

Painting a whole army

RUNEWARS MINIATURES GAME comes with a pile of incredibly detailed plastic miniatures, simply begging to be painted. However, for many gamers, finding the time to paint is the biggest challenge. In the end, you see a lot of half-finished painted armies accompanied by muttering excuses of, "Oh... I really need to get those finished up, but my dog ate my brush."

Painting miniatures is meant to be fun, not a cause for a guilty conscience in the struggle to finish your painted army of miniatures.

With the hordes of monsters and brave hero miniatures in the **RUNEWARS** game and expansions, you might want to speed up your

painting, and THE ARMY PAINTER TECHNIQUE is the perfect way to get an amazing painting standard in little time. Let us take a look at the Waiqar the Undying hordes of Reanimates, Archers, and Carrion Lancers led by Ardus Ix'Erebus taken through the different stages in a matter of hours and days, not weeks and months.

In the second half of the guide, we'll look at special painting techniques and optional uniform schemes, taking the look of the painted army to the next level.

Using this guide



The miniature painting hobby is as diverse as there are games and gamers. The internet offers and endless source to techniques and inspiration. This guide takes you through the process of painting not just one or two miniatures, but

the whole of your army. Each of the step-by-step sections of the tutorial offers full descriptions and photos. Sometimes a picture says a thousand words.

We also recommend you refer to our generic GUIDE TO PAINTING ARMIES—a 24 page guide full of details and techniques useful for both beginners and veterans alike.

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The Army Painter Technique: spray – paint – dip – done!

THE ARMY PAINTER TECHNIQUE consists of a few simple steps from start to finish, which is perfect for painting your miniatures in a reasonable amount of time, and equally presents some very simple steps for new or inexperienced miniatures painters to follow and get great results. Anyone can do this!

Step o Preparation: Before we start to paint, the miniatures need to be cleaned and assembled.

Step I Spray: With the unique COLOUR PRIMER sprays, you prime

and basecoat your miniatures in one go, saving precious painting time as half the model is already painted.

Step 2 Paint: The miniatures are painted with **WARPAINTS** in flat colours, no shading or highlighting. In the dominant areas of the miniature, leave the spray showing as it is.

Step 3 Quickshade Dip: This step is where the magic happens. **THE ARMY PAINTER QUICKSHADE** is a specially formulated polyurethane pigmented varnish designed to shade wargames miniatures in an instant.

Step 4 Done: We finish the base off and the miniature is ready for gaming!



Products Used

Here are all the products you will need to paint all the Waiqar the Undying miniatures of Runewars Miniatures Game.					
Prep, Brushes and Basing	Colou	ır Pri	imer, Warpaints	and Quick	shade Varnish
Hobby Knife Hobby Pliers		Skeleton Bone CP3012	Skeleton Bone	Greedy Gold 97003	Greedy Gold
Super Glue Insane Detail Brush		Barbarian Flesh 2900	Barbarian Flesh	Oak Brown WP1124	Oak Brown
Character Brush		Platemail Metal	Platemail Metal	Desert Yellow WP11.21	Desert Yellow
Small Dry Brush Regiment Brush		Anti Shine Matt Varnish CP3003	Anti-Shine Matt Varnish	Filthy Cape with the Cape with	Filthy Cape
Brown Battlefield Flock Battlefield Rocks		Skeleton Bone WP1125	Skeleton Bone	Jungle Green wyrasi	Jungle Green
Swamp Tuft Highland Tuft		Plate Mail Metal WP1130	Platemail Metal	Matt White writes	Matt White
Basing (PVA) Glue		Castle Grey WP1467	Castle Grey	STRONG TONE	Quickshade Strong Tone
Super Glue		Leather Brown WP1123	Leather Brown		
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Step o: Preparation

Before we start to paint our miniatures, it's important to give them a wash in some lukewarm soapy water to remove any oily residue of the release agent used in the casting process. If not, you might find the paint rubbing off on the surface of the miniatures when starting to paint. Give the minis a good scrub and leave them to dry.



For a tidier looking army, you want to remove the mold-lines from each miniature as your next step. Mold-lines are fine lines of excess plastic left over from the casting where the two halves of the mold met. Use a sharp **Hobby Knife** and trim away the plastic lines, being careful not to cut yourself in the process. Remember, that a new sharp blade is safer to use than an old blunt one.

Even though all the RUNEWARS MINIATURES comes with a snap-fit joint, we recommend you glue your miniatures using SUPERGLUE. Set up an assembly line and glue the whole lot. Note: The semi-soft plastic used for RUNEWARS MINIATURES GAME will not respond to certain types of "plastic glue," therefore we recommend you use an all-purpose SUPERGLUE.

