

# MINIATURES KIT BASHING

## ARCHIVE FOR 2003

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Monday, May 26, 2003 - 11:11 pm: Edit

I have to check a Master Ship Chart I have, but I think it included a separated CVA saucer. Of course, things could've changed with the Captain's Edition. It looks great. Anyone know if any ships have been named USS Langley? It would be appropriate for a prototype carrier.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 - 05:40 pm: Edit

Hey Mike West: Just got the pod, thanks. Should be about a week or so til I finally finish it. The good thing about this mini, is that it will be adjustable to the scenario, I can add and remove pods and Base Augmentation Modules as needed. I am considering doing one for Kzinti, Klingon, Lyrans, etc. God only knows if I'll ever find someone to play all these games with before I hit the National Cemetary.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 - 10:09 pm: Edit

Module G1 mentions a separated CVA saucer with .50 speed and impulse speed if the saucer's warp is dropped. I'm trying to find the old P module that had a Master Ship Chart. I'm pretty sure all SC3 and SC2 ships could perform saucer separation.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 - 10:25 pm: Edit

Bennett: This is the conjectural CVN. Its a different ship from the CVA.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 - 10:33 pm: Edit

Don't remember if I've seen an SSD for it. Was it in a Captain's Log? Still sharp looking, real or conjectural. Mike should go pro, if he hasn't already. Could be making study models for films.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Thursday, May 29, 2003 - 08:08 am: Edit

It was in Star Fleet Times, from an issue back in '95. It's a beast, with 3 squadrons of F-18's, 2 squadrons of F-14's, 1 squadron of A-10's, and four each MRS shuttles and SWACS.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Thursday, May 29, 2003 - 09:08 am: Edit

SFT#9, to be specific. Prior to that, it was a download available on the old GENie network that Steve had uploaded in 1988 (but as a variant of the old two-nacelle flattop carrier, of course).

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Thursday, May 29, 2003 - 11:08 pm: Edit

Saw what the CVN SSD looks like. Quite a ship. Should get a greater escort. Need to think of a ship we could name Bob Hope.

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By Anthony Ellerd (Cilinar) on Saturday, May 31, 2003 - 01:48 pm: Edit

Painting advice needed... I'm trying to paint some of the metal minis and having trouble. I'm brushing on flate white Tamiya acrylic hobby paint.

Problems:

1) The paint isn't covering well. I've applied 2-3 coats and it isn't covering evenly. In some places the gray of the metal is still showing through the paint.

2) I'm not getting the smooth finish that I would like. The paint is settling a bit unevenly and showing the brush strokes.

Any suggestions? I would lik to end up with a smooth, professional looking finish and would really appreciate any tips and technique suggestions.

Thanks!

~Tony

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Saturday, May 31, 2003 - 02:19 pm: Edit

I find white to be a very difficult color to work with. Many white paints behave in the way you discribe. I have been able to do one of two things to get good results:

1. Use Testors white spray primer. The spray paint avoids the brush marks and, if applied in several light coats, produces an even finish.

2. I have found only two brands of white paint that I can apply evenly with a brush: Citadel and Humbriel. It usually requires at least two coats for large areas, but I've had much better success with these than any other brands. Might not work for everybody, but it works for me.

Hope that helps.

Jeremy

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Saturday, May 31, 2003 - 04:31 pm: Edit

Both of Jeremys suggestions are what I was going to suggest. Though I use a different white primer Testors is fine.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Saturday, May 31, 2003 - 04:40 pm: Edit

It's been my practice to use gray spray primer almost exclusively for a long, long time. The main reason is that gray is such a neutral color, you can paint over it with nearly anything you like and still get good contrast...even with white.

Once its primed, you can brush paint on whatever you like. The brush strokes left in the paint usually mean that your paint is too thick...you may need to thin it a bit to avoid that.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Sunday, June 08, 2003 - 09:23 am: Edit

Cross-post from minis thread...

Finished making this kit-bash of the Fed CVN from Star Fleet Times. Didn't have an official name or registry, so I winged it.

The SSD shows the ship with three nacelles, and it was hard to figure out the best place for them. I finally chose putting it in the middle of the aft hull, based on two things. One, the CVN was based on the old CVA, which couldn't seperate the saucer. So, why put a warp engine there. Two, the place the saucer would normally mount a third nacelle has a big shuttle bay; didn't seem like the best place for it, especially since it would require running the intermix chamber the entire length of the ship, right through the shuttle bays.

Here are some pics:

Fed CVA top down

Fed CVA rear quarter

You can see the shuttle bay doors, and the numbers for each bay. Even numbers starboard, odd port, starting with the saucer bay (built up behind the bridge.) The ship shows six balcony positions on each side; I just used three extra-wide doors, rather than six smaller ones. The photons are removed, and the four ADD launchers added to the bottom. The ship uses three DN-style engines, since it calls for 15 pointers rather than the weird big ones from the CVA.

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By Lars Fausnacht (Maxbodycount) on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 - 11:07 pm: Edit

Wow, Mike, that is a nice kitbash! I hope to make something that nice one day...Hell, I just want enough bits 'n' stuff to attempt it!

Very nice, very nice.

- Lars

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By Lars Fausnacht (Maxbodycount) on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 - 11:09 pm: Edit

While I am in the right area, can anyone direct me to a proper TTF font for the Fed hull lettering, preferably the block style without the trim? (The trim would disappear on this scale so who cares.)

- Lars

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Thursday, June 12, 2003 - 06:46 am: Edit

Lars,

Email me. I have the font that you need.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 - 05:23 pm: Edit

Couple of favorite kitbashes that make a nice matched pair: Federation Battleship and Heavy Destroyer Escort

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 - 10:17 pm: Edit

"Whewwwwwwwww". (Best I can do for a whistle.)

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By Carl Madalinski (Shipwrecker) on Friday, June 27, 2003 - 09:05 pm: Edit

Those are really nice Mike.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Tuesday, July 01, 2003 - 05:14 pm: Edit

Thanks!

Been working on a new kitbash of a Gorn Battleship. Here's a pic of the hull and engine assembly; they aren't painted yet, but the shaping is pretty much done save for some final etching on the hull and mounting the engine posts.

Gorn BB work in progress

I'm thinking of writing up a "how to" for these sorts of things. If there is interest enough, I'll do it and send it in to SVC and see if he'll consider putting them in a Cap Log, or something. I'd love to see something like that, and not just of my stuff; Jeremy, Jessica and Mark all do great mini kit-bashes, too, and I think people would like to hear their tips and techniques, as well.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Tuesday, July 01, 2003 - 06:05 pm: Edit

That looks really good Mike! And I for one would love to see a Kit Bash article in CL.

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By Jude Hornborg (Von\_Nasty) on Tuesday, July 01, 2003 - 11:20 pm: Edit

At the risk of sounding stupid, what is a kit-bash? I'm guessing it means you create ships that aren't normally available, by using spare parts. Am I right?

Nice work BTW Mike.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 04:24 am: Edit

Mike, how did you make the hull on that thing?

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 07:22 am: Edit

Jude,

You've got it. Kit-bashing is the fine(?) art of taking parts to one or more kits and whatever else you happen to have lying around and "bashing" them into what you want.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 07:45 am: Edit

Well said, Jessica.

In general, kit-bashing is using existing parts and peices to build something different. Scratch building is, well, making

something from scratch. Jessicas Peladine minis are examles of that, I believe.

Aaron, the hull was made by cutting an old-stlye Gorn DN hull in half lengthwise, then pinning the pieces back together with about a 1/4" gap. I use Sculpy modeling clay to fill the gap, then sculpt and shape it to fit the contours of the hull. Once I got it right, I baked it to harden the clay, sanded it smooth, and etched in the hull circles on the bubbles. I did the final assembly late last night, and hope to have it painted and finished this weekend.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 09:22 am: Edit

Mike: what did you use to make the cut?

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 09:26 am: Edit

Mike,

Yes, the Peladine are scratch-built.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 09:32 am: Edit

Aaron,

A hack saw. I clamped the mini on a bench vise with C-clamps, leaving about a 1 inch gap. Then I placed wood shims under and on the wings to keep them level and to protect them from the clamp, and cut it right in half. I used the same exact process for this mini of a Hydran Monarch BB because both are built on wider DN hulls.

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By Jude Hornborg (Von\_Nasty) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 10:59 am: Edit

So if you don't have the piece that you need from another kit, would you typically use assorted electrical or plumbing fittings, or carve it from a chunk of raw material? In the latter case, what is the best material to use?

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 11:16 am: Edit

Depends one what you're trying to do. For the Gorn above, the engines had to be scratch-built. I cut the ends off of two cheap plastic paint brushes, sanded the big end to a nice round shape, and popped a spacer bead on the end (the gold looking thing on the engine) with a bit of the brush still sticking out. The brushes were ninety-nine cents for a pack of 12; the beads were \$2 for a pack of assorted shapes. The clay is a couple bucks a brick, and a little can go a long, long way.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 11:58 am: Edit

Jude,

At one time, I used a big brick of lead as my raw material. A lengthy bout of lead poisoning later, I can no longer make that recommendation.

There are, however, plenty of safe things out there that work dandy. One of the best is a plumbers epoxy called Kneadtite, a/k/a "Greenstuff" (as, after you knead together the blue and yellow components, it becomes green). This stuff shapes very well, hardens very nicely, sands beautifully. You can use it to build up from wireframes and the like; in fact, most of the outfits that do fantasy miniatures use the stuff, and have come to refer to their pre-casting sculptures as "greens" (take a look at the latest from Reaper for an example). A good way to build a ship from scratch with this stuff is to use brass strips to lay out the "keel", then build it up with the Kneadtite.

Other wonderful things to have are brass rods and tubes of various sizes (for weapons, warp engines, etc.), and various sizes of steel shot, the stuff that is used in modern shotgun shells (I find that #4 shot works perfectly for the nosecone of a Federation warp nacelle, for example). Other interesting things are little photo-etched superdetailing kits that are marketted for model cars; the APR vents for the Peladine ships were

originally photo-etched turn signals for a Camarro, if I recall correctly.

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By Jude Hornborg (Von\_Nasty) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 12:06 pm: Edit

Thanks Jessica, lots of great suggestions. I used to use Kneadtite for adding tentacles and such to my Warhammer models, which is why I was curious. I found that it's quite strong, but that you can't carve into it very well, at least while it's soft. Maybe it's easier when hard, but then I'd be worried about breakage.

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By Jude Hornborg (Von\_Nasty) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 09:43 pm: Edit

What I meant by the above was that Kneadtite is kind of "rubbery" when soft, so it's difficult to carve very detailed grooves into it. Wondering if there's another material that is better for carving. Or do you use that for the main body and then smear something else over top of it?

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 10:38 pm: Edit

It kind of depends what I'm doing. Sometimes, I'll use brass bits or photoetched parts that I adhere to the Greenstuff while it is still tacky; other times, I'll carve the Greenstuff when it is almost (but not quite) dry; still others I use various interesting odds and ends to press a pattern into the tacky Greenstuff.

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By Jude Hornborg (Von\_Nasty) on Wednesday, July 02, 2003 - 11:25 pm: Edit

Cool, thanks Jessica.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Thursday, July 03, 2003 - 06:38 pm: Edit

Okay, got the final assembly on the Gorn BB kitbash completed and primed.

Gorn BB Prework

The sensor dish is a left over from a Fed mini, and the engines made from paintbrushes and spacer beads. The scale turned out pretty good, I think. Now, I just have to paint it.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Thursday, July 03, 2003 - 09:56 pm: Edit

Looks nice. I was in Games Plus today and picked up 2 D6M miniatures, R10 and CL26. Found out Jessica was the designer of the Mauler mini. She definitely rocks. When I saw R10, I was taken aback. I don't remember seeing R8 or R9 yet. Plan to use the minis as a D6M and a KRM.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Thursday, July 03, 2003 - 10:43 pm: Edit

There is no R8 or R9 yet; the NCA module was ready to go to press, whilst R8 and R9 are still a ways down the road, so it was produced as R10 out of sequence.

