

DiD Gebirgsjager Boots PDF

Below are a pair of DiD Gebirgsjager boots that have had the same treatment done to them, as the Toys City boots.



The pictures above show the boots before and after I have painted over them with the acrylic Model Color Matt Medium paint. I have found that this paint is very good for dulling down the new shiny look they have, plus it dries both clear and with a matt finish. So I don't have to worry about matching the paint colours of the item that I am re-painting. **Important note:** I have also added a scuff mark to the front of these DiD boots, but I do advise being **very careful** doing this with the boots. Since the 'pleather' material is a lot thinner than the Toys City boots and it tears very easily, so if you try this be very gentle with the sandpaper.



The pictures above show how I have used the Brown pastel chalk to add a dust effect to the boots, this is applied with a flat brush to get the chalk into the edges and sole cleats. I then use a large fan brush to blend it in, and also to remove some of the dust from the flat parts of the boots. I then use a dry tissue to carefully wipe over all of the flat parts of the boots, to remove some more of the dust so I only have the dust detail as shown.

Repainting DiD Boots

I bought the Brown DiD boots shown on the right for an experiment that I had in mind for changing the colour of them. Because when I looked around the online shops and eBay for a pair of Black gebirgsjager boots, not only did I discover that they can be hard to find, the postage charges on some of the Black boots cost a lot more than the boots themselves.

So I obtained a pair of the Brown one's, and with some Daler Rowney Cryla Acrylic No 036 Mars Black paint I then went ahead and gave the boots a repaint.

With this type of paint I find that the thicker consistency spreads better when mixed with water, plus it soaks in better on the edges of the vinyl material that the boots are made from. **Note:** The only problem I have found with this paint is the cost, but after shopping around online I have found a shop in the UK that has quite reasonable prices for the tubes of paint.

I have also found once the boots are dry, that the paint gives them a nice flat dull look which can help the pastel chalks to stick better to them. Also the paint does not crack or peel off when I press down on the top of the boots



In the picture on the right above, these are the boots after I have finished the repaint, but before I have added a drybrush of some pastel chalks to them.

I have also replaced the laces with a slightly thinner thread, as to me this looks more in scale. I have also given the metal cleats on the sole a repaint of some Gunmetal acrylic paint. And I have used some fine sandpaper to gently remove the paint from the lace eyelets. The next step that I would do with these boots, is paint them over with some Model Color Matt Medium paint to dull them down a bit more, and then I would add some weathering to them, to make them look older rather than the new look here.



The boots as shown above are from the left a pair of new DiD boots from the box, the centre pair are after being repainted Black and the last pair of boots on the right, have been repainted with Daler Rowney Cryla Acrylic No 223 Burnt Umber paint.