Straighten bent weapons

Occasionally parts of the miniatures come curved and crooked, perhaps bent in transport. Fortunately straightening the plastic is easier than what one might guess. Take a small bowl and fill it with boiling water. Carefully dip in the bend part of the mini for 5-10 seconds and notice how the plastic turns all soft. While



the plastic is workable, quickly straighten the bend part and hold it still in the correct position. Over the next 20-30 seconds the plastic cools down and hardens—now in the right shape.



The group of Waiqar Reanimates have been prepared and assembled - now they are ready for some spray primer.

Step 1: Colour Primer spray

Before you start to paint, you need to prime your miniatures to have the perfect canvas for your acrylic paint to stick. Nobody wants to play against an unpainted army, and by using **COLOUR PRIMER** sprays in conjunction with the **QUICKSHADE** dip, getting your army fully painted has never been easier. For your most dominant colour, choose between a wide range of **COLOUR PRIMER** sprays.



The Waiqar Reanimates are armour-clad walking corpses, but the predominate colour is skull and bones, so using **COLOUR PRIMER: SKELETON BONE** as our primer was the obvious choice.

COLOUR PRIMER sprays from THE ARMY PAINTER are a unique combination of both primer and acrylic colour, so you don't need to prime your models first and then use a second colour spray. COLOUR PRIMERS combine the two and you need only to give your models one coat!

ALWAYS follow the instructions on the can carefully. Recause our sprays are a combination

Because our sprays are a combination of traditional primer and highly pigmented quality acrylic paint, the spray is very different to use than other primers—we recommend you always test on an old model before spraying and follow the instructions on the can carefully!



When using Colour Primer sprays, try to pick the dominant colour of the miniature.

For instance, on Ardus Ix'Erebus only the face and the antlers on the helmet are bone, so it makes more sense to spray the undead lord with COLOUR PRIMER:
PLATE MAIL METAL



How to use Colour Primers

Always try it out on a test model or piece of old sprue first.

Shake the can for a minimum of $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes as the pigment is heavy and needs to blend.

Keep it close. The maximum distance you should use a Colour Primer from is about 20 centimeters or 8 inches.

Move the can. For best results, use long, even bursts while constantly moving the can across the model.

Clean nozzle. After each ended spray session, hold the can upside down and spray until only gas comes out.





Using Colour Primer sprays saves you a ton of painting time as most of the miniature is already basecoated... giving you more time for gaming!



Step 3: Quickshade Dip

Time to add shading to your miniatures to create an amplified the 3D effect, and making the army stand out on the tabletop.

THE ARMY PAINTER QUICKSHADE is a revolutionary pigmented varnish, specifically designed for models and detailed miniatures. It creates stunning and realistic shading effects that make it possible to paint an army of miniatures in a very short time. If you like to get your army painted and on to the battlefield fast and looking good, QUICKSHADE is your most essential tool.

We brushed on the QUICKSHADE using an old brush; we call this technique "splash-on." Optionally, you can use the superfast "dipping" method (see more in the GUIDE TO PAINTING ARMIES). Either way, the QUICKSHADE flows into the crevasses of the model and adds a deep shading, while simultaneously protecting the miniature with a strong varnish.

The aim is to drown the model with **QUICKSHADE**, then remove the excess pools by using an old brush. Try to leave plenty of **QUICKSHADE** on the miniature, just as long as it doesn't gather in unwanted pools.

Leave the miniatures to dry and harden for 24-48 hours, preferably outside in a shed or in your garage because of the vapors from the strong vanish.



Before and after Quickshade



Splash-on the Quickshade—you'll want plenty of Quickshade on the miniature.



Leave the Quickshade to set for about a minute.



Next, remove excess pools of Quickshade with a small old brush—here we have a big pool at the bottom of the shield.





Step 4: Base – and you're done!

Applying basing to your army is very important, as it binds the miniatures together as a coherent force with the same character and theme. This is often the last stage in your journey to a finished army and is a very rewarding step.

The Reanimates bases are faster to do than what you might think at a first glance. As with most of the products in **THE ARMY PAINTER** range, the basing material has been designed with speed and efficiency in mind—the aim always being to get your army finished and onto the gaming table.

We started off by painting the bases with WP OAK BROWN. Next, we painted on a layer of PVA BATTLEFIELDS BASING GLUE using a worn brush and added BROWN BATTLEGROUND and BATTLEFIELDS BOCKS to the base.