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By Lars Fausnacht (Maxbodycount) on Monday, July 07, 2003 - 07:06 pm: Edit

Question #1: Does a Fed FFB have the third warp engine above or below the saucer? Any official artwork on this?

Question #2: Has anyone done a Fed GSC yet? I was so awed by the GVX in CL#26 that I began to wonder why there were no GSC's floating about.

I assume a GSC would be easiest to take a CA, add some sensor dishes, and voila! They have the same 15-box engines, are the same class size, and the DN saucer on the CA hull would look kinda silly. (I know because I did a dry-fit...)

- Lars

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, July 07, 2003 - 08:07 pm: Edit

#1: Dunno. Above, if it were up to me.

#2: Yes, but it's been awhile. No pics, but it's an easy enough kitbash; just gotta get the extra sensor dishes.

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Monday, July 07, 2003 - 08:49 pm: Edit

I believe there is a top down graphic of the Fed FFB in a scenario or CL article. Not sure where, but I'm almost positive it showed the engine on top.

I've done two different versions, one with the engine on top, the other on the bottom.

<http://jgray-sfb.com/fedffb.jpg>

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Monday, July 07, 2003 - 09:08 pm: Edit

Jeremy: I like the "On top" version. Nice!

Note about the GSC: You could make it out of just a CA by adding sensor dishes but the rear hull of the GSC is bigger. Might should lengthen it or make it bulkier somehow.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, July 07, 2003 - 09:11 pm: Edit

That's easy enough; I did it with a DNH. Just cut it, add a spacer, and sand it smooth. No worries.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Monday, July 07, 2003 - 10:15 pm: Edit

I did it on a Strike carrier I made. I took a DN rear hull and a CA rear hull and cut the DN one a little forward of the back end. Then I carefully eyeballed where to cut the CA aft end to match the size. I then glued the CA aft to the DN section and I got, after a little sanding, a tunnel deck aft hull! Put the rest of the pieces on and now I have a Fed CVS.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Monday, July 07, 2003 - 10:54 pm: Edit

That was one thought I had on how to scratchbuild a CVS. The other was trimming a DN front section and putting it on a CA hull.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Tuesday, July 08, 2003 - 08:19 am: Edit

I planned doing a Fed CVF based on that sort of layout. Make that wedge saucer, build the aft hull from a DN and CA put together, and there you go. I'll get to it eventually, I guess.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Tuesday, July 08, 2003 - 10:37 pm: Edit

Can we start the bidding?

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, July 09, 2003 - 08:09 am: Edit

Actually I posted an offer to do one free of charge if someone supplied that parts; Aaron took me up on it, so I'll be doing one as a prototype for him. The ship is from J2, and called the USS Gryphon. I suspect it'll make a nice kit bash.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Wednesday, July 09, 2003 - 09:28 pm: Edit

I had gone to this post area first last night, so I didn't see the offer in time. Will get in touch with you on this.

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By Davyd Atwood (Blackelf) on Thursday, July 10, 2003 - 06:09 pm: Edit

The artwork in the PD1 Fed Sourcebook shows the Fed FFB with the 3rd engine above the saucer.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, July 21, 2003 - 08:02 am: Edit

I finally put the finishing touches on a Gorn Battleship kitbash I was working on. Turned out very nicely, IMHO.

Gorn Battleship, foreview

Gorn Battleship, aft view

I took some inspiration from Ted's work in regards to color, making it a darker, mottled gray. I also used gold lettering instead of silver, again per Ted's pics.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Monday, July 21, 2003 - 11:17 am: Edit

Hate to run into that ship in a dark nebula.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Friday, July 25, 2003 - 02:12 pm: Edit

What is the best material to work with (in other words, most forgiving), pewter, lead (which is probably not used anymore) or styrene/resin? Is it more expensive to build the miniatures in pewter or styrene?

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Friday, July 25, 2003 - 02:37 pm: Edit

Depends on what you're trying to do, but in general styrene is best. Pewter is mighty hard to work with hand tools, and isn't very forgiving.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Friday, July 25, 2003 - 02:50 pm: Edit

My standard rant:

Steer clear of lead if you can. I worked with it for years, convinced that gloves and a mask would keep me safe. I wound up with lead poisoning. Not to say that you shouldn't buy a lead mini if you want it; you aren't carving/sanding/etc. said mini, and in theory you're going to encapsulate it in paint and varnish or some sort. But if you are planning to work up a mini from scratch, please don't use lead to do it.

What does work well is building a framework out of brass strips and tubes, then building up from it with ribbon epoxy (such as Kneadtite, a/k/a/ "greenstuff").

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Friday, July 25, 2003 - 04:47 pm: Edit

Having enough problems with chemical sensitivities, I'll heed your rant. Thanks, Jessica.

Primarily, I was thinking of the lifespan of tooling when making the miniatures. I don't remember who told me which molds lasted longer; if it was Lou Zocchi, Steve Jackson or Steve Cole. I think the metal miniature molds were supposed to have a longer life span than the molds for styrene. The raw material for styrene just seems cheaper, especially with recycling. Maybe pop bottles could be turned into starships. (Now there's a scary thought.)

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Friday, July 25, 2003 - 05:10 pm: Edit

The metal molds for styrene last a long, long time, but are hideously expensive to create. The rubber molds for pewter or lead wear out quickly, but are dirt cheap and are easy to recreate using casting masters. Brass-and-epoxy are what was used back in the day by Richard Kerr to create most of the original SFB molds, and the process still works very nicely.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Friday, July 25, 2003 - 10:06 pm: Edit

Thank you. Have some things in mind for the future.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Friday, August 01, 2003 - 08:47 pm: Edit

I just received a bunch of OLD minis. Most are junk but there are a few good ones in the group. Would like to get some thoughts from you expert kit bashers on:

1. What could you turn a Lyran CA or DN into (other than turn the CA into a tug or paint them as an LDR or WYN)?
2. If I wanted to kit bash a Hydran NCA, would it be more accurate to throw a trimmed up engine on a CL or cut some hull off out of the middle of a CA?
3. What's the best way to hold a Tholian Pinwheel together?

Thanks for your help. I'm sure that I'll have more questions later!

Scott

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By Mike West (Mjwest) on Sunday, August 03, 2003 - 12:28 am: Edit

While I am not a kitbasher, the answer to your question #2 is in R10. The changed the description of the Hydran NCA hull there. (The description of the physical hull changed, not the SSDs.)

Basically, you need to start with the CL and create a "ridge" along the top of the hull that runs for the full length.

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By Jesse E Hamby (Edhamby) on Sunday, August 03, 2003 - 05:40 pm: Edit

A review of the Hydran ships in R10 got me to thinking:

"I wonder if Jessica could be persuaded, bribed, or otherwise convinced to "create" add-on ridge masters for the existing ships so ADB could sell them and everyone could profit?"

Just a thought.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Sunday, August 03, 2003 - 06:41 pm: Edit

Thanks, Mike. Haven't purchased R10 yet, but it is definitely on my "to get" list. Any idea on how to construct this ridge or how big it should be?

Scott

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Sunday, August 03, 2003 - 06:55 pm: Edit

Plain old stock styrene sheet ought to do it, I'd think. Easy to get, easy to work with.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Sunday, August 03, 2003 - 08:08 pm: Edit

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Quote:

"I wonder if Jessica could be persuaded, bribed, or otherwise convinced to "create" add-on ridge masters for the existing ships so ADB could sell them and everyone could profit?"

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Indeed, Jessica could be persuaded (for the Hydran, Kzinti, Tholian and ISC NCA add-ons), and is waiting on a reply from SVC on that very matter. However, SVC has been extremely busy of late with a variety of things, so Jessica would request patience....

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By Dean Gundberg (Star\_Ranger) on Friday, August 15, 2003 - 08:54 pm: Edit

Has anyone here been picking up the TOS Enterprise model from Polar Lights:

[http://www.playingmantis.com/pl/news\\_details.php?articleid=650](http://www.playingmantis.com/pl/news_details.php?articleid=650)

It is a 1:10000 scale 11" snap-together kit of the classic Federation Heavy Cruiser. It includes parts for 3 versions of the ship (1st pilot, 2nd pilot, and series versions) along with decals for several different CAs, including the Mirror Universe Enterprise. Also both decals and stickers are included.

You can find it for \$9.99 at Target or Hobby Lobby (get it for half price for the next week during HL's model sale) or up to \$12.99 at some hobby stores.

It has been getting great reviews from the space modeling crowd at places like starshipmodeler.com.

Also if you want to finish out your Federation Fleet, PNT Models makes conversions pieces to make the Fed Destroyer, Tug (a bunch on pods too), and Dreadnought from the Enterprise parts

<http://www.pntmodels.com/fjd.html>

Polar Lights is planning on releasing 2 Trek models per year (later this year a 24" NX-01 will be released) and they should announce what is next in September. There is hope they will

do a 1:10000 Klingon D-7 soon. Then I would make a fleet of each for some great large scale gaming.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Friday, August 15, 2003 - 10:58 pm: Edit

SVC: This would happen to be the Modle Companey you've spoke to would it?

I'll be heading to Target to see if I can find one.

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By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Saturday, August 16, 2003 - 04:35 pm: Edit

Loren: Never heard of it.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Saturday, August 16, 2003 - 05:57 pm: Edit

I think Polar Lights may have purchased some of the old Aurora Model Company molds, and may have created some new ones. I know their box design for the company name is similar to what Aurora used to use.

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By Will McCammon (Djdood) on Monday, August 18, 2003 - 01:34 am: Edit

The Polar Light's Enterprise is a 100% new tooling snap-together injection molded kit. The tooling masters were created by Thomas Sasser;

<http://www.thomasmodels.com/pl1701.html>

He was pretty hardcore in trying to match the filming miniature as much as humanly possible and still be something that could be mass-produced.

This kit is a dramatic improvement over both the old AMT/Ertl kit and the later cut-away version.

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By Will McCammon (Djdood) on Monday, August 18, 2003 - 01:36 am: Edit

Polar Lights did buy a lot of the old Aurora tooling that survived the train wreck - but the old 60's Enterprise kit isn't one of them since it was transfered to AMT/Ertl.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Monday, August 18, 2003 - 02:27 pm: Edit

Can we expect any more TOS ships from them? Klingon Battlecruiser and Romulan Bird of Prey, perhaps?

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, August 18, 2003 - 02:56 pm: Edit

Dunno, but I'm going to do one of those DN kits, for sure.

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By Will McCammon (Djdood) on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 - 01:25 am: Edit

I plan on buying the conversion kits for all of the old Franz Joseph ships. They would look extremely nice all lined up on the shelf over my PC!!

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 - 05:52 pm: Edit

hmmm, don't think I could fit a hex map big enough into my new home to use that one during play. AwwwDRAT!!!

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 - 08:16 pm: Edit

I've got my eye on an old-style Klingon D7 model, which I plan to make into a giant-sized KR. I designed a nice big Kestral decal for the bottom, and the wing "wave" decals, too. Just gotta win the thing. That and one of these Enterprise models will go nicely together.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 - 10:05 pm: Edit

Maybe I should've held onto the D7 I had instead of giving it to a nephew. I would've sent it to you, for postage. Plus the old Romulan ship. I wonder if he still has them and wants them?

Maybe I can get them back. I also have the DSSK7, although it needs some repairs.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Thursday, August 21, 2003 - 07:58 am: Edit

I'd love to have 'em, especially the Rom...they're hard to find.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Thursday, August 21, 2003 - 09:47 pm: Edit

I'll let you know.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Friday, August 22, 2003 - 02:19 pm: Edit

Cool. Maybe we can work out a trade...

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Saturday, August 23, 2003 - 12:14 am: Edit

Haven't had a chance to contact the nephew yet. On a side note, I remember a British hobby magazine that did a three part story of some enthusiasts having a battle in a gym or other large location using the movie Enterprise and several scratch-builds, like a DD, the Reliant, TUG with starliner pod and DN (with the rear shuttle bay), against the K'tinga class Klingon cruisers. At one point, someone had found an unassembled D7 and they put it together to use. I think the Klingons won.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Saturday, August 23, 2003 - 03:03 pm: Edit

Cool. Let me know what you find out...we can definately work out something.

