

# M4A1 Sherman

## a Tom Wise Painting Guide

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These are a support platoon from the US 2nd armor division for my US 101st Airborne division .

Start by prepping your vehicles.

1) I drill a hole in the tank hull and turret stub to accommodate a rear earth magnet. This will hold the turret on while transporting it and allow it to still move. I paint the one end of my rear earth magnets and use them from the other end, this way I have the same polarity on all the turrets.

2) Then glue the appliqué armor to the hull sides and glue the gun to the turret. I leave the treads, HMG and hatches on the sprue. The reason is that the parts are plastic and very light and when I removed them the first time I painted this box set the plastic parts would blow around when I tried to spray them with primer.



### MATERIALS

#### Magic Wash

- 1/3 Kel's Magic Sauce (black)
- 1/3 water
- 1/3 Future Floor Polish

### PAINTS

Numbers indicate Vallejo paint color code

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|-----|-------------------|
| 818 | Red Leather       |
| 819 | Iraqi Sand        |
| 821 | German Camo Beige |
| 863 | Gun Metal         |
| 875 | Brown Beige       |
| 887 | Brown Violet      |
| 950 | Black             |
| 951 | Flat White        |
| 988 | Khaki             |

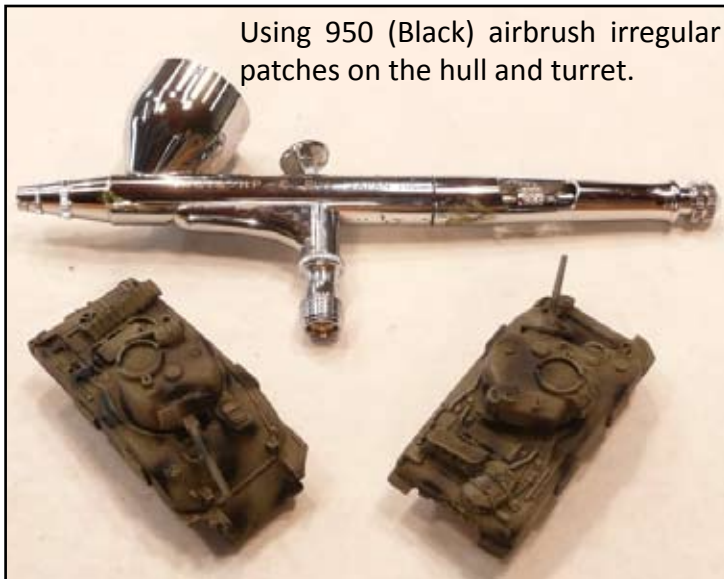
Primer your parts using black primer.



Step 1 - (left side) Paint the vehicle using 887 (Brown Violet)

Step 2 - (right side) Drybrush vehicle with 887 (Brown Violet) mixed with 951 (flat white) using a 50/50 mix. Then I magic wash the entire tread piece.





Step 1 - Dry brush 818 (red leather) along the edges of the treads.

Step 2 - Dry brush 818 (red leather) and 951 (flat white) mixed 50/50 along the edges of the treads.

Step 3 - Dry brush 951 (flat white) very lightly along the edges of the treads.

Step 4 - Dry brush 819 (Iraqi Sand) all over the treads.

Step 5 - Glue treads to hull.

Paint the stowage on the vehicle.

Box.- Base 875(Brown Beige), then 875 (Brown Beige) mixed with 951 (flat White) 50/50, final light dry brush of 951 (flat white).

Canvas - Base 821 (German Camo Beige), then 821 (German Camo Beige) mixed with 951 (flat White) 50/50, final light dry brush of 951 (flat white).

Packs, rolls - Base 988 (Khaki), then 988 (Khaki) mixed with 951 (flat White) 50/50, final light dry brush of 951 (flat white).

Tools - Handles 875 (Beige Brown), tool heads, MG's and tow cable 863(gun metal).





Black line vehicle



Decal, solvent set decals and when dry go over the entire vehicle with 819(Iraqi Sand) dry brushing the vehicle.



Finished!