In RUNEWARS MINIATURES GAME, all models move in the cliptogether trays—make sure you don't glue the gravel onto the side of the base as this will spell trouble when you're trying to fit your miniatures on the movement trays or your movement trays together.

The neat thing about BROWN BATTLEGROUND and BATTLEFIELDS ROCKS are that they come pre-coloured, so once the glue has dried after about 60 minutes, you can move straight to the drybrush stage using first WP DESERT YELLOW and then WP SKELETON BONE. Finish of the bases by super gluing in some BATTLEFIELDS XP: TUFTS. We used a mix of SWAMP TUFTS and HIGHLAND TUFTS.



Do your movement trays at the same time

When you're doing the bases of your army, don't forget the clip-together movement trays. These are done in exactly the way—again take extra care not to get flock onto the sides or in each round hole; you need to leave this clear for the miniatures.



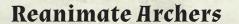


Theming your bases is as important as the uniform colours. Have a look over the next pages and notice how the overall look of your army is affected by your choice of basing; using lots of green flock and tufts for your forest bases or **SNOW FLOCK** and



This Reanimate was made ready for gaming in less than 10 minutes (excluding drying time, of course).







exact same steps using the same colours. However, we used more WP LEATHER BROWN and WP GREENSKIN and less WP PLATE MAIL METAL as the Archers enter the battle not as heavily armoured as the melee troops.

Like when painting the Reanimate melee troops, we worked on the while regiment of Archers in one go.

TOP TIP - Do your troops first

When painting a whole army in more or less one go, try to start with the bulk regiments—in this case the Reanimates and the Reanimate Archers. Utilize your energy and get a regiment or two done quickly and leave the Carrion Lancer figure and Ardus Ix'Erebus as a treat at the end of the trail.



Carrion Lancer

Along with Ardus Ix'Erebus, the mighty Carrion Lancer is the centerpiece of the army. Keeping in line with the rest of our battleforce, we have painted the monster to a good gaming standard

following the same basic 4 steps of **THE ARMY PAINTER TECHNIQUE**: Spray – Paint – Quickshade – Base. However, at a later stage, it might be worth going back to add highlights or extra details.



Ardus Ix'Erebus

Ardus Ix'Erebus, general of the undead, was painted in less than an hour (drying time excluded) using THE ARMY PAINTER TECHNIQUE.



Step 1: Spray with Colour Primer Plate Mail Metal

All clad in thick plate armour, it made sense to start with COLOUR PRIMER: PLATE MAIL METAL—half the miniature is already painted! As always following the guidelines on the can to the letter.

Step 2: Paint with Warpaints

Careful not to get paint onto the armour, the rest of the miniature was basecoated using the smaller Character Brush for more control. Befitting his status as commanding general, some of Ardus Ix'Erebus' armour was painted WP GREEDY GOLD and part of his clothes were painted WP DRAGON RED.



Step 3: Quickshade

Like the rest of the army, Ardus Ix'Erebus was shaded with QUICKSHADE STRONG TONE. Alternatively, one could have used the black QUICKSHADE DARK TONE that works excellently on metal armour, but we chose to stick with STRONG TONE to keep an overall uniformed feel of our army.



Step 4: "Anti-Shine" Matt Varnish and base

Again, following the same procedure as with the Reanimate troops, we finished the undead general with a few thin coats of "Anti-Shine" Matt Varnish and finished off the base.







Reanimate at "gaming standard": Spray - paint - dip - done!

With a single highlight, we take the Reanimate to "tournament standard."

In this section, we will not only be looking at different colour schemes, but we will also be introducing additional painting techniques that can take your army painting skills to the next level. This is but an appetizer—the dedicated section on The Army Painter website has even more inspirational tutorials and guides of the armies of **RUNEWARS MINIATURE GAME**: www.TheArmypainter.com/Runewars



This army was painted using The Army Painter Technique: Spray - paint - dip - done! and then given a single highlight to take the army to tournament standard. The bone colour in particular stands out with just a single highlight of WP Drake Tooth on top of the "Anti-Shined" miniatures.

Rust effects

The troops of Waiqar the Undying are summoned from their graves by black necromantic magic, and the ancient warriors of old would most likely take the field of battle clad in old rusted armour. There is a **Warpaint Effects** paint that can do just that...



Step 1: Spray with Colour Primer Skeleton Bone

Start off with a spray with COLOUR PRIMER: SKELETON BONE and as always following the guidelines on the can to the letter.