I did score one of those old "three peice" star trek model sets. You know, the one with the Enterprise, D7, and bird of prey? Gonna work them up into SFB models of a CAR+, KR, and WE. Gonna take a little work, but it'll be nice when it's done, I think.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Tuesday, August 26, 2003 - 08:47 pm: Edit

Anybody got a spare center warp engine from a Lyran DN? Got a plan for a Lyran BB, but don't really want to buy a second DN for just the engine. I'm still on my quest to build a BB for every race; the Lyrans are next up. I'd be happy to pay for it, of course, or perhaps trade something.

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By Dale McKee (Brigman) on Tuesday, August 26, 2003 - 10:13 pm: Edit

Mike,

I've got one and you're welcome to it. Just email me your address again, I think I lost it. :-)

PEACE!

--Dale

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Thursday, August 28, 2003 - 04:55 pm: Edit

I mentioned some time back that I was doing a freebie Fed CVF, to see if it worked out the way I wanted. Well, finally got around to it, and finished up the secondary hull. Not bad. It's about the length I wanted (longer than a DN, shorter than a CVA), and if you cut the DN and CA parts just right, they fit together pretty well. Here's a pic of the prework on it:

[http://www.geocities.com/raperm2002/F-CVF\\_prework.JPG](http://www.geocities.com/raperm2002/F-CVF_prework.JPG)

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Friday, August 29, 2003 - 10:58 pm: Edit

Finally got a chance to look at the preview. Very nice.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Saturday, August 30, 2003 - 01:38 am: Edit

Yup, that's they way it's done. I made mine a little shorter but yours works fine, too.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Saturday, August 30, 2003 - 10:23 am: Edit

Okay. Here it is, completely assembled. Changed the engines at the last minute to a DN set; the CA ones looked goofy as hell, with such thin pylons that far back on the hull. Made it look unbalanced. These are wider, and set farther forward on the hull for a more balanced look.

F-CVF top  
F-CVF bottom

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Saturday, August 30, 2003 - 01:30 pm: Edit

Wow, that look like its headin' straight into full Warp. By elongating the rear hull (as should be on the CVF) it really makes it look fast. Cool.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Saturday, August 30, 2003 - 03:24 pm: Edit

Looks like it'll make a nice addition to anyone's fleet. Talked to my sister today about the models. Don't know how soon she'll get them to me. I'm trying to talk her into sending them straight to you, then we can negotiate something reasonable, if that's okay with you, Mike.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Saturday, August 30, 2003 - 03:42 pm: Edit

More than reasonable, Bennett. Just let me know!

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 08:20 pm: Edit

So....what's everyone using for shuttles/drones/plasma torps with their minis?

I had been using 'Elite' minis for a while, and that scale was just too small to kitbash such things in, but the larger 2400s should be fine.

Anybody find anything from some other line that would work? I'm especially curious about drones - surely \*some\* other space combat system would have come up with a missile weapon and built a mini for it?

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 08:38 pm: Edit

Well, it isn't easy to find, but I use flechettes from old 105mm beehive tank rounds. When I was at Ft. Bragg, they used to shoot 'em out on Range 79, and the things were all over the place. Just little darts with four fins, each about a centimeter long.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 08:51 pm: Edit

"Isn't easy to find", is, of course, an understatement in that case.

Anyone know how long the missiles are in the Hasegawa kits? Assuming their scale is accurate, that'd be, what, 2 inches or so for a Sidewinder? Hmmmm...little too big, I think...

\*Little\*, anyway. Anyone know of any similiar product, but in smaller scale?

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 09:24 pm: Edit

Plasma: end of a Q-tip, painted yellow-orange-red, mounted on a pin, stuck in a cork base.

Drone: a "t-pin" with a triangle of cardstock stuck in one of the short arms to act as fins, painted white; shaft of the pin stuck in a cork base.

Shuttles: a bunch of the little shuttle minis from Irregular Miniatures (#DY01, at something like ten cents each), painted in fleet colors.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 09:27 pm: Edit

Speaking of Irregular Miniatures, I debated putting this link in the Humor section, but decided to stick it here instead: a "Nimitz" in space....

<http://www.irregularminiatures.co.uk/images/6mm%20DYE9.jpg>

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 09:40 pm: Edit

Jessica - good info. Actually, for plasma, I was debating using the stuff I had for the old 'Elite' scale stuff - I just used a length of those 'insel stems' and balled up one end, stuck it on a base.

I'm not sure I follow your drone suggestion. ?t-pin?

Lastly, the part DY01 - I can't find it in the catalogue. What section is it in? And, do they have pics (just curious)? Ah, n/m - found it. Relevant link here. No picture, though, so, still curious on that.

Oh, and another general question...

What about fighters? For most races, it's just a nice thing to have, but not really needed. But, the Hydrans at least - well, they kinda HAVE to have fighters.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 09:55 pm: Edit

While I haven't actually take the time to complete them, I did get half a dozen packs of "assorted Allied Missiles" in 1/285th scale from C and C miniatures on the close-out rack. In six packs, there are a total of 24 each of 5 different types of missile. Each missile is about 3/8th" long. I plan to mount on small, flat washers with "t-pin" supports and paint each races drones in their base colors. Different style for each race, etc...

For Plasma torps, I found a pack of 750 plastic sequin pins in assorted colors on ebay. (\$1.00) Again, mounted on flat washers and t-pins, Red for "R", Orange for "S", Green for "G", Yellow for "F", Clear for "D". If you aren't familiar with these, they are about 3/8th" long with a 3/16th" diameter ball in front, and a long, tapered tail in the back - kinda like a comet.

I'm still looking for usable shuttles and fighters.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 10:07 pm: Edit

Xander: Those Hasegawa missles would be as big or bigger than SL2400 Minis. A 1/48th scale F-4 is 9 or 10 inches long so the missles (best guess) are at least 2-3 inches.

Jessica, I had that same idea about Q-Tips just before reading your post. Nice to know I can think of ideas that work! I'm gonna try it with Tony's color coding (except for clear. Maybe sub out blue).

Mike, incomming E-Mail.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 10:22 pm: Edit

Loren: I know the 1/48s are too big. I was actually thinking more like a 1/144 - that should be perfect, but I can't find anyone who makes seperate ordnance packs in that scale. I'd hate to have to buy a bunch of full models jsut for the missiles (although a couple of F-4s should have enough for a small Kzinti fleet - heh)

Tony: Errr...link? Can't find anything on C and C miniatures.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Tuesday, September 02, 2003 - 10:44 pm: Edit

Anyone know anything bout there? GHQ's 1/285 line of miniatures. Note part AC28 - 'weapon pods, bombs, and missiles'.

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By Dean Gundberg (Star\_Ranger) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 12:43 am: Edit

CinC Miniatures:

<http://www.pfc-cinc.shoppingcartplus.com/page/page/292434.htm>

I couldn't find an allied missile pack, but I did find a pack of Soviet Air to Surface Missiles:

<http://www.pfc-cinc.shoppingcartplus.com/catalog/item/335912/81214.htm>

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 01:12 am: Edit

Wow, those look pretty good. I just ordered a couple packs of the GHQ ordnance set, may pick up a couple of these for comparison. Assuming they are still maintaining the 1/285 scale, those should be perfect, too.

Wow - check out their other minis, too. That's just a \*silly\* amount of detail.

BTW, one other question...

Jessica pointed out 'Irregular Miniatures' part DY01 'Shuttlecraft' as a suitable stand-in for SFB shuttles. I haven't seen any yet, but I'd like to give them a try - anyone know a US distributor that carries this part?

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By Carl Madalinski (Shipwrecker) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 02:00 am: Edit

Oh happy day, I just found 6 old Kzinti ships in blister packs, all intact. I was cleaning out my storage shed.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 08:35 am: Edit

I owe everyone an apology.

My figs were in the garage when I typed the last comment. After checking them, the missiles were Soviet S/A missiles cast by C in C. I had thought they were out of business... but now that I know they aren't, I'll be ordering more of the missiles.

(gotta have enough Kzinti drones to do a SB assault.....)

Xander: You are correct about the amount of detail in the C in C castings. I used to play micro-armor games and their whole line has just an absurd amount of detail for a 1/285th scale figure. I love it.

Jessica: If you find a pic of the DY01 shuttle, please let us know if it is a useable fig.

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By Scott Iles (Smrl) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 09:14 am: Edit

I use the exact same thing for my plasma torps as Tony, except I have mine mounted on magnetic bases and letter-coded. I use red for everything, and record the type and other information at launch.

I have also built a bunch of Jessica's T-pin drones, enough so I have several groups of six, five, four, three, etc. That makes it a lot easier to move large groups of drones around.

I scratchbuilt a half-dozen shuttles which I use for everyone, although I will eventually get around to building some for each race. SVC posted a picture of one a while back.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 10:45 am: Edit

I had thought about using a letter / number system and one color for all the torps... then I decided to go with what I'm using now. But recently, I have been rethinking the issue.

I'm thinking about using one color per race (Rom - Red / Gorn - White (or maybe green) / Isc - yellow / Orion - Blue) that way every race's torps are the same color as their counters. Of course, this means using a letter code on each base and recording all the info at launch (just like I do now...)

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By Scott Iles (Smrl) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 01:00 pm: Edit

I have replaced all the stands with magnets, which helps with storage as well as keeping them on the map better (I use sheet metal underneath the board).

I paint them gloss black, and then add a decal indicating what the mini is and a letter or number ID.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 01:59 pm: Edit

Where would you get magnets of that size/shape?

And, how would you mount the minis to the stand, then?

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By Scott Iles (Smrl) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 02:35 pm: Edit

I get the magnets in 10-packs at Wal-Mart. They're round, about 3/4 inch in diameter. I drill a hole in the center after painting and decaling them and glue the mini on a piece of 5/64 aluminum tubing which is then glued into the hole.

I keep them in cookie tin-type boxes I found at Hobby Lobby. They just stick to the bottom of the box and can withstand moderate bumps and jars without moving. Smaller minis, like fighters, can be placed on the lid for extra storage.

I also have a box of mines and a box of drones, plasma and the shuttles which I keep on the lids, so all I have to do is remove the lid and set it on the table and it's ready to go.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 04:17 pm: Edit

I see this product at Jo-Ann ETC - might give this a try, seems like it would work.

(I've used magnets before to good use, but for other things. Had a copy of Avalon Hill's "Advanced Third Reich" where I color photocopied the unpunched counter sheets and used the adhesive magnet tape to mount them on. They, mounted the paper map to some sheet metal, and have a pretty slick WW2 campaign map!)

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By Scott Iles (Smrl) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 05:24 pm: Edit

That looks like exactly what I use.

I do use both sizes, the smaller magnets work well for small numbers of drones, the plasmas and the fighters and shuttles.

As long as they are balanced, they are plenty stable. I have a B10 mounted on a single base.

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By Marc Baluda (Marc) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 05:40 pm: Edit

I want to be able to detach my minis from the base (and pillar) for storage in the carrying case (and because I want to be able to use different height stands when playing fleet battles). I was thinking about using jewelry screw-clasps, one-half mounted on the pillar and one half mounted on the bottom of the mini.

Any better ideas?

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By Dean Gundberg (Star\_Ranger) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 09:19 pm: Edit

Xander wrote:

> Jessica pointed out 'Irregular Miniatures' part

> DY01 'Shuttlecraft' as a suitable stand-in for

> SFB shuttles. I haven't seen any yet, but I'd

> like to give them a try - anyone know a US

> distributor that carries this part?

Silver Eagle Wargames handles Irregular Miniatures in the US.

<http://hometown.aol.com/eaglewars/private/sews.html>

I have heard they give good service as does Irregular if you order direct.

Marc wrote:

> I want to be able to detach my minis from the

> base (and pillar) for storage in the carrying

> case (and because I want to be able to use

> different height stands when playing fleet

> battles). I was thinking about using jewelry

> screw-clasps, one-half mounted on the pillar

> and one half mounted on the bottom of the mini.

