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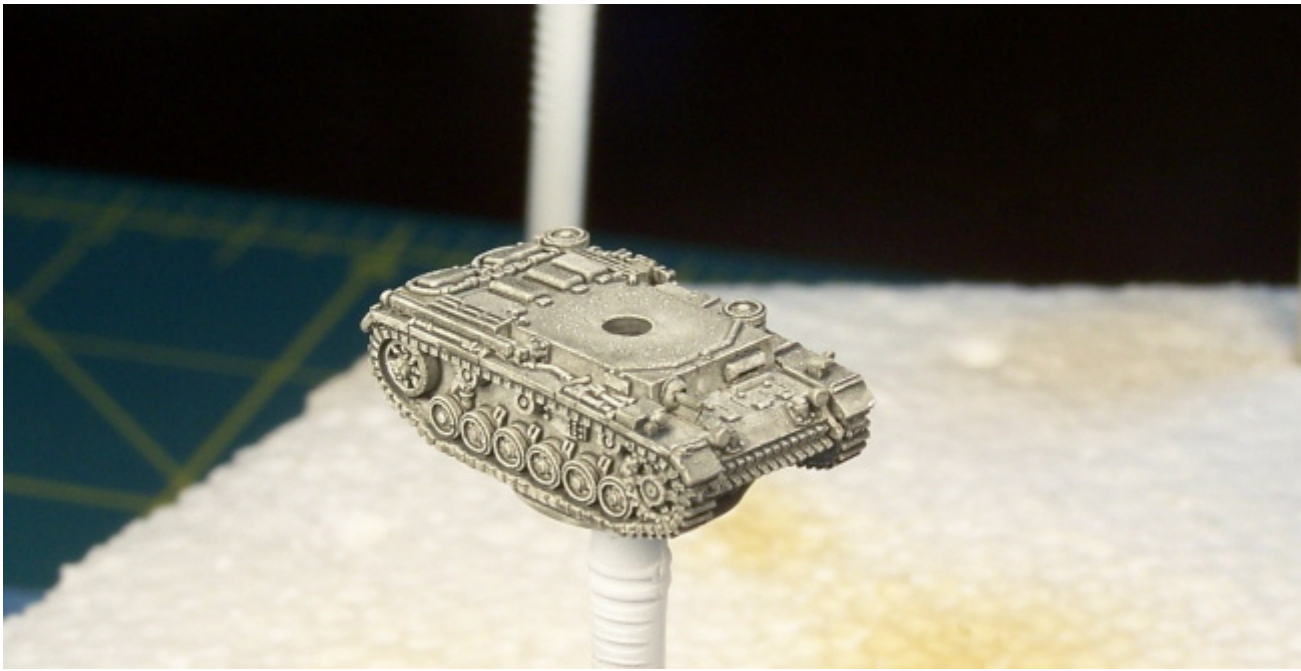
### Panzer Grey Tutorial

[http://www.intobattle.com/Panzer\\_Grey\\_Tutorial.html](http://www.intobattle.com/Panzer_Grey_Tutorial.html)

Panzer Grey for me, has always been sort of a trouble spot painting wise. Even though it seems easy (c'mon just a single gray color!) I've found that it can sometimes be hard to pull off and look good. I'm pretty happy with how these Panzer Grey tanks turned out. If you have any questions or feedback on this tutorial please contact me. All paints are Vallejo, except where noted.



Start by cleaning your models and mounting them on some sort of a painting handle (nails are used here). Next, give each miniature a nice thin coat of white primer. I use normal white paint, applied with an airbrush.



I think the secret to a nice Panzer Grey is to keep the basecoat light....not too dark. Historically, Panzer Grey was much darker; but if you were to go with the actual historical color, most of the detail would be obscured. Also, take into consideration dust and viewing distance and the actual historical color is not needed. This of course, is all my opinion and it's ok to disagree :) Make your basecoat color a watered down wash (2 drops water to each drop of paint here); I used Black Grey. Apply the "wash" and draw off the excess.



Let your basecoat dry and then apply a black/brown wash everywhere. I use 502 Abteilung oils. This step helps to darken the basecoat a bit.





Paint your details: tracks, mufflers, tools, etc. For the tracks and mufflers I used Hull Red; for the tools and boxes I used Tan Yellow. Next, very carefully drybrush your tanks a metallic color (Natural Steel here).

You can also apply your decals at this stage. I've started using I-94 1/285 decals and so far I like them a lot. Sometimes it's tough to get decals to set properly on miniatures that are so small, so it might be handy to have a bottle of Microsol to help with this. After your decals are on, coat your miniatures with matte varnish and let dry completely.



If you don't like basing your miniatures then you are done. If you do like basing, then apply Vallejo Pumice Gel (mixed with Earth colored acrylic paint) all across your base. Next, seat your tank on top of the pumice gel and give it a push into the gel. Once the gel is mostly dry (15-20 minutes) pull your tanks up, apply CA glue to the tracks, and reseat them back into the gel.



When your ground covering is completely dry, give it a black/brown wash to deepen the contrast. Then, drybrush it with a highlight color; I like to use Stone Grey. Paint the edges of the bases with a complimentary color (Fieldgrey here) and glue some landscaping vegetation for a nice finishing touch. The last step is to matte varnish everything again.

Next time around I think I might try German Grey as a base color (instead of Black Grey) to see how it compares. If you'd like to see more pictures of the finished platoon, they can be found [here](#).

