



1 PREPARATION STEP

Begin by cleaning the parts of the Darth Vader miniature with a hobby knife. Carefully remove any mold lines or other bits of left over plastic from the casting process. Test fit the parts to make sure they fit together flush. If they do not, carefully trim the connecting surfaces. When happy with the fit, glue the pieces of the mini together with super glue. Note that you may want to consider leaving the head and cape piece of the miniature separate for easier painting of the interior of the cape and the backs of the legs. You can then glue the separate pieces together after painting. Glue the feet of the miniature to a 27mm round base. Try to center the miniature over the base as well as you can while doing so.



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PRIMING STEP

Before you start painting, you should apply a primer coat to the miniature. This is usually applied via a spray can, though there are brush-able and airbrush-able options. A primer coat will help the paint adhere to the surface of the mini and increase the durability of the paint job. There are several spray primers to choose from available from hobby and home improvement stores. Look for a primer with a flat finish. Satin or gloss finishes are not recommended as they can interfere with the even application of paint. To save time, this mini is primed with a black primer purchased from a hobby store.





3 BASECOATING STEP

With a size 1 brush, apply even basecoats to the mini. Apply a second coat if needed for even coverage. Basecoat the robes, cape, helmet, boots and gloves with Sith Robes. Paint the lightsaber blade Royal Guard Crimson. Paint the chest buttons Endor Green, Royal Guard Crimson, R2-D2 Blue and Deathstar Grey. Paint the neck chain and belt details with Durasteel.



Sith Robes



Endor Green



Royal
Guard
Crimson



R2-D2
Blue



Death Star
Grey



Durasteel

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WASH STEP

The wash step adds shading to your paint job. Apply Shadow Wash evenly to the entire miniature. You want the wash to rest in the recesses but not pool on the raised surfaces. Pull the wash into the recesses with your brush. Be careful to not apply the wash so generously that it pools at the miniature's feet. Set the miniature aside to dry before moving on to the next step.



Shadow
Wash

5 LAYER STEP

Layer the areas basecoated in Step 3 with the colors used before the wash. Leave the wash in the recessed areas as much as possible. Try to angle your brush so it does not dip into the recesses and only hits the raised areas of the detail. You may need to adjust the angle of the miniature in relation to how you comfortably hold your brush to achieve this.



Sith Robes

Endor Green

Death Star
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R2-D2
Blue

Durasteel

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HIGHLIGHT STEP

Highlighting is accentuating the edges and highest raised points of the miniature with colors much lighter than the basecoat. This adds greater contrast and visual distinction to the details, even at a distance. We recommend using a size 00 brush for these highlights. The colors used for the highlights are listed below and covered in more detail on the next page.



Sith Robes

Death Star
Grey

Blaster
Bolt Red

Astromech
Silver

7 HIGHLIGHT STEP

Highlight the areas below with the colors noted. Numbers indicate a ratio mix of the first and second color.

- Robes, cape, helmet - 75/25 Sith Robes, Death Star Grey
- Boots, gloves - 75/25 Sith Robes, Death Star Grey
- Lightsaber - Blaster Bolt Red
- Metal - Astromech Silver



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DETAIL AND BASING STEP

As a final touch to finish off the miniature, apply Plastoid Gloss Varnish to the lenses of the helmet.

If desired, base your miniature with modeling sand and grass tufts as shown here. These are available at your local hobby store in a wide variety of options to capture the environment you most prefer. These materials are affixed to the base with white glue. It is up to you if you want to paint the modeling sand, which would offer up even more options for your paint job.



Plastoid
Gloss
Varnish

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