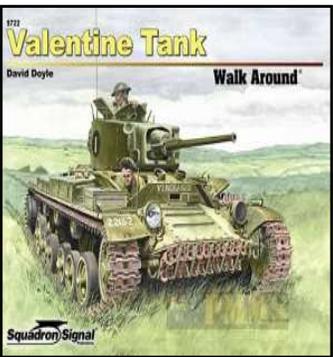


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New from Squadron Signal



“WHO’S PINSTRIPES...HOW!?”

BY GREG BRADDOCK

THE DOCTOR’S NEW SUIT

Having the question posed to me so many times over the course of our recent show has prompted me to put fingers to keys and tell you all how I managed to get pinstripes onto the Doctor’s suit.

Actually, the whole process can be summed up in a few simple words, - the three P’s and a whole lot of the F-word! i.e. Practice, Patience, Pain, and *Fluke*. Firstly, a disclaimer: I am not an expert! This is just what I did at the time and in the time I had...

BRUSHES

I used a 1.5mm round brush with around 22mm long bristles (a.k.a. the rigging brush, because it was what the master artists would use to paint the rigging on their sailing ships). This *weapon* doesn’t look like the obvious choice for making fine lines but once wet a reasonable quality brush will go to quite a fine point. Also, with the long bristles you can “load up” the paintbrush, and this allows you to make long, continuous lines without the need to stop halfway and reload. And “not stopping”, I believe, is critical to achieving a half decent result.



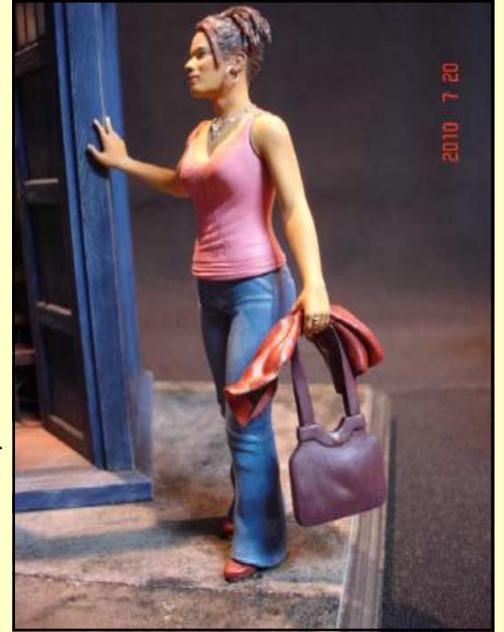
ABOVE: The four main brushes I use are: a) DAS 9901 '0' round Script; b) Francheville 250L 1/8" flat; c) DAS 9801 1/4" flat; d) Francheville 250L 3/8" flat.

WHAT I DID

After base coating the bits of the Doctor’s suit with a dark copper brown I mixed a light blue paint and made sure it was thinned just enough to allow it to flow evenly from the brush. Practice began on the backside of the pants where the mistakes would never be seen.



And this is where I discovered that the consistency of the pin-stripes came more easily when drawing my brush horizontally, although judging the distances between the stripes was easier when viewing the suit vertically. The real challenge was keeping the brush at an even distance from the surface with just the very tip making contact. I found that bracing the little fingers together, and holding my breath, helped to steady my hand! Patience was key here as well, pacing each brush stroke at a moderate speed and avoiding the temptation to race



along. But no matter how I held my tongue and breath though, the creases were messy. As I went over the folds in the “fabric” the brush would invariably flare out, leaving a wobbly, snot-like trail. (Insert other f-word *here*).

Anyway, all those wobbly bits and inconsistent lines were mostly put right by a careful touch up with the base colour and using a 4mm flat brush. A final light wash of the brown base colour helped to blend and tone down the pinstripes, which, by the way, camouflaged a lot of the wayward lines. (*Ah-ha, smoke and mirrors!*)

Submitted by **-The Starship Factory**

p.s. a little insanity added to the paint pot will enhance any pinstriping projects!

CLUB CAPTAIN COMMENTS

Now that our Winter Model show has been and gone, I would like to congratulate all those that contributed to this club event. Whether it was judging, sitting at the door or shifting tables, without your efforts the weekend would not have been the success it so clearly was. So give yourselves a pat on the back.

On a personal note, I need to thank our Club President, Lester Kidd. Without his dedication and sheer hard work, this Club Show would not have happened. The amount of work that Lester puts in behind the scenes is incredible. So a big thank you Lester.