Step 2: Paint with Warpaints

The Reanimate miniature was basecoated using a **REGIMENT BRUSH.**

Armour: WP PLATE MAIL METAL Edges: WP GREEDY GOLD Tunic: WP MOULDY CLOTHES

Belt: WP LEATHER BROWN APPAIR

Step 3: Quickshade

The miniature was shaded with **QUICKSHADE STRONG TONE** and left outside to dry for the standard 24-48 hours.

Step 4 "Anti-Shine" Matt Varnish

Once the QUICKSHADE was dry, the Reanimate was given a few coats of "ANTI-SHINE" MATT VARNISH to remove the gloss shine and to give a matt surface for further painting.

The range of Effects
Warpaints each have a
specific purpose. The WP Dry
Rust is meant to go on top
of armour as the very last
step.

Stipple the WP Dry Rust on using a worn brush. Use only a little paint on the brush and build up the rust effect until you are happy with the result.



Greedy Gold

Leather

Brown

Metal

Products used

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Brown Battleground

Steppe Grass

Swamp Tufts
Woodland Tufts



Step 1: Spray with Colour Primer Skeleton Bone

Like most other Reanimates in this painting guide, we start off with an undercoat of COLOUR PRIMER: SKELETON BONE to save some time.

Step 2: Paint with Warpaints

The armour was painted WP GREEDY GOLD, the cloth was painted WP DARK STONE and WP FILTHY CAPE. Metal was painted WP PLATE MAIL METAL and the straps with WP LEATHER BROWN.

Step 3: Quickshade

The brown pigmented **QUICKSHADE STRONG TONE** is perfect for the rich gold armour. In a matter of seconds, you transform the basecoated model to a fully shaded miniature. Leave to dry for 24-48 hours.

Step 4 "Anti-Shine" Matt Varnish and base

After a few thin coats of "ANTI-SHINE" MATT VARNISH, the base was finished using the same steps as our main Waiqar army. The eye sockets were washed with WP PURPLE TONE WASH and the center was painted WITH WP TOXIC BOILS.

OPTIONAL:

To enhance the ancient feel of an old gold armour, you can paint thinned down WP Elemental Bolt into some of the cravasses, simulating verdigris weathering.





Colour Primer Matt White and Quickshade Soft Tone

Here we have used a different set-up whilst still following the THE ARMY PAINTER TECHNIQUES. Notice the very different end feel.



Step 1: Spray with **Colour Primer Matt White**

The Reanimante Archer was sprayed with Colour Primer: MATT WHITE, not COLOUR PRIMER: SKELETON BONE. We wanted a different feel to the skull and bones, therefore we started of with a lighter spray.



Step 2: Paint with Warpaints

We wanted our Archer to be clad in mostly green and brown. WP WITCH BREW, WP DESERT YELLOW, WP MOSTER BROWN and WP DIRT SPATTER. Any mistakes onto the bone areas were corrected using

WP MATT WHITE.



Step 3: Quickshade

For this miniature, we used QUICKSHADE SOFT TONE using the "Splash-on" technique as described earlier in the guide.

The QUICKSHADE SOFT TONE gives a subtler shading and works very well on top of bright base colours.



Step 4 "Anti-Shine" Matt Varnish

As always, give your dried model a few thin coats with "ANTI-SHINE" MATT VARNISH spray following the instructions on the can.



The woodland base was made by painting the base with WP Elf Green and using mostly Moss Green Flock and green Woodland Tufts and Swamp Tufts

Products used



SOFT TONE

Matt White Spray Primer











Quickshade Soft Tone



"Anti-Shine" Matt Varnish



Elf Green

Brown Battleground,

Moss Green Flock

Swamp Tufts

Woodland Tufts.

By "switching" to Colour Primer: Matt White and Quickshade Soft Tone, we have created a completely different look—although the painting techniques remain just as fast.

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Colour Primer Plate Mail Metal and Quickshade Dark Tone

For this Reanimate, we have gone for a darker feel, starting with a metal **COLOUR PRIMER**. Since most of the model is clad in metal armour, this is great choice.



Step 1: Spray with Colour Primer Plate Mail Metal

All clad in thick plate armour it made sense to start with COLOUR PRIMER: PLATE MAIL METAL.

Step 2: Paint with Warpaints

We chose a very simple uniform; using only two colours: WP ROYAL CLOAK and WP HARDENED CARAPACE. The bone was painted WP SKELETON BONE.

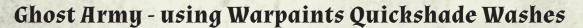
Step 3: Quickshade

The black pigmented QUICKSHADE DARK TONE simply loves metal! And the cold WP ROYAL CLOAK looks good with a black shade, rather than a brownish shade.

