon

