

BASING MINIS

After years of using expensive ready-made paste, painting a bit and flock, I followed the advice of my oldest friend. Cheap, fast, and easy. How can one be so stubborn!

Stick them on their base. Paint it some kind of brown (you see, earth the thing under anything growing), in case it shows up.



Then put over the base, in an irregular fashion, bumps and flats, a layer of this kind of stuff found in DIY stores. Can be any sticky paste, for walls or ceilings.

It must be water based and soft, dry to touch in , say, one hour.

If you don't use it too often, don't buy a huge pot "to sav" as it might dry out inside before you finish it.

Then you need flock, mixed various; it can be recuperated from your hills making. Better to also have some tiny stones, even sandy ones (for tiny minis) . Then the key is thin earth. The real one not bought I craft stores. If yours is not thin enough, grind it down (outside hammer can do).

If your minis are going to be on roads, in buildings, fortifications a lot, use more earth than green. It looks a bit silly that lawn inside your damaged buildings. People, especially at war, can easily be ion an earthy ground. It can have been churned up by tanks, of 2000 cuirassiers too.

So if not, put some flock and the rest (if enough space do include bushes and clumps of high grass, though if you do 1200 bases it can end up pricey). Do not cover the whole thing. Then dig the thing in your thin earth. It will cover the missing parts, and more importantly tint the cement and anything that did not stick. Let dry overnight. Next day, look and paint sides or any missing bit.



The dip. Once dry shake them over the stock not to waste.



A resupply of sand and thin earth (nicely prepared by moles) from a walk near the river.



Earth for figures picked up from various battlefield; they get "their own own earth". (since this pic was taken, added Nördlingen!)



Making it ready for use.

Spray varnishing afterwards the whole base (incl. the varnish for the painted fig then) can seat all, but any shaking may end up with grass camo on your 1812 hussar. Double edged.