



Simple Basing

An easy guide to making your miniatures look finished.





Basic requirements

- Basing sand and gravel.
- I mix mine up in a tray and either dip the figure in and allow the gravel to stick or sprinkle it on from above.





Static Grass or Tufts

- Various sizes and colours of the tufts for lots of options.
- Tufts are better than static grass as they are easier to use and give a better effect.
- Static grass is best used with superglue and allowed to dry.



Paint

- Shown here are the Foundry basing sand set. The A shade is not as good as it was, but overall the effect is good.
- The finish is a pale sandy brown.



Alternative earthy brown suggestions



Suitable bases

- Here I have 20mm steel discs. There are many base ideas and shapes though.
- Coins are often used
- Wood is often used
- Plastic is often used





Stage 1

Glue the miniature to the base and allow to dry.



High Viscosity Form
substrates
■ Use on MDF, Rubbe
Viscosity at 25°C-15
Set time range; 10 -

Stage 2

- The first layer of sand to bring the level of the base up to the figures stand (the stand is the bit that the figure uses to stand up with) otherwise you may have a 'step' in the finished base.
- Once the figure is glued to the base and the glue has dried.
- Add a little glue around the figures stand on the base only. Then add sand.
- It should look something like the picture



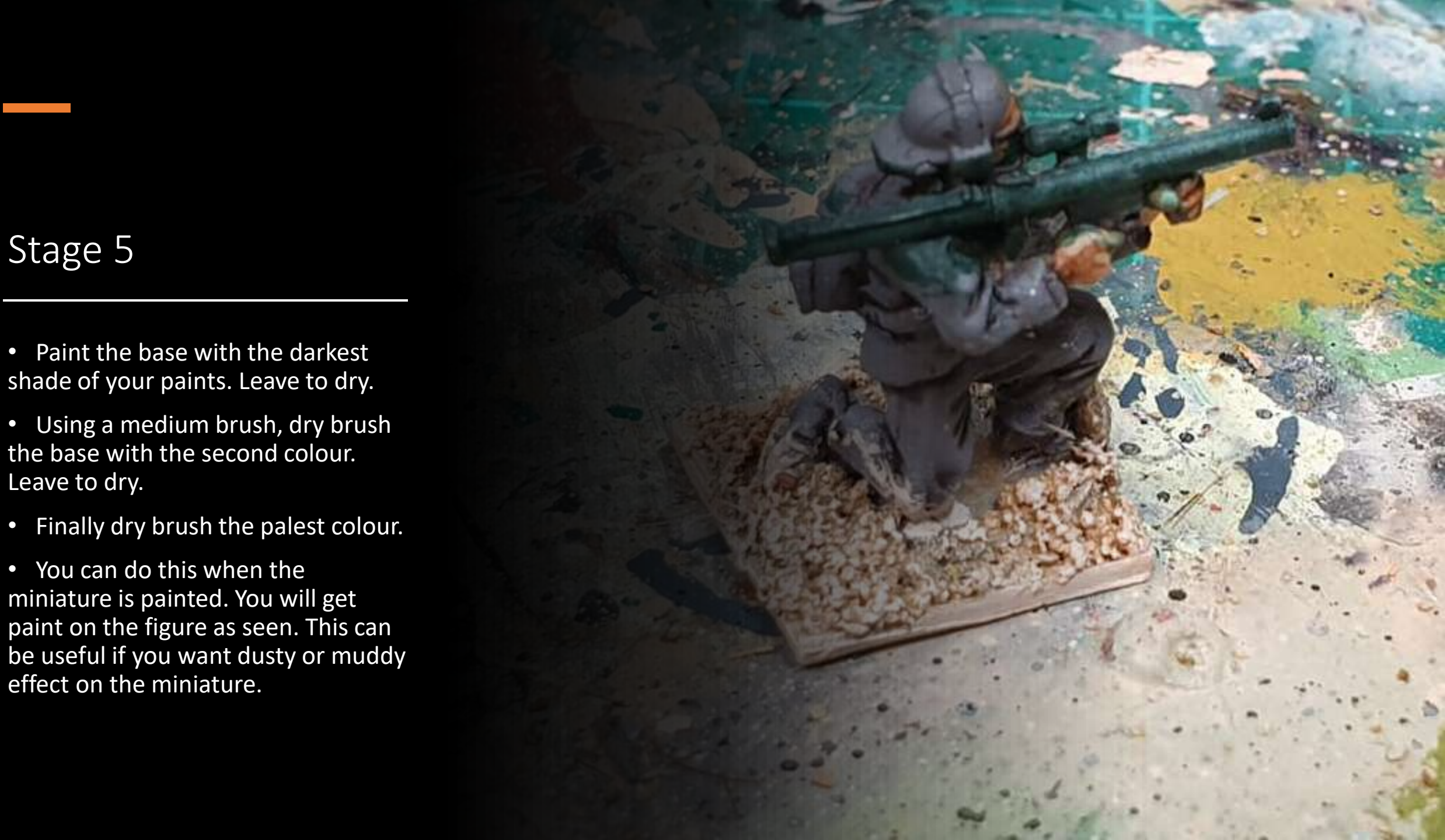
Stage 3

- Once Stage 2 has dried, add more glue (PVA, super glue or any other that works) this time all over the base, previous sand and the stand.
- Be careful not to get glue on the miniature
- Then sprinkle sand and gravel.
- Add any bigger chunks if you want a more dynamic base.
- Leave to dry



Stage 5

- Paint the base with the darkest shade of your paints. Leave to dry.
- Using a medium brush, dry brush the base with the second colour. Leave to dry.
- Finally dry brush the palest colour.
- You can do this when the miniature is painted. You will get paint on the figure as seen. This can be useful if you want dusty or muddy effect on the miniature.





Stage 5

- Paint the miniature
- Add between 2 to 4 tufts of grass using glue if needed.
- Try to mix up the tufts a little, match the colours so they don't clash.
- Once dry if the grass is a bit over powering, dry brush the ends of it a pale shade to mute it down.