

## Welcome To My Gebirgsjager Officer Page.

This figure is my kitbash of a German Gebirgsjager officer, originally it was all based around the cap made by Dragon that I had bought loose as shown below right. But after seeing the superb caps as made by Onesixthunique, I just had to have a replacement for it instead. The only problem then was, that the insignia I wanted to use with this figure to me just did not look right. So I contacted **Patrick** (Nomad65) about his insignia that he makes, and I bought from him a superb set which I have shown below. **Note:** I am still trying to work out how and why I got so carried away with this kitbash.

### Headsculpt



The headsculpt that I decided on for this figure is a loose Corbin Black one I had. **Note:** which was adapted to fit onto a Dragon nude body. This was given a slight repaint to get rid of the camouflage paint that it had on it. I then as usual gave it a wash of the Brown pastel chalks I often use. But for some reason with this head the colour came out slightly more red than I wanted, so after washing that off and trying again twice. I finally got it to a colour that I was happy with.



I then gave it a dust over with some Flesh pastel chalks to bring out the highlights, which again I had to do gradually because when I take the photos of the head, I have found that it can show up a lot of the dust on the face which can look like it is overdone. So now I take pictures of the head as I go along, and most of the time doing it this way it stops me from getting carried away with the pastel chalks.

### Officers Cap

This was one of the main parts of the whole kitbash that to me has made the figure so much better, as I have seen the cloth caps as made by Steve Davies of the company [onesixthunique](http://onesixthunique) on various forums, but after receiving mine, I realised that they just cannot display just how well the caps are made. And for a comparison I have the Dragon cap above alongside the one I used with this kitbash. I was worried about the colour of the cloth, this was mainly because of my lack of knowledge on this subject, but after an e-mail to Steve about it, he confirmed that the colour is correct, plus I also had it confirmed by **Patrick** (Heersbergfuhrer). Because he also very kindly supplied the pictures of some genuine cap's below to put my fears to rest.



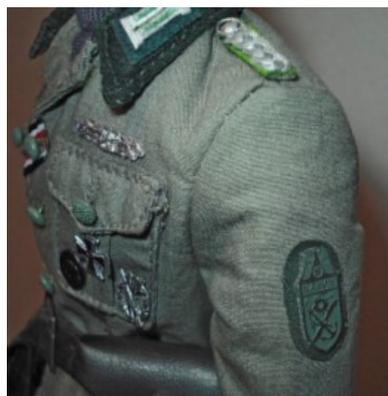
One other thing that was also very kindly supplied by Patrick to help to clear up my confusion was the last picture above right, and it shows the differences between the Heer (Wehrmacht) and the SS M43 cloth cap insignia. This is because as it was explained to me, the Toys City German mountain set has a Heer sleeve emblem but an SS emblem for the cap.

## Uniform

For the tunic for this figure I have used a jacket from the DiD Staffenberg figure (the one without the red piping) that I obtained loose, with the open collar stitched in place, the main reason for using this one is that it has the correct turned back cuffs for an officer's tunic. The only changes that I had to make to it was to very carefully remove the red backed shoulder boards that it came with, because I wanted to use the green backed Gebirgsjager shoulder boards that I bought from Nomad65 instead.



I have included a Thumbnail shown right of the various insignia's that I bought, I just wish that I had a better camera to show off just how well detailed these items are. As they really do add a great deal of detail to the uniform. Especially as the badges are made of metal, the shoulder boards are woven together, plus the SS insignia actually stands out slightly from the collar tab to give a very good relief detail.



In the pictures above I have tried my best to demonstrate how I have used some of the insignia on my figure, also to show how I applied the badges to the tunic. I first placed them onto some double sided sticky tape, I then gently rubbed over the top of them with a pencil to bring out the detail, I then rubbed it with my finger to get a slight metallic shine to them. I then carefully cut around them with my model knife, including inside the assault badge, I peeled off the backing paper and then stuck them in place on the uniform.

**Note:** Make sure that if you use this method, that the badge is in the correct position, because if you try to take it back off again it may leave part of the sticky tape on the uniform. And it may be difficult to scrape this off the material

With the Narvik shield on the arm right, I repainted a piece of cotton printer paper with a Dark Grey/Green acrylic paint mix (slightly darker than the tunic) and once it was dry, I then placed the shield (with the sticky tape on the back) onto the paper. I then cut the paper around the shield in the shape as shown.



**Note:** Another method for this could be to use a thin piece of cotton material stuck onto a piece of the double sided tape, painted to the colour that you want, and when it's dry put the shield with the tape on the back (backing strip removed) on top and then cut to shape around the badge. Then all you have to do is take the backing tape off the cotton piece and place it on the sleeve.

The other items I have used with this figure are a Dragon roll neck sweater, cloth gloves, Toys City trousers with puttees and a pair of DiD German mountain boots. The changes to boots consisted of re-painting them with some Matt Medium acrylic paint to lose the shine on them from the factory, and I repainted the metal cleats on the boots with some Gunmetal paint. The puttees were fitted in the same way as my other Gebirgsjager figure.

**Note:** I feel that a Dragon nude body is better to use with the Toys City trousers, because the waist belt does up better plus with it being that little bit shorter, the trousers blouse out better with the puttees.



These pictures are of the completed figure, with a DiD officers belt, a map case with the belt mounting straps replaced since they were not wide enough to pass the belt through and a pistol holster. All of these had a Brown pastel chalk rubbed over and then wiped off to make them looked aged and to also lose the shine.

#### **M43 Cap Insignia**

Another item that I forgot about was the cap that I have shown on the right, as this was an experiment I did where again I have used the green cloth backing under the Heer M43 cap insignia.

I did this because I read somewhere about how some Gebirgsjager troops did this to the badge, to show off the Edelweiss insignia better. This was done the same way as the backing for the Narvik shield, the hardest part of doing this, was the cutting around the Edelweiss badge with my model knife to remove as much of the double sided tape as possible.

**Note:** I found that if any tape is sticking out on the edges afterwards, I just gently pressed it under the insignia edges.

