

Toys City Boot Alterations PDF



The Toys City boots shown above left are compared to the DiD boots in the centre. The Toys City one's are made of a softer 'pleather' type of material and they press down better onto the leg, so that I can get a tighter look around the ankle. This helps me to get the same look with the cloth items, as the moulded plastic Dragon boots and puttees. **Note:** Also with the laces from the boots wound around the boot tops before tying them off, this also helps to get the tighter look to the puttees. In the picture above right, I have given the boots on my figure a coat of some acrylic Model Color 540 Matt Medium, to both dull them down and to take away the new look that they have. I also painted over the metal cleats on the sole with some Gunmetal paint to make just those shiny.

With the footwear that I wanted to use with my Cable Layer figure, I again used the Toys City Gebirgsjager boots as shown on the right as they are softer than the DiD boots and they take the pastel chalks well. I have included in the picture a pair of new boots on the outside, with the pair I have altered on the inside. With this figure I not only wanted the boots to look old and used, I also decided to have some scuff marks on the toes as well. I did this by folding a small piece of sandpaper in half so that it caused the cuts in the leather, and I sanded gently to cause the marks. I also sanded the toe slightly to add the scuff and wear marks.



I again repainted the metal parts on the soles of the boots with the enamel Gunmetal paint, and then used a Light Brown pastel chalk powder to add a dust effect to the boots. I made up a mix of White and Light Brown pastel chalk mix, which was then drybrushed over the top to bring out the edges and add some highlights.

Note: With all of the boots I am currently using for my figures, I replace the laces with some similar sized Black thread. The purpose of this is that I can lace the boots up, and still have enough lace left to wrap around the boot tops, and tie a bow as shown below.

Boots Update

One thing I have meant to do for a while is a step by step, about how I laced up the Gebirgsjager boots. And in the pictures below, from the left to the right show how I do it. The first two pictures show how I have replaced the laces with some longer thread, this then allows me as I the third picture to tie a bow in the lace. In the fourth picture I have tied another bow, this is to keep the lace tight.



The fifth picture shows how I have made the loops in the bows smaller, by putting each loop in turn back through the lace at the side of the boot, and then pulled tight towards the knot. The purpose of this is that the loops are now getting smaller, and as shown in the last two pictures, once the puttees are in place the loops are more in scale and the knots are hidden.