That is what I use. My current version uses brass and aluminum tubing in addition to the barrel clasp:

<http://www.star-ranger.com/Workbench.htm>

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 - 09:34 pm: Edit  
Yes, Silver Eagle is where I got mine. And really, a hundred shuttlecraft for a sawbuck...that's just hard to beat.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Thursday, September 04, 2003 - 01:01 am: Edit

Alright, I keep getting these confused, so help me out here. As I've noted, I have quite a few Old Gorn minis now. I just like the 'engine out the back' look better...BUT...I could well use the 'new' ones for the 'war-' series ships. IE, the 'Old' CL model for actual CL, and the 'New' CL model for the CW. Only...the Gorn don't have a CW. Is it the HDD that is their CW? And it's a single-bubble design, right?

The BDD is the DW? Double-bubble? Or, am I mistaken? Finally...WHAT is their NCA!?!?

In any case, I think that's the plan I'll run with. Old Gorn models for pre-war Gorn, and the 'new' models for the 'war-' series Gorn. Any obvious problems with this?

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By Martin Read (Amethyst\_Cat) on Thursday, September 04, 2003 - 04:49 am: Edit

The Gorn CW is the HDD, single-bubble. The Gorn NCA is the CM, the double-bubble version of the HDD. The BDD, a double-ubble BDD, is the Gorn DW (and the Gorn DD is effectively a frigate; the Gorn FF is a police ship.)

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Thursday, September 04, 2003 - 11:39 am: Edit

The Gorn naming convention makes Baby Jesus cry. Thanks Martin, that's what I was thinking!

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By Marc Baluda (Marc) on Thursday, September 04, 2003 - 12:31 pm: Edit

Dean: Thank you! Where do you get the screw clasps? I can't find them in stores (I don't have a jewelry supply near me, and I hate to pay \$7.50 in shipping for 10 clasps worth \$1.50 total, at least according to a website I found them on.) Would Target have them?

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By John Trauger (Vorlonagent) on Thursday, September 04, 2003 - 03:03 pm: Edit

Single bubble, double-bubble...  
...why do I keep thinking I'm supposed to get baseball cards with my gorn ships?

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By Greg Ernest (Grege) on Thursday, September 04, 2003 - 08:53 pm: Edit

Jewelry clasps are available at Hobby Lobby or your favorite major craft store chain. GW makes some nice mines and missiles, as well as a couple of fighters, for their Battlefleet Gothic game. The game is too simple, but the small bits mentioned above are good.

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By Dean Gundberg (Star\_Ranger) on Thursday, September 04, 2003 - 11:26 pm: Edit

Marc,  
Greg is correct, barrel clasps are available at most craft stores like Michaels or Hobby Lobby but they can also be found at fabric stores that carry craft supplies. Target probably won't have them though Wal-Mart might. Pricewise, I pick them up for \$2.99 for 24. There are a few different styles, some that taper and some that are straight. I prefer the straight sided ones that are 4mm in diameter.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Friday, September 05, 2003 - 11:31 am: Edit

Goldmine! Found a ton of properly scaled fighter craft to fill my fleet with. Most of these come in 12-packs, too, for around £1.50. Not too shabby!  
Federation SWACs  
Could make a decent F-18

A-10?

F-14 or F-15

Gladiator-FSF (turn it around)

Gladiator-III (again, turn it around)

Z-Y

Z-1/2?

Stinger

I like their fighter stands, too.

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By Tony Barnes (Tonyb) on Friday, September 05, 2003 - 11:38 am: Edit

Depending on how thick the F18ish mini is, you could cut the wings off & make a fairly good admin shuttle

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Friday, September 05, 2003 - 11:41 am: Edit

True. You'd probably want to bend the engines down some, too. It's pewter, shouldn't be hard to move down a \*little\*.

Jessica - that irregular games DY01 mini - would that be a closer approximation than Brigade's SFS-460 so modified?

No pictures of that ones, so....

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By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Friday, September 05, 2003 - 01:54 pm: Edit

SWAC: ok, not right, but whatever.

Comet F18: Not even close.

Strikeboat: A10, not bad.

F14: not even close.

Gladiator: not even close.

ZY: Not horrible.

Stinger: Not horrible.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Friday, September 05, 2003 - 02:27 pm: Edit

Well, I know they aren't close to canon for the most part. But, a decent paint job will do wonders (they even have nacelles for engines, which works nicely).

In any case, I certainly haven't seen closer in minis, so, they'll do.

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BTW, found a LOAD of the old 'Elite' scale minis from a Canada reseller (little closer than Australia). They DO have Snipes, Seahawks, etc. (I just bought half of each, but they should have 3 packs left):

[link here](#)

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One more note. Full Thrust has a few minis that might do for fighters in a pinch, too, but NO idea what they would be:

Wakizashi (6)

Addler (12)

FireStorm-I (12)

FireStorm-II (12)

Platform Heavy Fighter (12)

Harrison Scout Ship (4) - might make a workable Hydran PF

Novgorod (2) - might make a workable G1 PF. Too big, I fear, though.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Friday, September 05, 2003 - 11:47 pm: Edit

Xander: very much so, yet. The DY01 is a very blatant knock-off of a classic Trek shuttlecraft.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Sunday, September 07, 2003 - 01:09 pm: Edit

Can't believe I didn't see this earlier. The Comet DOES make a pretty lousy F-18.

It does much, MUCH better as a Kzinti TADS.

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By Richard K. Glover (Fahrenheit) on Tuesday, September 09, 2003 - 04:22 pm: Edit

Man, some of you kit-bashers need a, hmm, hobby. OK, a different hobby.

Check out this Constitution Class Model

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By Eric Stork (Merchant) on Tuesday, September 09, 2003 - 04:37 pm: Edit

Well, now you went and planned where a few people will spend their vacations. Not me, I can't afford to spend a week down the block right now much less travel to Alberta.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Tuesday, September 09, 2003 - 06:58 pm: Edit

That's just sad.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Tuesday, September 09, 2003 - 07:01 pm: Edit

Okay, I'm working on doing a kitbash of a Lyran BB. I'm not a big Lyran player, but as near as I can do out, the BB is essentially just a DN with a significantly wider center section and a fourth engine. So, I figure to cut a DN down the middle a la the way I've done BB's in the past for the Gorn and Hydrans, fill in the gap with some spacer material, and then add on the details. Sound about right? Dale graciously donated a fourth engine for the project.

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By Marc Baluda (Marc) on Tuesday, September 09, 2003 - 07:30 pm: Edit

Sweet Mike! I'll look forward to pictures!

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Tuesday, September 09, 2003 - 10:51 pm: Edit

Anyone have an idea what to use for the Hydran 'ridgeback' to turn a CW into an NCA? (RE: The module R10 changes to what 'makes' a Hydran NCA)

I have a spare warp engine - must be from an older 2200 model (came with the 'spare parts pack') - so I can use that, at least. It looks identical to the two engines already on the CW, so I'm set there.

Only have to figure out how to build a ridgeback to mount it on. From the pictures in R10, it \*seems\* like the ridge is trapezoidal (from the front view) and nearly runs the length of the ship - with a tapered front end and flat back.

Pretty simply geometric shape, but the sheer size of it precludes just whittling balsa or something. I can't think of a way to get a perfectly straight cut along that great a length.

Thoughts?

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 - 01:17 am: Edit

I remember Mike Raper posting on that very subject just a little while ago.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 - 01:43 am: Edit

Indeed, a brief search turns up results on this. Funny, I remember the discussion, but I don't remember anything more useful coming of it than the suggestion Jessica come up with a pack to do said mods.

Styrene, huh?

Hmmm...will stop by HobbyTown tomorrow and see what they have. If it seems like it will work out, I'll be sure to post pics.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 - 07:46 am: Edit

Xander,

Yeah, styrene or kneadite should work fine for that. It's a fairly simple mod...the trickiest part is keeping the ridge nice and smooth on both sides, with an even cut. If you can't find kneadite (aka Greenstuff) in your home town, you can get it at Kevin's Attic online store. It's dead usefull for kitbashing and sculpting. Good luck with it. I like your work...be sure to post a pic of the finished mini!

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 - 08:01 am: Edit

I started thinking about how to do a Hydran NCA as soon as I saw the graphic in R10, and I think the way to go is styrene strip. Oddly enough, the new NCA design should be easier to do than the old one - no need to widen the miniature. Plastruct makes styrene rods in both hexagonal and triangular cross-sections. You could either file down the hexagonal rod to get a trapezoid (probably a major pain) or use three pieces of triangular rod to build up the shape. You could lay two triangular sections, point up, on the back of the mini, side-by-side. Then place a third section, point down, between them. A little work with a knife and/or file would shape up the ends and you should be good to go.

Walthers has Plastruct for sale on their website: <http://www.walthers.com/>. It comes in several sizes (the first dimension is the width of each side of the triangular rod, the second is the overall length):

90841 Styrene Triangular Rod -- .030 x 10" A 2.00 Y

90842 Styrene Triangular Rod -- .040 x 10" A 2.75 Y

90843 Styrene Triangular Rod -- .060 x 10" A 2.75 Y

90844 Styrene Triangular Rod -- .080 x 10" A 3.00 Y

90845 Styrene Triangular Rod -- .100 x 10" A 1.75 Y

90846 Styrene Triangular Rod -- .125 x 10" A 1.75 Y

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Thursday, September 11, 2003 - 12:58 am: Edit

Well, the styrene seems to have done it. I used Plastruct part #90843 (the triangles). Glued two down - points up and side to side/parallel. Glued the third down the groove created thusly. Styrene cuts REAL easy with a hobby knife, so I was able to get the slope on the forward edge of the structure pretty well, IMHO. Only problem is that it only took about 1/2 of 1 'stick'. The pack comes with 10 of them. Guess I'll find some use for them....

Picture here.

Note that I've tinkered with the contrast some to get the shapes to really show up, though it makes it look a little rougher than it is in life. Also, I've included in the shot several other VERY EARLY kitbashes. Still have to do a bit of 'gap-filling' on those. 2 Klingon Naval Auxiliaries, seperated boom (only a little kitbashing here - the rear structure didn't come with the original) and seperated saucer.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Saturday, September 13, 2003 - 02:37 am: Edit

Found a good use for some of the rest of the styrene.

Built a couple kitbash PFs

I have 6 'Elite'-scale Seahawks, 6 'Elite'-scale Snipes, and 6 'Elite'-scale Orion CRs. That should get me the PFs from those races fine! These kitbashes (100% built from scratch) cover the Klingon and Hydran fleets. Lyran and Kzinti really shouldn't be hard at all - they are next!

Don't have \*any\* idea what I'm going to do with the Gorn, though? I'd need some kind of...I dunno...buttony kind of thing?

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By Jesse E Hamby (Edhamby) on Saturday, September 13, 2003 - 02:57 pm: Edit

Xander,

Your PFs look great.

I have a pack of Tholian Elite PCs that make great PFs to trade for a set of 6 of those Hydran PFs. The pack only has 4 PFs in it but its a start. I don't think you'll be able to build Tholian PFs from scratch.

Let me know.

Ed Hamby

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Saturday, September 13, 2003 - 04:26 pm: Edit

That's probably do-able. Styrene comes in decent sized packages - all those PFs so far are using only about 1/6 or so of the styrene I have.

It is time consuming, though. Right now, I'm working on the Gorn, Kzinti, and Lyran PFs. I'll post pics of those probably tomorrow.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Saturday, September 13, 2003 - 05:47 pm: Edit

Xander: Good job. THanks for the inspiration. Seems you should have little trouble making some shuttles!

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Sunday, September 14, 2003 - 02:40 am: Edit

Dunno, but they just look better IRL.

Lyran and Kzinti PFs

Gorn tomorrow, hopefully. Have the prototype of the mini, but I don't like it - it's missing 'something'.

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By John Trauger (Vorlonagent) on Sunday, September 14, 2003 - 01:34 pm: Edit

...so they're here today and gorn tomorrow?

[hurriedly cloaks]

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Sunday, September 14, 2003 - 03:52 pm: Edit

\*lobs pie\*

Anyway, what I need to figure out now is what to use for stands? I'd like around something the size of ADB's ship stands - at least, the base of them. Small end of the scale would be the 'Elite' stands. I don't want to use the ADB ship stands, though - I'd like something shorter. Ideally, something with a smaller base, too.