Bob Kelly
Club Captain

Winter 2010 show results

Best in Show:	Greg Braddock	Dr Who Tardis
Runner – Up:	Chris Thomson	Mohican Indian
Public Choice:	Jason Gerken	The Day Before

Best in Class

A Aircraft	Lester Kidd	Fokker Dr 1
B Military Vehicles	Royden Muirhead	Challenger II
C Civilian Vehicles	Royden Muirhead	Opel
D Figures	Chris Thomson	Mohican Indian
E Ships	Royden Muirhead	Bismarck
F Sci-Fi	Greg Braddock	Dr Who Tardis
H Diorama	Bob Kelly	"Last Respects"
I New Zealand	Rob Mills	Bren Gun carrier
J Collections	Nigel Russell	T-34's

Hobby Class:	1 st	Steve Hills	WW1 British Tank
	2 nd	Bruce Clay	BF109
	3 rd	Marty Boyer	Mobile Toilet

Juniors:	1 st	Conner Gerken	T34
	2 nd	Holly Muirhead	Triceratops
	3 rd	Matthew Langley	SDKFZ 234/4

ROB MILLS ITALARI STAGHOUND



Pic 1. The Build completed.

The extras kit came from Lester and had the correct 25 pdr ammo boxes that the Kiwi Staghounds had on the front and rear. The tyre chains are chain from Spotlight (yes I was the only bloke in there) they are attached with superglue. A cheaper option than the resin wheels. I used the metal 37mm gun barrel and metal .30 cal mg barrel beside the main gun. The front stowage plate was scratch built from brass rod and perforated metal. Normally the tyre chains would be stored there.



Pic 2. All the bits and pieces attached. Base coat sprayed on. The books say mud grey and there are no colour photos to go by so the mix was buff+grey+desert yellow until it looked right. All tamiya acrylics.



Pic 2. Black paint added to make up 2 tone camo scheme. From the photos the vehicles look like they have been brush painted in the field. So my rough hand painting faithfully reproduces the effect! Dust and dirt added with pigment powder mixed with water. The Mig powders are great but artists pigment sticks are just as good.



Pic 4. Finished on a simple (temporary) base. The wheels and underside need mud and lots of it (note to self: attach to base before anymore competition appearances!). Decals are from the Bison Kiwi armour range. One sheet does a lot of different vehicles including Pukeko and Katipo Staghounds.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST 2010

Greetings fellow modellers. Well, another successful Model Show for the Invercargill Plastic Modellers Society.

It's always with some relief when I see all those people, especially families, filling the model show venue, consistently throughout the weekend. I then know that we did our pre-show planning & publicity correctly & successfully, & this gives me confidence that we know what we are doing when deciding on future shows. But that is only half the story. Once you get the public there you have to entertain them, & give them, especially the children, an enjoyable & enlightening experience, something they will remember, & want to repeat next time. I believe we also achieved this goal. Congratulations to all those members who participated, helped & supported the show. We are a great team!! A special thanks to our kitset suppliers, Trevor Bringans, (Tamiya, Italeri), Thos Holdsworth (Airfix), & NZ Models.

To those who could not be there, you missed a very special & wonderful show. I sincerely hope, with proper notification & planning, you will all be there next time.

IPMS SOUTHLAND Winter Show Photos



Nigel Russell's Spitfire Mark 1x



Bruce Clay's Hawker Hurricane Mk 1



Owen Dickson's elaborate car display



Royden Muirhead & Bruce Clay judging



Colouring Competition display



Robin Austin at the helm of Centrals Train Set



Some of Nigel Greaves collection



Models from Hobby class



Steve Hills and Nigel Greaves judging



Barry MacAskill's Panzer 3 J



CLASS D - FIGURES

Figure Display



Royden Muirhead's Bismarch



Greg Braddock's Science Fiction display



Lester Kidd's Scramble Hurricane Mk1



Royden Muirhead's Fw 190 D9



Bob Kelly's Fantastic Figure from 1815



Jason Gerken's Mein Gott Sabotage



David Tressler's Sherman



Martin Boyer's racy looking dude



Japanese Zero by Lester Kidd



Staghound by Rob Mills



Anzac Soldier by Chris Thomson



US Navy Landing Craft By Nigel Greaves



Best in Show Greg Braddock's Doctor Who with Tardis



Runner up Chris Thomson's Mohawk Indian

Coming Next Issue

Using Epoxy Putty It's not as scary as you think!



**... AND MUCH
MORE!**