Step 4 "Anti-Shine" Matt Varnish

Once the QUICKSHADE was dry, the Reanimate was given a few coats of "ANTI-SHINE" MATT VARNISH to remove the gloss shine.





For these Reanimates we have given **THE ARMY PAINTER TECHNIQUE**: Spray - paint - dip - done! a break. That does not mean we end up with a slowly painted army, however.



Step 1: Spray with Colour Primer Necrotic Flesh

Our Ghost Army was primed with the green tinted COLOUR PRIMER: NECROTIC FLESH.

Once the spray had dried for about 10 minutes, we could begin our basecoating.



Step 2: Paint with Warpaints

We only used one paint: WP ROUGH IRON on all metal areas (swords, armour, chainmail,

leggings, etc).
Super fast!



Step 3: Wash with Quickshade Ink

Using the large REGIMENT BRUSH we washed the whole of the model with WP QUICKSHADE GREEN TONE.



Step 4 Highlight with Warpaints

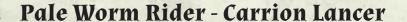
Next follows two quick highlights: WP NECROTIC FLESH followed by WP BRAINMATTER BEIGE. And the metal areas were drybrushed WP GUN METAL and a finer highlight with WP SHINING SILVER.

Products used | Necrotic Flesh Colour Primer | Brainmatter Beige Wylds | Beige | Stone Golem | Stone Golem | Stone Golem | Wylds | Stone Golem | Necrotic Flesh | Wylds | Flesh | Black Battleground | Black Battleground | Frozen Tufts | Frozen Tufts | Shining Silver | Shini

Green Tone

Duickshade wash

Winter Tufts



This Carrion Lancer is part of Jonas Faering's red army "Kyndrithyl's Undying Legions." The army was painted using THE ARMY PAINTER TECHNIQUE as standard and then taken to a

tournament level by giving the whole army a single highlight. To read more about Jonas's army, make sure you check THE ARMY PAINTER website.



Battlefields Basing: Theming your Army

The most important thing is to keep all the bases and movement trays the same throughout the army. In this last stage of your army painting project, you have an opportunity to theme the overall feel of your army in the way you do your bases. Using the different

types of basing material and Tufts type available from **THE ARMY PAINTER** the options are endess. Here is a little selection of bases for inspiration.









Mountain theme

Base was painted with WP UNIFORM GREY. With a large brush like the WARGAMING REGIMENT BRUSH, we painted on some BATTLEFIELDS BASING GLUE and dipped the base into the tub of

BATTLEFIELDS ROCKS. Once the glue had dried we drybrushed with WP MONSTER BROWN followed by WP STONE GOLEM,









Woodland theme

This base was painted **WP ELF GREEN**. Paint the base with **BATTLEFIELDS BASING GLUE** then, while the glue is wet, sprinkle on

BROWN BATTLEGROUNDS, then MOSS GREEN FLOCK. Finally a few BATTLEFIELDS XP WOODLAND TUFT and SWAMP TUFTS were added.









Plain Theme

This base was painted WP OAK BROWN. BROWN BATTLEGROUNDS was sprinkled on, then the base was dipped in the tub of STATIC

STEPPE GRASS. Lastly a few BATTLEFIELDS XP WOODLAND TUFT and HIGHLAND TUFTS were glued in place using SUPERGLUE.









Winter theme

This base was painted with **WP LEATHER BROWN**. Then we did the base like "normal" using **BROWN BATTLEGROUND**, drybrushed with **WP DESERT YELLOW** and **WP SKELETON BONE**. We added BATTLEFIELDS XP: WINTER and FROZEN TUFTS using SUPERGLUE. And finally we glued in some SNOW FLOCK using the BATTLEFIELDS BASING GLUE.

The World of The Army Painter

This Amy Painting Guide is just the beginning—the RUNEWARS universe is vast and your hobby journey has just begun. As the range of miniatures grow, so will the ranks of THE ARMY PAINTER Waiqar the Undying armies swell. On our website, you can see many more step-by-step galleries and read many more guides and

Raints and

Brushes

articles. THE ARMY PAINTER offers a full range of wargaming and painting acessories. All products are designed to take your army from the box to the gaming table in a reasonable amount of time.



- To get hold of the Colour Primer sprays, Quickshade dips, and the range of Warpaints used in this guide, look out for The Army Painter Techinque rack in your local game store.





On The Army Painter website, we have a range of convenient product bundle deals using the products described in this guide—making it easy to get started!