I definately want enough room on them to write some lettering or text or something to be able to sort out the ships.

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By Gary Plana (Garyplana) on Sunday, September 14, 2003 - 04:31 pm: Edit

I prefer the bases with hollow bottoms, I bought a bunch of them years ago. I fill them with metallic putty (for weight) and then write the hull number on the top, and details on the bottom.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Sunday, September 14, 2003 - 04:37 pm: Edit

Well, the question of the moment is where to buy ANY such bases.

I need to pick up....oh....60 or so. Ideally, at less than \$.50 a base.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Sunday, September 14, 2003 - 04:53 pm: Edit

Xander: What about those fighters bases you posted from that British companey?

I don't know if ADB still has them but they did have some of the a Pewter B-10 style stands. They are shorter and it seems to me that you could use one of those bases and put in three short pieces of coat hanger wire. Drill a small hole in the stand for the bottom end and melt in the top into the PF. If you twist the PF at the right time you should break the bond so what is left is a perfect fitting hole but not stuck there.

This is just off the top of my head. YOu might experement with scrap first. The stands were \$1.00 each and you would need 1/3 the stands so that put it into the price range you wanted.

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By Andrew Penman (Vortex2) on Sunday, September 14, 2003 - 07:07 pm: Edit

Query: on the Fed DW mini, where is the shuttle bay?

It doesn't seem to be detailed. I thought about putting one on the edge of the saucer. Any thoughts?

Xander, PFs are really cool.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 01:32 am: Edit

Last batch (for now): Gorn PFs.

EDIT: btw, if anybody wants any flotillas, email me! There is a small list of bits-and-pieces ADB minis I'm still looking for, so a lot of trade options.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 01:38 am: Edit

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Quote:

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Not a bad idea for fighters - that might bunch up three to a hex. I've just never seen PFs do that, though. They do tend to fly within 1 hex of each other, though, so it's a tight group (to make sure they hit the same shield) - but I've just never seen that many flown in the same hex. I think, for the PFs, I really just need individual stands.

The more I think about it, the more I'm convinced they need to be smaller than the standard ADB stands - PFs will often enough be 2 to a hex, and I'd like to be able to fit them both within the hex easily. It won't happen enough to be worth doing a dual stand, though (probably 40% of the time) - but enough to be worth making sure they can both fit in a hex.

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By Jesse E Hamby (Edhamby) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 02:28 pm: Edit

I made stands for my PFs and tenders some time ago using Fighter Bases from AOG. The part number is FA-2001 and the cost was around \$10. For the PFs themselves, I filled in and redrilled a hole in the bottom of the Elite minis to make them fit the black plastic stands that came with the 2300 series minis. For the standard PFs (ie Klingon, Lyran), I made an adapter from lead fishing sinkers and glued them to the bottom of the PF not unlike the stand on the Lyran CA. The result is 6 PFs and the tender in the same hex. When the PFs break off, I use a different stand depending on how many are in the same hex. I've made 10 variations of the stand using no center peg and different center pegs for the different race tenders. The photo shows a selection of stands, the basic fighter base used and how the PFs were converted.

Hope this helps.

<http://members.aol.com/hambyj/SFB/>

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By Jesse E Hamby (Edhamby) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 02:31 pm: Edit

Messed up the link above. The link below takes you right to the photo.

[http://members.aol.com/hambyj/SFB/PF\\_Stands](http://members.aol.com/hambyj/SFB/PF_Stands)

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 03:19 pm: Edit

Jesse, that is really, really cool! I love the "tender and flotilla in a single hex" thing you have devised!

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 04:13 pm: Edit

Man, that's really clever. If PF's ever come back as production minis again, stands like that would be a great sell.

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By Paul Franz (Andromedan) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 04:13 pm: Edit

Agreed. I especially like the Romulans. Really cool.

Paul Franz

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By Jesse E Hamby (Edhamby) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 05:03 pm: Edit

Thanks everybody. They were simple to make and relatively inexpensive. The only 'trick' per se is making the stand heights staggered to fit larger PFs from overlapping at the same height (as in touching) and still be low enough to allow the tender to be placed above.

I tried to use a regular stand from the current series, but found the pegs were too close together in most cases.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 05:30 pm: Edit

In looking around for a workable stand, I came across this little guy.

Now tell me that isn't a \*perfect\* Federation F-18!

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, September 15, 2003 - 07:23 pm: Edit

Got most of the Lyran BB built. All I have to do now is add the extra weapons, and give it a good primer coat, and it'll be good to go for painting. Weird looking, with such a massive center hull. I'll get some pics up later, when it's primed, then some completed pics after I get 'round to painting it.

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By Dean Gundberg (Star\_Ranger) on Tuesday, September 16, 2003 - 01:05 am: Edit

FYI, Polar Lights has announced their scheduled kits for the first half of 2004. It starts off with:

Jan. - Star Trek Klingon D7 Battle Cruiser Snap Kit (From the original STAR TREK television series, Skill level 1 Snap Kit, 1:1000th scale).

It sounds like it will include some chrome parts and decals for both Klingon and Romulan versions. It should look great next to their Fed CA in the same scale.

The only other Trek model announced for the first half of 2004 is the Romulan Scorpion shuttle/fighter from the latest movie Nemesis in 1:24 scale. Word is the Paramount forced PL to make this kit as a requirement for the license. There is a chance of another Trek kit to be released in late 2004.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Friday, September 19, 2003 - 10:42 am: Edit

Xander: I swear I have one of those somewhere. Someone sent it as an extra with my e-bay purchase.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Friday, September 19, 2003 - 03:39 pm: Edit

One of whats?

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Friday, September 19, 2003 - 04:55 pm: Edit

Those F-18's.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Friday, September 19, 2003 - 09:41 pm: Edit

Only one? That doesn't seem terribly useful...heh...

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Saturday, September 20, 2003 - 05:56 am: Edit

Verified, I have one. You want it? (I'll send it free).

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Sunday, September 21, 2003 - 01:34 am: Edit

Not sure how much value one would be - save the postage!  
BTW, more mini kitbashes.

Picture

The starbase, base station, and small freighters are TFG 2200-series minis. All the rest are kitbashed from scratch styrene. I'm \*very\* happy with the way the large freighter turned out. I was concerned since the largest styrene rod I could find was not as large diameter as the existing small freighter body (suppose I could have just kitbashed new small freighters, but I do like the official one). Having the details for the axial piping run down the sides instead of the top seems to have fixed the problem - it looks quite good aside a small freighter.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, September 21, 2003 - 10:53 am: Edit

I use wooden dowels. But since I can't seem to get my digi-cam to work (and have no website to post the pics in once I do), I have no way to show it to you.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Sunday, September 21, 2003 - 10:54 am: Edit

Xander: You're really carrying on with that stuff. Nice work! I'm inspired. Now, if I can just find the time.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Sunday, September 21, 2003 - 02:45 pm: Edit

Finished kitbashing the Lyran BB I was working on. Not the easiest kitbash I've done, but not horrible, either. Hardest part was deciding how to paint it; never liked many of the Lyran colors. But, Ted put up some neat pics of a four-color camouflaged Lyran, and I went with that. Anyway, here's a pic.

Lyran Battleship Kitbash

The kit is basically another "cut-and-pin" jobs, like the Gorn and Hydran BB's I did. Just cut it down the center with a hacksaw and mitre box, drill a couple of holes in each side (tough on this one; it's so thin, you don't get much room for mistakes), pin it with epoxy, then fill in the center. I use either Sculpy or Greenstuff, depending on the shape of the fill. Greenstuff is much sturdier, but it's so sticky it's tough to work with sometimes. Anyway, after it's filled, you sand it smooth, touch up any rough spots, and paint away. I made a couple of Red Claw decals for the top and bottom, and some generic Lyran lettering for the opposing side. Added the phasers with epoxy, and it was done. I'm not a big Lyran fan; mostly, I did it just to see if I could. Probably going to sell it.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Monday, September 22, 2003 - 12:17 am: Edit

Well, I've received a few requests for some of these kitbashes. The short answer is that yes, I'd be happy to do some for other people, but no, I really wouldn't feel right selling them. However! I have a small list of minis I'm still looking for, and I'd be happy to work out some trades!

- Romulan Sparrowhawk
- Romulan Falcon Mauler
- Hydran Ranger CA (I need two of these)
- Hydran Mongol CW
- Hydran Buffalo Hunter DW
- Hydran Hunter FF
- Klingon D6M
- Lyran Tug
- Neo-Tholian DN
- AOG FA-scale fighter bases (hex bases with 6 holes for minis)

- Special sensors. Always looking for those sensors. Also, kitbashes of your own would be fine trades, too. Some I've seen that would be particularly cool:

- Hydran Overlord (won't need that extra Ranger, then)
  - Seltorian ships
- ...just as an idea. If you don't have any of these, but still would like a few ships, or if you just want to ask questions on what parts and such I used, feel free to email me (address in profile).

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, September 22, 2003 - 06:13 pm: Edit

Cross post from the miniatures thread.

I finished up this mini of the Federation CVF USS Gryphon from Module J2. It's a kitbash, made from a CA and DN, with a VERY long aft hull. You'll have to forgive the three pics, but I'm very pleased with this one, and you really can't get an impression of its size without a comparison.

Here's a port side view of the ship, and for comparison, a pic of the ship alongside a BCJ for a size comparison.

It started out with regular CA engines, but I frankly thought it looked goofy with those thin supports set so far back on the ship. Anyway, it's done, so many thanks to Aaron Staley who



Somewhat workable DEFSAT. Little pricey, but... lots of fighters - at a decent price, too! Specifically, check out the 'fighter' and 'bombers'. The 'assault craft' are a little....off. Some truly gorgeous planets

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 - 12:06 am: Edit

Xander, those Def Sats I've seen. Their too big, IMO. Over an inch in diameter and plastic. Those planets are pretty cool.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 - 06:47 am: Edit

Xander, Try this link. It's where I get decal paper, and I've been satisfied...even though I don't use the inkjet stuff anymore. [http://www.belldecal.com/inkjet\\_decals.html](http://www.belldecal.com/inkjet_decals.html)

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By Dennis Bergendorf II (Wildcard) on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 - 11:15 am: Edit

Cool. They even have Geidi Prime!

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By Robert Hernesson (Rhernesson) on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 - 09:56 pm: Edit

Xander, it is a stiff wire mesh (diamond shaped form) that clay modelers use to support bust work while working on them. It is not a weave, but stamped I think.

I get mine at Hobby Lobby & Micheals, though I suspect a clay craft place may have it cheaper.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Saturday, October 04, 2003 - 11:10 pm: Edit

IIRC, the NCL came about when there was a program study to build an NDD. What if the original NCL miniature could be used as the prototype NDD, with 2 8 warp box engines, then the decision came to make it a light cruiser and upped the engines to 2 12 points? Wasn't there an SSD in Captain's Log for an NDD? Then those of us with the older ship don't necessarily have to discard it for the new one.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Sunday, October 05, 2003 - 11:40 am: Edit

Well, I don't remember seeing the NDD SSD, but I do remember hearing about it. I use the old style NCL yoke for different things. As it happens I did this mini kitbash of the Federation X-Scout using one of the NCL yoke sets and sensor dishes from a kitbash pack, along with a modified scout saucer.

I also have some other kitbashes under way. I'm doing a new and improved Federation DNL saucer, with the squared-off back edge it's supposed to have. Also, I did a neat little kitbash of the Federation Battle Frigate, using a frigate with a built up hull add on and a third engine (cut down from a DW center engine; they look exactly like the FF engines, only a big longer. Cut it down, you can't tell them apart).

Sorry if the pics are a bit crude, but I haven't gotten around to painting these yet. Been busy building other stuff. Should look nice when they're done, though.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, October 05, 2003 - 01:07 pm: Edit

Me want. Me want.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Sunday, October 05, 2003 - 03:54 pm: Edit

If I keep drooling when I look at Mike's kitbash photos, I'm going to need a new keyboard.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, October 05, 2003 - 05:36 pm: Edit

Just got back from buying my new keyboard. Me want.

