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Oops... And How To Avoid It: Basic Miniature Painting Errors

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Article Body:

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After a lot of practice, study, and good advice, I finally realized the things I did wrong, an

Oops #1: Wrong brush for the job.

Use the right brush for the job. My first miniature was done with a single, cheap general purp

Oops #2: Paint was too thick

This is where you get the Kindergarten look. While the miniatures come with detail, especially

This is also responsible for creating a gooey look to paint jobs. Unthinned paint leaves lines

Oops #3: Single layer of paint.

One layer of paint is good for a basic, table grade miniature if you're painting wargaming uni

1.) Put down a basecoat and drybrush.

2.) Put down a basecoat, wash with an ink, and then touch up with the same color.

3.) Put down a basecoat layer, a middle layer, and a highlight layer.

But just one layer of paint will make your miniature look flat.

Oops #4: Bottom details first.

Another good way to avoid detail blunders is to paint the bottom details first. If you overpai

Oops #5: Shortage of patience.

Painting requires a lot of time and patience. If you just throw on a coat of paint and move on

Again, there are techniques to get decent miniatures quickly, but if you want to paint a compe

Oops #6: Do your homework.

A concept in general that would have helped me avoid some hard knocks with my models. Whenever

These are general things to avoid that will keep you from straying into problems. They will al

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