

Captured KV-2 Painting Tutorial

http://www.intobattle.com/Military_Miniatures_GKVT.html

White-washed tanks, in my opinion, are extremely fun to paint; and with the contrast between dark undercoat and white camouflage, they look great on the gaming table. Nothing looks cooler (in my opinion) than a German plundered Russian tank, in white-washed camouflage. :)

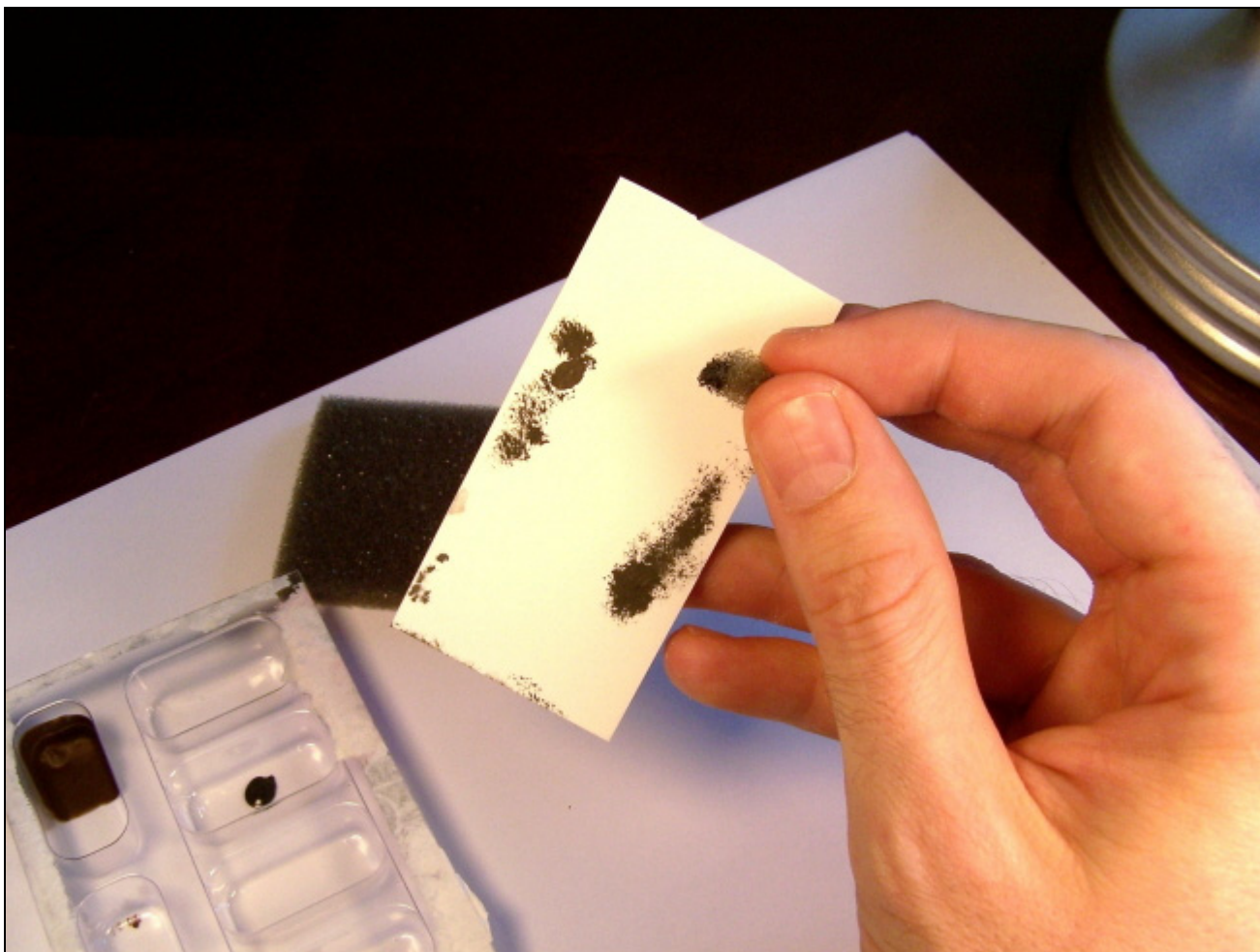


I started by doing the usual preparation on this KV-2: cleaned the flash, airbrushed a white primer coat, then applied a German Grey base coat by airbrush. I used Tamiya Flat white for the primer and Vallejo German Grey (with 25% White to lighten the color) for the base coat. This is the first time I've used Tamiya for a primer coat and I liked it a lot; it seems to hold to the metal much better than Vallejo. However, it was much harder to clean out of my airbrush.