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By Michael W. Sweet (Mwsweet) on Sunday, October 05, 2003 - 05:37 pm: Edit

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Quote:

A LOOONNG time ago it was suggested in Nexus mag. that you cpuld use Starfire frigates as Fed POL. Good luck finding them.

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I have a bunch of Starfire minis collecting dust that I wouldn't mind parting with. And yes, the frigate is a little reminiscent of a Fed Pol.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, October 05, 2003 - 06:39 pm: Edit

E-mail sent.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, October 08, 2003 - 07:06 pm: Edit

Obviously, this mini is nowhere near complete; but I'm very, very pleased with the shape. It's one of my best, at least in regards to getting the thing built right. Should look nice when I get it finished, which may be a while.

Federation DNL version 2

The hull was marked and sanded off along the front and sides, leaving the very back rounded. I made two little add on edges with kneadite, then sanded them down to a nice flush edge with the hull. Then sand off the back to give it a straight edge, and you get the proper hull shape for the DNL. The photons were added with a dab of two part epoxy each...my standard way of adding phasers, photons, or running lights. Gonna have to do a CF this same way.

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Wednesday, October 08, 2003 - 07:32 pm: Edit

Mike, that's awesome. I've long wondered how I might tackle a properly shaped Fed "spade". Looks like you've hit the mark here.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Thursday, October 09, 2003 - 05:52 pm: Edit

I just recieved my first 4 M Raper masterpieces today.

Believe me folks, you think the PICTURE is beautiful!!! When you have one of his minis in you hands you can't help but to smile.

Absolutely beautiful Mike. I can't sing enough praises for your skill.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 03:11 pm: Edit

Thanks, guys! I finished painting it last night; just have to get some decals on it. I've been doing a few "for me" ships; the DNL, a BB, FFB, and SCX. Nice additions to my personal fleet.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 04:06 pm: Edit

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have just completed a transaction with Essex miniatures of Australia.

I highly recomend their business.

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By Russell J. Manning (Rjmannig) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 04:09 pm: Edit

Aaron, do they have a website and if so what's the URL.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 04:17 pm: Edit

<http://www.essexminiatures.com.au/>

I just made a 100 dollar purchase from them and recieved it airmail in a week. 16 blisterpacks. Good elite stuff too.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 06:08 pm: Edit

Man what a horrible page design. I suppose many people can read that but my partial color blindness renders that site unbarable! I tried real hard to focus but it sent my eyes into spam. I've never experienced anything like it. Yikes!

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 06:46 pm: Edit

hmmm, very sorry to hear that.

For 98 bucks I got:

2 Hydran elite FF blisters

2 Federation elite CA blisters

2 Tholian elite NCA blisters

2 Romulan elite sparrowhawk blisters

1 Tholian elite PC blister

1 Orion elite Raider blister

1 Hydran elite Lancer blister

1 romulan elite Warbird blister

1 ISC elite DN blister

and 1 2200 series Starbase blister.

Not bad if I may say so.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 07:06 pm: Edit

That's not your fault. I'm sure they are a fine company, they probably aren't are their site isn't very consumer friendly, especially for us "handycaped" individuals.

If only I could get one of those parking signs!

Actually my color problems aren't that bad but red and browns and some darker shades can be difficult. That site through me a loop!

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 07:15 pm: Edit

Ach, I forgot a line. I also got 2 Hydran elite CL blister packs along with the list above.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 07:44 pm: Edit

Anyone seen a picture or drawing anywhere of a Federation (conjectural) PF. I'm gonna take my elites and use them for those but I may need to flatten the engines down to be level with the hull.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, October 19, 2003 - 09:00 am: Edit

Hey Folks.

Now that I have just under 10 L-42 bird of preys, I can experiment a little on the color designs.

Naval aggressor grey is the norm for my klingons (I really don't like the green). I must say it REALLY looks good on the BoP.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Sunday, October 19, 2003 - 09:12 am: Edit

Photo op.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, October 19, 2003 - 09:22 am: Edit

I wish I could, but I don't have a website up and going yet (and what's worse, no decent digital camera to take quality photos with).

Once I get that going (maybe a month or two), you will get to see MANY excellent paint jobs, kit bashes and megahex fleet action photos.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Sunday, October 19, 2003 - 06:01 pm: Edit

Aaron, you can try laying your minis on their backs on your scanner then laying black construction paper over them. The "Top Down" results are pretty good.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Monday, October 20, 2003 - 11:01 pm: Edit

just won an ebay auction for several Gorn minis. Unfortunately, the set was missing one engine for a DD. Does anyone on the list have a spare engine they'd be willing to sell? If not, guess I got to try cutting down an old paintbrush handle to make a new one.

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By Roland Lafleche (Archmore) on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 - 04:15 pm: Edit

Scoutdad:

GRRRRRRRRR.....

:-) congrats... I just didn't have the \$ to go higher

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By Daniel Crispin (Calendyr) on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 - 01:07 am: Edit

Hello guys... Ok I am a newbie when it comes to miniatures so please bear with me ;)

Ok first of... why are there no pictures of the minis in the section where you buy them on the official site? I would really like to have a look at them before I buy them.

Second, how big are they? We use MegaHEX to play using the large Hexagonal map... would they fit into one Hex? I don't want to have to buy 200 of these to be able to play ;)

Third, how hard/easy are they to paint? I have done some painting about 15 years ago of AD&D (Rolemaster) characters but I thought it was a long a tedious process... are ships easier? Ok so that's about it I guess ;) Any help would be appreciated.

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 - 06:41 am: Edit

Daniel,

There are some pictures in the shopping cart, but unfortunately, there are not photos of every mini (none of the old Zocchi Feds have pictures for example). I've got photos of most of the minis on this web page (I haven't added some of the most recently released Roms yet, but pretty much everything else is represented):

<http://www.jgray-sfb.com/miniatures.html>

How big are they? Well, the size of the minis themselves vary a bit. The bases fit nicely into a megahex-size hex. The miniatures range from one-three inches long. The scale is consistent between miniatures.

How difficult to paint? Not difficult at all really. The number of details that require painting is not too high, and most of the color schemes are single colors (perhaps with some stripping and such). Obviously, they amount of work you can put into these can vary quite a bit. The minis on my page should give you a good measuring stick. I would consider my paint jobs "middle of the road". I've seen some with much better detail, but I consider what I've done to be a good standard for SFB minis that are going to get a lot of handling (ie the abuse of regular gaming with guys who get a little clumsy after a few beers). Mike Raper has done some outstanding Feds, more of a high end of what can be done in the world of painting SFB minis. He has several pictures of his work farther back in this thread.

Hope that helps.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 - 06:48 am: Edit

Daniel,

Jeremy pretty much said everything to be said (though he downplays his painting, IMO). A good, basic paintjob is easy to do for 90% of the minis you would use. For fancier stuff, it may take some more time but is still nothing too difficult. The bulk of my minis I show pics of were made for someone else, made as display figures not really intended for play, or are kit-bashes of unproduced minis...it's just a hobby with me, more than an attempt to get minis to play with. I have some pics on the following page, and a fairly simple "how to paint" walkthrough. Good luck! If Jeremy's pics don't motivate you to paint a fleet, I'd be very surprised!

<http://www.geocities.com/raperm2002/Minismain.html>

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By Daniel Crispin (Calendyr) on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 - 11:21 am: Edit

Thank you for the answers ;) These minis look pretty impressive! Might just have to start getting some for my game ;)

I really wish we had the new Romulan Warbirds (From post ST:TNG)... But what can I do? ;)

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By Russell J. Manning (Rjmann) on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 - 01:32 pm: Edit

Mike, I am curious as to why you painted your ISC lavender. I thought they were supposed to be blue.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 - 01:37 pm: Edit

Ah, the things we do for our 8-year-old daughters...especially those who love purple. Besides, I'll not have any minis painted Carolina Blue in my house.

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By Daniel Crispin (Calendyr) on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 - 03:45 pm: Edit

Why? ;)

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 - 04:18 pm: Edit

Actually, I painted my ISC a True Blue Pearl, to look like the ones on the front of a Captain's Log. They look really cool.

I'm borrowing a friends digital camera on Monday. It's a real high speed one too.

Hopefully by the end of the month, I'll have a website up and running that will support many of our thirsts for hundreds of mini-pics.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Saturday, October 25, 2003 - 01:40 pm: Edit

Anyone know where I can find pics of the Rom Megahawk? I'm trying to verify where that third set of engines goes.

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Saturday, October 25, 2003 - 02:38 pm: Edit

Mike, check p46 of the R7 rulebook. Pictures of the Rom DNs from that module share space with the second page of U12.0.

When I did my Omnihawk mini, I deviated from these pictures when it came to engine placement: <http://www.jgray-sfb.com/rhawk3.jpg> (Omnihawk is in the foreground). Just personal preference.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Saturday, October 25, 2003 - 02:40 pm: Edit

There is no known picture of the Omnihawk/Megahawk. The only suggestion I can make (and it's not helpful) which is look at the counters. It appears to me that the center warp engines are mounted on top and centerlined with the ship (much like the Firehawk).

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Saturday, October 25, 2003 - 02:43 pm: Edit

Jeremy; I missed that. Thanks! Now I know what the Megahawk looks like! Now if I could only find a pic of the conjectural Federation PF's.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Saturday, October 25, 2003 - 05:28 pm: Edit

I figured the bottom. I plan to just add them inboard of the ones on the existing mini...should work fine.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, October 26, 2003 - 12:37 pm: Edit

I must say, the elite series Romulan War Eagles make great Centurion PF's!!!

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Monday, October 27, 2003 - 09:19 am: Edit

Even better: Elite-series Snipes (yes, they were produced).

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Monday, October 27, 2003 - 09:25 am: Edit

Elite-series Snipes = Centurion PFs.

Elite-series Seahawks = Starhawk PFs.

They look very convincing!

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Monday, October 27, 2003 - 11:08 am: Edit

Jesica; have not been able to find those. Give me time and I will have them..... oh yes!, I will have them, heheheh.....

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By John Trauger (Vorlonagent) on Monday, October 27, 2003 - 02:23 pm: Edit

Elite snipes could be decaturion interceptors, right?

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Monday, October 27, 2003 - 02:26 pm: Edit

Sure. I don't see why not.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 - 05:00 pm: Edit

Since you guys brought it up. I recently won an auction on eBay for Elite series Romulan War Eagles and the guy threw in some some Elite Skyhawks. Now, I haven't received them yet so maybe I shouldn't be counting my chickens (so to speak), but will the Skyhawks be too big to use as PFs? Thanks for your thoughts.

Scott

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 - 06:36 pm: Edit

I use them as PF's.

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By Robert Hernesson (Rhernesson) on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 - 11:18 pm: Edit

Anyone have any use for a FASA Regula space station, a FASA Romulan Battleship, or a B5 Minbari Warcruiser?

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By John Trauger (Vorlonagent) on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 - 11:24 pm: Edit

I could use an EA Thunderbolt.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 - 04:34 am: Edit

Robert, I could use it, however the pocket book is light. Soon it will be heavy again. I don't know how soon, but we'll see.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 - 09:41 am: Edit

The Elite Skyhawks could be used as Starhawk PFs (though Elite Seahawks work better). If you can get some Elite Seahawks, the Elite Skyhawks would work spiffy as either Stellarhawk heavy PFs or a conjectural police ship (I think that Blackhawk is the term that was banded about for such a thing a while back).

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By Robert Hernesson (Rhernesson) on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 - 04:56 pm: Edit

Aaron, I'll toss them on the side. Yell when you get a few zennie coins.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 - 05:22 pm: Edit

I should be yelling soon Robert. Just not sure exactly when.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Thursday, October 30, 2003 - 05:01 pm: Edit

Aaron and Jessica,  
Thanks for your inputs. The package arrived today. The War Eagles turned out to be Snipes and are PERFECT for PFs/Interceptors. The Skyhawks are a little large for PFs but will do until real Romulan PFs become available. I use Orion Elite CAs as PFs and they are a little large also (this compared to the Klingon, Hydran and Kzinti REAL PFs).

