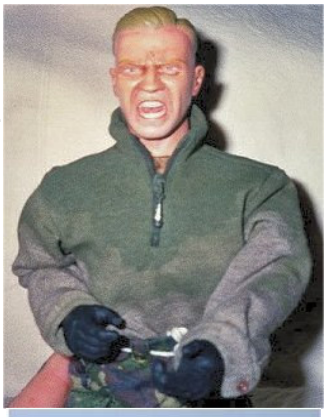
Welcome to my Graham Norwegian shirt page.



This is my way of colouring the Graham Norwegian shirt green, because as it is supplied with the DML Graham figure it is the wrong colour. The colour of the paint I used was an Acrylic Olive green, but I think any dark green will do, as it would fade with washing in real life anyway. As it was bothering me that it is grey, and I did not want to cover it up again with the scarf. So, I got a saucer of water, and added some acrylic green paint to it. Stirred it in with a paintbrush, adding in some more until it became more and more discoloured. I then pressed into the water/paint mix the neck and the top of the arms of the shirt.

Making sure it was soaked, pressed out the excess water, and done it again. (This may take time to soak in because of the material) This did colour the shirt green, but I then got some neat paint on a paintbrush, put it into the water. (to thin it down) And brushed it into the shirt. (do a little bit at a time) Then I rinsed out the brush in the water, and then put more water onto the shirt to spread the paint around. I then soaked the top of the shirt again, and put some more paint on it. Doing the same again, until the paint/water had totally coloured the top of the shirt.

So now my Graham shirt has the top half green, as this is all that will show under the smock. And it is now drying out on a radiator. From what I can see of it, the more paint that has been added to the shirt, the stiffer it becomes. So, be careful with the amount of paint used on the shirt. Otherwise, it will end up starched.

Note: Make sure you do it away from anything that will stain, such as carpets, clothes etc. And wash your hands afterwards, as mine ended up green.

Another method of colouring the Norwegian shirts

This method I have to admit is better than mine, and it is far easier to carry out as well!

After posting this tip on the OnesixthScale forum, I saw a topic from odum666 about using a fabric dye to colour the shirt completely. And I have put here the tip that he mentioned, along with the replies from the other forum members.
Dyeing Graham's Norgie

The general opinion seems to be that the norgie on the falklands graham figure is the wrong colour so whilst I was getting dragged round the shops by her, my mind on other things (18 yr old girls-rum- my next kitbash), I looked into a shop which sold knitting and sewing stuff. there in the window was army green fabric dye, £4.99 and enough to dye the outfits of about 100 figures, what have I got to lose I thought. mixed up a pint and half of the dye and dropped in 3 norgies. do you think this is any closer to the real thing...

HighlandSniper58 reply

Very good - a great improvement. I have a whole heap of DML Norgies belonging to Balderick & myself ready to dye - I was going to use Dylon Machine-wash dye, but yours looks so successful, please share with us the following.....

1. What brand/type of dye is it
2. Where can I buy it

odum666 reply

The very same!!. Dylon machine wash. no34 olive green. I think the shop u want is any haberdashery shop or the best bet is probably john lewis. I used a small casserole dish. put in a pint and half of hot tap water. one teaspoon of salt (god knows why but it says so) and a heaped tablespoon of dye mix. obviously adjusting the quantities will give different results. I only needed to leave them in for about five minutes then I rinsed them in cold water and laid them flat on a towel to dry. I reckon I could've dyed another 10 quite easily.. only one downside to it though, I found myself looking for things to dye which my daughter found amusing.. I swear its addictive.

Fu Man 83 reply

Robert Dyas sell the Dylon brand. That's where I get mine from.

GJD reply

You should be able to find Dylon in your local Woolworth's