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PREPARATION

Begin by cleaning the parts of the speeder bike 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 or plastic glue. Clean the parts for the rider and assemble with super glue. You may want to affix the rider to a spare piece of plastic to make priming easier in the next step.





2 PRIMING

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. Use 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, the rider mini is primed with a white primer while the speeder bike is primed with a "Fur Brown" primer purchased from a hobby store.





3 BASECOATING

With a size 1 brush, apply even basecoats to the mini. Apply a second coat if needed for even coverage. Basecoat the undersuit, gloves, blaster, straps and underside of the speeder bike with Sith Robes. Paint the armor plates with Stormtrooper Armor. Paint the speeder bike hull with Speeder Bike Brown. Paint the rolled up tarp on the back of the bike with Imperial Uniform.

Stormtrooper
Armor

Speeder
Bike
Brown

Sith Robes

Imperial
Uniform

4 WASHING

The shading and wash step adds depth to the miniature by defining the recesses with a darker color. Thin down Death Star Grey to a 50/50 mix of paint and water and carefully paint the mix into the recesses of the armor. Apply Strong Tone Wash to speeder bike hull and rolled up tarp. Apply Shadow Wash to the undersuit, gloves, blaster and underside of the speeder bike.



Death Star
Grey

Strong Tone
Wash

Shadow
Wash



5 LAYERING

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.

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Speeder
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6 HIGHLIGHTING

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.



Consular
White

Sith Robes

Imperial
Cargo



7 STEP

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

- Scout Trooper Armor - Consular White
- Gun - 75/25 Sith Robes, Imperial Cargo
- Gloves - 75/25 Sith Robes,
Imperial Cargo
- Handlebars - 75/25 Sith Robes,
Imperial Cargo





8 BATTLE DAMAGE

Add battle damage to the speeder bike by first applying Strong Tone Wash to the areas of the bike that would see wear, like at the front fins and along the edges. Try to paint thin lines that run parallel to the direction of the bike to suggest scratches that are the product of speeding by debris. Apply layers of the Strong Tone Wash to build up the contrast. Then, with a size 00 brush, paint small lines of Astromech Silver inside the Strong Tone Wash marks.

Strong Tone
Wash

Astromech
Silver



9 BASING

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.



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