Scott

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Thursday, October 30, 2003 - 05:51 pm: Edit

Scored a couple of minis from Bennet; a Romulan Winged Defender and Bright One. My new Rom X-ships!

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Thursday, October 30, 2003 - 08:52 pm: Edit

Scott, glad it worked out for you! I find for the Orions that the LR (I think that's what they were) are excellent Orion PF's.

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By Ryan Peck (Trex) on Thursday, October 30, 2003 - 09:58 pm: Edit

Mike,

Make sure you post pics when you are done.

Ryan

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Friday, October 31, 2003 - 08:15 am: Edit

hehe, guess who got a digi cam today. hehe.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Friday, October 31, 2003 - 09:53 pm: Edit

Has anyone ever made a mini of the through deck cruiser from Jackill's Vol. 2, using the FASA Enterprise miniature? If they're able to do it again, let me know. Would be interested in obtaining one.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Saturday, November 01, 2003 - 11:17 pm: Edit

This probably isn't the right place for this but since the subject was brought up here, I'll keep it going. The guy I bought the Elites from has offered me Elite Rom SparrowHawks. Are these worth having? What can they be used for (since the size difference is pretty great)?

Scott

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By John Trauger (Vorlonagent) on Monday, November 03, 2003 - 02:11 pm: Edit

You could use them for Starhawk PF, though they might be a little large. Does SSJ list a Rom heavy PF?

Seahawk? I dunno...

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, November 03, 2003 - 02:24 pm: Edit

Yeah, there is a heavy PF for the Roms, but the name escapes me just now. That would be a good use, provided you can get away with it.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Monday, November 03, 2003 - 04:25 pm: Edit

Drone Launchers:

I have recently obtained a few (8!) Federation DD's. I don't need 8 plain-jane, vanilla DD's; so I'm going to convert some of them to other variants. Most of the variants I want have drone launchers. From the pics posted my Mike and Jeremy, I know how and where to put the launchers, but what do you guys use for them?

I can see using styrene, but it might be too thick.

Kneadatite or milliput is also a potential, but how do you keep it the right size / shape when it gets that thin?

thanks for any help.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, November 03, 2003 - 04:29 pm: Edit

I do it one of two ways; either by using very small bits of styrene cut with a Chopper (great tool) or by using decals. Either way works just fine. The decals are easy, as they're basically just little rectangles. You can make scads of them on one sheet.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Monday, November 03, 2003 - 05:00 pm: Edit

I don't think the SparrowHawk would fit as a PF. Just doesn't seem to look right. Thanks for the input. I may just pick these up and if I don't like them, find someone on the board that wants to swap.

Scott

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Monday, November 03, 2003 - 06:43 pm: Edit

Scott: I agree. The Romulan Sparrowhawk (which I have quite a few of) I have found is very useful to replace a regular sized mini during mega-hex battles when it becomes a close quarters fight or there are a million and a half counters on the board.

Dang, am I becoming a Democrat? How many sentences was that? Oh well, you get my gist.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Friday, November 14, 2003 - 03:18 pm: Edit

Ode to UPS:

UPS, UPS, where for art thou UPS?

At my desk I sit trying to create.

I wait and wait and whilst I cannot concentrate.

This morning you said its on its way,

but here still I sit in dismay.

Oh please, Oh please make my Raper Mini's appear,

Or never again will UPS be used I fear,

UPS, UPS, where for art thou UPS?

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Saturday, November 15, 2003 - 05:19 pm: Edit

Just to let you guys know, I know have a website where all of my mini-pics will eventually be posted. [www.awwwdrat.com](http://www.awwwdrat.com). I have some there now, but because I'm still learning how to use a digital camera, the pic files are big (200-300 kb) I should have that fixed soon.

Now y'all are gonna get to see some of my kit-bashes!!!

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By Robert Hernesson (Rhernesson) on Sunday, November 16, 2003 - 02:19 pm: Edit

Aaron, as someone who manipulate image files regularly, may I offer a suggestion for a useful program? IrfanView is FREE and available from all the regular online places.

It will allow you good, fast and easy manipulation of images, including size. It won't replace a copy of Photoshop but it is a versivle & useful program.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Sunday, November 16, 2003 - 03:18 pm: Edit

Aaron, saw your home page last night. The two photos look "awful purty". How long do you think before construction will be done and the sawhorses removed?

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, November 16, 2003 - 04:35 pm: Edit

Robert I will definately look into that! Thanks much.

Bennett, maybe about a month; I have alot to learn about websites and picture taking. I have updated it this morning and there are now more than two photos. I have a Kitbashed F5S there but the photos are a little blurred. A tripod for the cam ought to help fix that.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Sunday, November 16, 2003 - 05:47 pm: Edit

Aaron, if you have a web page up you might want to add it to your profile so as to let us check it out!

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By Dean Gundberg (Star\_Ranger) on Sunday, November 16, 2003 - 08:28 pm: Edit

Aaron,

A couple quick comments. Good start, just keep noticing what you like and don't like on other web pages and don't make the same mistakes you see others making.

You need to create some thumbnails for your menu pages. Instead of taking the large picture and displaying it very small, make a small version of the picture (using Irfanview) and use them instead. They should be much smaller files and will load much more quickly.

Also to get those full size images down to something that loads quickly, I suggest JPEG Optimizer from xat.com. My demo download is still working and it really cuts the size of files without losing quality.....

Wait, it looks like all your images are gifs. Gifs are good for transparent images where you want the background to show through, and if you only have a few colors, but they are very large files for anything photo-realistic. Use Irfanview to convert them to jpgs and that will help a lot (and then use JPEG Optimizer to get them smaller still)

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, November 16, 2003 - 09:31 pm: Edit

Groovy, I'll have to get Irfanview tomorrow afternoon (or evening). Good thing I found out about that before I got it going too deeply.

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By Robert Herneson (Rherneson) on Monday, November 17, 2003 - 12:26 am: Edit

Play with both. IView can resize with full control over quality.

The only thing IView doesn't do that I would like is saturation level histogram adjustments.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 - 08:50 pm: Edit

I finally received my kit bashes from Mike.

Words cannot describe how well they turned out. Mike sent me the Gorn and Hydran BB. I can't wait to paint them! Wish I had a digital camera that was worth a darn so I could send some pictures. Thanks for the great work, Mike.

Scott

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 - 10:19 pm: Edit

USS NIMITZ can't be far behind. Have to decide what I'll want next.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 05:43 am: Edit

Mike, if you keep this up all your free time is going to be spent doing mini's for us folks.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 08:09 am: Edit

Well, that's the fun part. I like building/painting minis...not collecting them. I do keep a couple dozen that I particularly like, but most I keep awhile and then sell, or make and sell right away. I still have my pictures, after all, and I'd rather see someone who can really use and enjoy them get them.

Bennett, yes, the CVS is coming along nicely. It's built; I just have to paint and detail it.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 11:29 am: Edit

Anybody ever find a good Titanium white color for Feds?

I had painted my Feds pure white before but have decided to go with a off white and would prefer a titanium type tint (or slightly silver).

I may just end up with a very light gray.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 11:54 am: Edit

I've usually gone with Testor's Camouflage Grey. 'Course, if you want to take the time, they do market a metalizing, buffing Titanium spray. It's about \$4.50 a can, and you would have to take care to spray and buff it just so, but I imagine the result, after application of a dullcote, would be quite striking.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 12:14 pm: Edit

I use Testors Flat Sea Grey, but then again, I like grey Feds, not white ones. If you want a specific look, you may be better off getting a cheap Badger airbrush, and mixing yourself a good supply of the color you want.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 12:19 pm: Edit

Badger Airbrush...that's exactly the one I have. Though, I was hoping to avoid mixing.

Jessica, I'll check it out. Sounds interesting. I wonder how hard it is to buff. Maybe a Dremel buffer might work. Hmm, probably says on the can.

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By John C. Barnes (Nitehawke) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 01:23 pm: Edit

Loren,

I'd be REAL careful about the Dremel buffer, those things can produce a HUGE amount of heat in a short amount of time (easily enough to soften and warp the plastic feds). I'm not saying it can't be done, just to be cautious about your approach. It should be fine for the pewter mini's though.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 01:34 pm: Edit

John,

There are a new kind of buffing pad you can use that essentially generates no heat at all. They are soft cotton, and come in a variety of shapes (round, disk, ovate, etc). I've found them very useful for buffing, especially with a variable-speed dremel.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 01:41 pm: Edit

On another topic, in continuation with my quest to build one BB kitbash of every race, I'm deep in designing a Kzinti BB. I'm building it for Dale McKee as a sort of project, similar to some other "feebies" I've done in the past. I have everything worked out, save one detail...the engines. The BB has three, just like the DN, but they're obviously bigger. Not sure how to get around this problem, but I suppose I'll come up with something...even if it means building up the existing ones. Once this one is done, I'll start the next one, which is a toss up between a Rom King-Condor or a Pelading BB.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 01:59 pm: Edit

I'd say just extend the DN engines a bit, and call it good.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 - 11:06 pm: Edit

No rush, Mike. Saw your post in Buy. Hope things work out.

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By Xander Fulton (Dderidex) on Thursday, November 20, 2003 - 01:46 am: Edit

BTW, for those looking for Fed shuttle minis, the Irregular Miniatures DY01 really is a dead-ringer.

I'll try to get some pics of them unpainted (wouldn't take but 2 seconds to paint one, but all my paints are packed). The US distributor for them (?Silver Eagle Wargame Supplies?) is terribly slow and they don't stock any, so expect a month or two lead time on your order.

But they do look sharp! And the price is hard to beat. I got 50 for \$14 shipped.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Thursday, November 20, 2003 - 10:01 am: Edit

Yup, they are quite the spiffy little things. I need to get another hundred or so one of these days.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Thursday, November 20, 2003 - 10:12 am: Edit

Ya, a pic would be really cool!

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Monday, November 24, 2003 - 03:36 pm: Edit

I'm not sure how to post a pic in this topic.

I have just completed assembling and painting my new Federation SCS. The pics are posted on my website.

I am working on getting all the old stuff taken care of (converting older pics to lesser size on disc and doing thumbnails). The Feds and Klinks have largely been done as far as thumbnails and I'm working on getting the older pics reduced.

I have also posted the Fed BCH. I must say that I REALLY love the new Fed SCS.

[www.awwwdrat.com](http://www.awwwdrat.com)

Folks, If you haven't already gotten the Fed SCS, get it ASAP! It's really neat!

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By Kenneth Jones (Kludge) on Monday, November 24, 2003 - 03:38 pm: Edit

Aaron,

You can only post links. Pretty much only SVC, SPP and Joe have the authority to post pics.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, November 24, 2003 - 04:12 pm: Edit

It's easy, Aaron, but you have to have remote posting priveleges from your website provider. Most free ones don't allow it. If you like, email me any pics you want to post and I'll do it for you. I've got a few to post myself of a Fed CVS kitbash.

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By Robert Cole (Zathras) on Monday, November 24, 2003 - 04:16 pm: Edit

Of course, the best way is to simply find out... so...

Aaron Staley's SCS mini pics

Quick and easy, step by step:

Type

"[newurl{http://www.awwwdrat.com/Federation\\_SCS.html, Aaron Staley's SCS mini pics}](http://www.awwwdrat.com/Federation_SCS.html)" into your chat screen, adjusting the URL as necessary. I usually open the pics in another window and paste the address before the `\newurl` command.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Monday, November 24, 2003 - 04:28 pm: Edit

RC; from a computer dummy, thank you!!!

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By Robert Cole (Zathras) on Monday, November 24, 2003 - 04:30 pm: Edit

No prob, Bob.42

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Monday, November 24, 2003 - 08:34 pm: Edit

Aaron,

Glad you like the SCS; it's one of my kitbashes (and while I can't tell from the photos if they made it through production or

not, I scratch-built the nacelles from brass). Mine won't get to me until it is sent with my CL27; could you tell me if it finished up as a three-piece (rear hull, saucer, and pylon/centerwarp), or did they manage to cast it in two?

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Monday, November 24, 2003 - 10:35 pm: Edit

\*Sigh!\* Time to refigure the budget again.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 10:26 am: Edit

Jessica, it ended up in the three piece category. Thanks for your work in doing this lovely mini. I'm really going to enjoy using it for some of my games.