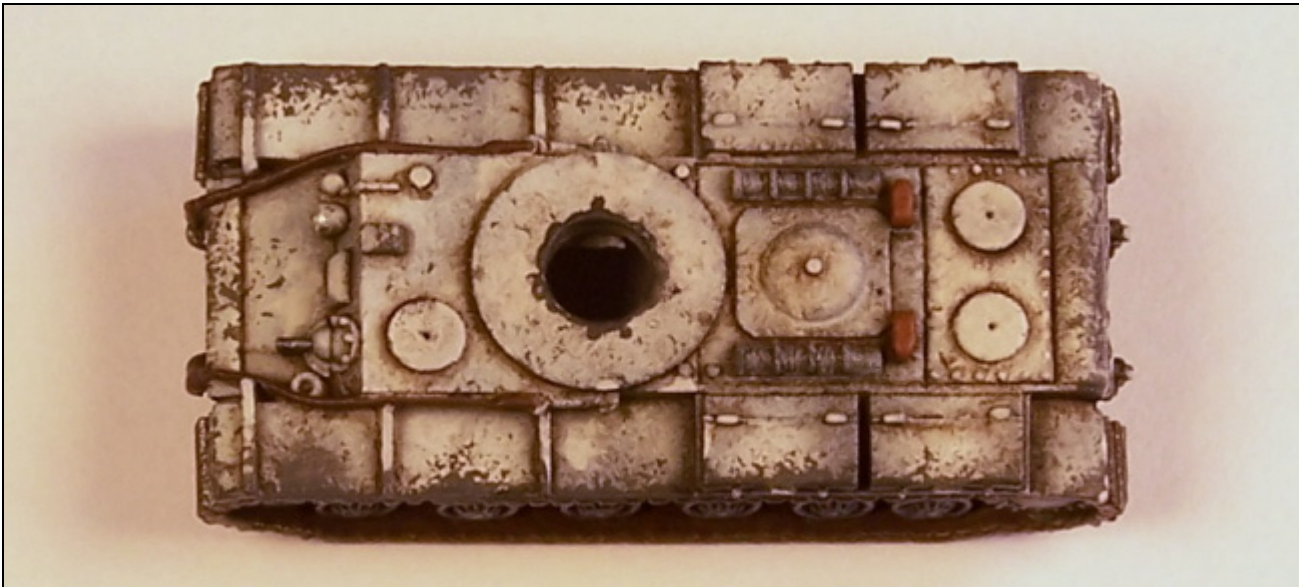
Once I got the German Grey applied, I used Vallejo White to apply the white-wash - with an airbrush. I covered the majority of the hull and turret with the white, but in a spotty manner - be very inconsistent, leaving more gray showing in some areas (especially around the corners and edges).



Next, you want to apply the paint "chips" and areas where the white-wash is wearing off. To do this, I used the foam insert from a GHQ blister pack. Tear a bit off and dip the corner in your German Grey base coat....



Then apply it to the edges and the corners; also around the turret steps, etc. It helps to practice a bit on some scrap parts.



You can see that I "sponged" the edges and areas I figured would chip and wear away. From here it's easy: Give the whole tank a light ink or oil wash (I use Abteilung Oil paints mixed with turpentine), paint the mufflers a mix of Vallejo Hull Red/Light Brown, tracks Vallejo Olive Drab/Hull Red, then dry brush the tracks with Vallejo Gunmetal.

All Done!

You can see more pictures of this finished platoon on the web site.

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