1  P R E P A R A T I O N  S T E P

Begin by cleaning the parts of the Luke Skywalker 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 and then glue the miniature to a 27mm round base. Try to center the miniature over the base as well as you can while doing so.
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 “Leather Brown” 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 pants and shirt with Endor Timber. Paint the boots with Jawa Robes and the belt and pouches with Mimban Mud. Paint the buckle and buttons Astromech Silver. Paint the gun, lightsaber hilt, holster, and leg strap with Sith Robes. Paint the skin with a 50/50 mix of Jundland Wastes and Jawa Robes. Paint the hair with a 50/50 mix of Dune Sea and Endor Timber. Finally, apply a basecoat of Blue Lightsaber to the lightsaber blade.
The wash step adds shading to the miniature. Apply Shadow Wash to the areas painted with Sith Robes in the previous step. Apply Strong Tone Wash to the rest of the mini, except for the lightsaber. Apply a wash of a 75/25 mix of water and R2-D2 Blue to the lightsaber. 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.
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.
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.

- Astromech Silver
- Mimban Mud
- Endor Timber
- Rebel Fatigues
- Jundland Wastes
- Blue Lightsaber
- Sandtrooper Pauldron
- Dune Sea
- Fleet Trooper Blue
- Jawa Robes
- Sith Robes
- Fleet Trooper Grey
7 HIGHLIGHT STEP

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

- Shirt, pants - 50/50 Endor Timber, Rebel Fatigues
- Boots - 75/25 Jawa Robes, Jundland Wastes
- Belt, pouches - 75/25 Sandtrooper Pauldron, Mimban Mud
- Skin - Jundland Wastes
- Hair - Dune Sea
- Gun, holster, lightsaber hilt - 50/50 Sith Robes, Fleet Trooper Grey
- Metal buckle, buttons - Astromech Silver
- Lightsaber - 50/50 Blue Lightsaber, Fleet Trooper Blue
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.