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By Jesse E Hamby (Edhamby) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 11:19 am: Edit

Has anyone gotten the new Romulan Eagles yet? I would like to know how different they are from the older Warbird, Snipe, and Zocchi miniatures I have 3-4 of. The descriptions do not tell enough, a good picture would tell all. I already have a Falcon and Vulture so they're not an issue.

Thanks.

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By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 11:52 am: Edit

I've got most of the Romulan pics uploaded now. You may have to look at the individual rather than blistered pair items to get a picture, but there should be a pic of everything.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 12:10 pm: Edit

Steve, one of the pics isn't working.

I am able to provide a rough pic however. Shows the old series.

Aaron Staley's Old Series Romulan mini pics

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 12:11 pm: Edit

Hey that works pretty good.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 12:16 pm: Edit

Aaron: Hey, that's very helpful! Well done!

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 12:56 pm: Edit

Nice comparison photo, Aaron! I'm glad to see that my Falcon wound up nicely proportioned to the new Eagle; I was a bit concerned about that when I sculpted it.

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By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 01:01 pm: Edit

Aaron; Yeah, I know, the problem is the cart doesn't like any pic over 30k. The ships are all visible one place or another on the cart. I'll fix that one later.

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By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 01:13 pm: Edit

I got the falconhawk picture to work.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 02:41 pm: Edit

All you need now is a photo of the underside of the Falcon (where the honking-huge mauler is mounted).

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 06:02 pm: Edit

Yeah, I REALLY love the new WE's and am probably going to buy about ten more of them soon.

Heck, eventually I'll have enough minis to play a mean game of F&E with.

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By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 06:15 pm: Edit

I just put the SCS picture on the cart and on the minis topic.

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By Jesse E Hamby (Edhamby) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 07:00 pm: Edit

Thanks for the picture Aaron, that answers my question clearly. Nice miniatures Jessica, especially the SCS.

I didn't want to bother SVC as I'm sure he's busy enough with ADBs business plan, new product shipment and vacation preparations.

I'll start planning my order.....

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 07:47 pm: Edit

Jesse, anytime. You need a picture of something easy like that, let me know.

Again Jessica, GREAT SCS mini! I've stared at it about 8 times today and I've only been home for 2 hours all day.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 - 10:47 pm: Edit

Beautiful pic SVC.

The pic of the Rom old series that I have linked to above will be there for 30 days, after which it shall be removed.

I have big plans for my website. I am perfecting my Photography abilities and will soon be able to produce pics of high quality and low KB's.

If ADB allows, I may be able to provide a very limited history of each ship class. A ship name or two (but no more) and some notable battles or fates that they were involved in.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Wednesday, November 26, 2003 - 02:01 am: Edit

Aaron: One thing you could try on your pictures is to adjust the Contrast and Brightness. Some of your pics are washed out looking and one possible fix is to lower the brightness while increasing the contrast.

This will bring out the darks better and may sharpen the picture a bit. The cool thing is if you don't like the results, don't save! ;0 Also, instead of a flash, use reflected lighting. That is shine a bright light on a white wall or something (not directly at the subject). At Home Depot (or any other Home Warehouse) you can get a 500w work light that will reflect plenty of light. I'd buy 300w replacement bulbs; they still cast lots of light and don't get so darn blistering hot!

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Wednesday, November 26, 2003 - 05:35 am: Edit

Yeah, I'm working on making a photo-shoot area with the right level of light. The lighting is/was the problem but I'm working on it and will eventually get there.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Saturday, November 29, 2003 - 08:02 pm: Edit

Got a question. I'm converting a Tholian PC into a BW and need advice. How would be the best way to create the external fighter bays? I have some .20 mil styrene thats about 1/8-inch wide. I thought about using 2 strips of this material - 1 on each side of the upright fin as the fighter bays. A small line scribed across them could be used to deliniate the individual fighter bays.

Any additional suggestions would eb appreciated.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Saturday, November 29, 2003 - 11:17 pm: Edit

I haven't tried this so I'm unsure about it but you could use a small hole punch and punch out some aluminum foil dots. Then set them in clear coat. After all the painting is done put another coat on to lock them in.

Also, hobby stores sell fake gold and silver leaf. A tiny dot of adhesive then apply and brush off the excess. That would leave nice little landing pads.

Of course, this might not be the sort of thing you're looking for.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 10:00 am: Edit

I don't know what SVC had in mind when he first designed the BW, but with the Tholians tendency to break out the "space-welder" at every opportunity - I envisioned the external hanger bays as being fiighter-sized boxes hard-welded to the outer hull.

This may be totally wrong, but thats what I went with. I'll try to post a couple of pics once the painting is complete...

although I do like the idea of the foil dots. Maybe I'll add some landing pads in front of each bay.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 10:05 am: Edit

Next Tholian question:

I now am going to make a Tholian PF tender from another one of my PC's.

I have scanners from the kit-bash packs...

I have the exteranal fighter bays (see post above)...

I have a couple of ideas for the mech links, but both of them are rather simplistic. Has anyone ever done a PFT (for any race)? And if so, how did you represent the mech-links.

I seem to recall that someone once did a scratch-build of a Hydran Pegasus, but I don't remember where I saw it at.

Again, any help or suggestions will be appreciated.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 10:25 am: Edit

Tony,

That kitbash was done by Jeremy Gray. A fine job, too. He can tell you whatever you need to know.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 10:31 am: Edit

I was 99 44/00's certain it was wither you or Jeremy. Thanks for the input

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 11:13 am: Edit

Tony, here's a picture of the Pegasus: <http://jgray-sfb.com/hydranpeg1.jpg>. Basically, I just used styrene rods, tubing, and square stock (heavily sanded) to build up the hull. I then added the styrene wings and three Ranger engines (probably a bit large, but then I think the entire mini is a bit oversized in terms of scale). I just painted on small squares to represent mech links. if I had to do it over again (aside from trying to scale down the mini a little), I would have used a very thin piece of styrene sheet and cut some small shapes for mechlinks - square, circle, triangle, etc. This would have added a little relief to the otherwise smooth wings.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 11:18 am: Edit

Thanks Jeremy. I thought about just painting on the mech-links, but that just didn't seem right. What I finally chose to do was use a strip of thin (.2 mil) styrene along the wings for the tractor/mech-links. I then painted a small triangle for each individual mech-link on the styrene. This gave it a bit of 3-D relief, w/o making the mech-links thicker than the wings themselves.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 11:19 am: Edit

Those PF stands look strangely familiar Jeremy.

If you had to do it over again...does that mean you'd do one for me if I paid for it?

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 11:56 am: Edit

Yeah, the PF stands are 8-penny nails snipped to length with some heavy plyer-cutters. One word of advice if you try that ... wear some goggles, and stay away from anything breakable ... it'll turn those nails into poor man's bullets. I know there are safer ways to get the job done, but I can be hard-headed sometimes.

I'm happy to take the occasional commission, but I'm finding my time right now is pretty limited. I'm in the middle of a transfer that is going to keep me on the move until February. I've been blessed with lots of spare time on shore duty over the last two years - but now that I'm going back to sea duty, I'm really not sure how much time I'm going to have for miniatures. Probably best to ask me again in the April-May timeframe next year. Hopefully I'll have a better grasp on my workload by then and could give you an honest answer.

As an aside, this is the third time in four years that I'll be making a transfer from the one side of the country to the other during the holidays. Spending the holidays in my own home is become quite a rarity. Whatever I do at the end of this next assignment, I've got to find a way to transfer at sometime other than the end of the year. Blah.

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By Aaron M. Staley (Aaron\_Staley) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 12:01 pm: Edit

No problem. On the calendar.

I put all my hydran PF's (Actually ALL my PF's) on regular mini stands (the ones you get right now with the mini's you purchase from ADB). In play I would have a set of counters ready to switch out whenever they get into really close quarter combat.

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By Jesse E Hamby (Edhamby) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 02:06 pm: Edit

Tony,  
Captains Log 17 has a good outline for modifying a PC for use as a PFT. I used it as my guide for both my PFT and PFW miniatures. Pictures are at the following:  
<http://members.aol.com/hambyj/SFB/>  
Hope this helps.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Sunday, November 30, 2003 - 02:32 pm: Edit

Thanks, I'll look it up. I looked at your pics and unfortunately for me... I went a different route. Instead of adding wings, perpendicular to the hull, I just added the mech-links along the edge of the existing fins...

alas, mine is now the unsuccessful proto-type PFT.

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By Scott Iles (Smrl) on Monday, December 01, 2003 - 11:44 am: Edit

I turned a Tholian CA into a CVA by adding about 16 square styrene blocks (filed to a 45 degree angle at one end). I didn't add the total number because of the stand mount, but it certainly conveys the idea of a bunch of fighter boxes stuck to the outside of the hull.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Sunday, December 07, 2003 - 02:31 pm: Edit

Couple of kitbashes, some fun and some on commission.

Federation CVS Pre-work Fed CVS kitbash; unpainted, but complete.

Gorn BCX kitbash Totally unofficial, but I saw a mod for SFC once with the gorn looking like this, so I went with it.

Rom Demonhawk This is the build, without the phasers and torpedos added yet. But, it is basically done; it's about 1/8" wider and longer than the SPH, with a more pointed, beak shaped prow. The engines are about twice as long, as well.

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By Mark R. James (Mark) on Sunday, December 07, 2003 - 06:46 pm: Edit

Just need some input...I am doing ships from the Omega Fed Republic. The two ships are The Armoured cruiser, The battle cruiser. These ships are based on the Alfa Fed Old CL. In the ship descriptions these ships are larger versions of the CL. On that miniature it doesn't show a deflector grid pattern. Should there be a grid pattern on the larger versions? As in most Fed Ships. Would like your comments please!

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Sunday, December 07, 2003 - 07:09 pm: Edit

The deflector grid...it isn't on the CL mini, but it is on some of the CL artwork that has appeared. Personally, I think it looks better without it. In any event, I think it safe to assume that the larger CL-based hulls would look the same as the CL; if the CL mini is slick, make the larger ones slick as well.

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By Mark R. James (Mark) on Sunday, December 07, 2003 - 07:18 pm: Edit

Thanks Jessica, Inquiry on where you have seen this artwork...I would like to view it. I liked your article in Captains log #27

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Sunday, December 07, 2003 - 11:13 pm: Edit

Nice look on the minis.

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By Mike West (Mjwest) on Monday, December 08, 2003 - 08:31 am: Edit

Nice work Mike, but I do have one request: Can you give us a different shot of the CVS so we can see the changes you made?

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Monday, December 08, 2003 - 09:09 am: Edit

Mark,  
I can't recall (way too much art over the years, and I'm at work) but it seems to me that it was one of the various top-down art pieces that appear in the R-section.

Glad you liked the Demonhawk article.

-- Jessica

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, December 08, 2003 - 12:28 pm: Edit

Mike,

Yeah, I can. It's pretty straightforward; just take the front half of a DN, the back half of a CA, and some filling material. Assemble, sand it smooth, and there you are. I'll get some other pics up later, though.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Tuesday, December 09, 2003 - 08:07 pm: Edit

Jessica, sorry to ask this question because I know you've answered it before but I can't find it in an archive search. What special painting instructions do you recommend for your Falcon mauler? Do the higher 'fins' and belly hump need to be a different color than the other Eagle type ships? I paint my Romulans a light grey with a white belly.

Thanks for your input and BTW, great work on that mini!

Scott

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Tuesday, December 09, 2003 - 11:16 pm: Edit

I just paint it up like a Warbird, to be honest. The "hump" does fairly nicely as the body of the bird, if your painting in that much detail; otherwise, your white-belly approach should look dandy. And by the way, I finally got my production Falcon about a week ago, and I can honestly say that of my recent minis, it is the one with which I am happiest (and yes, the twin-fin thing was my idea; it seemed both visually appealing and seemed to make sense from a "don't run the support girders through the huge weapon" standpoint).

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 - 07:55 am: Edit

Well, I'm sending off the masters for the Fed DNL, CF, and FFB to Steve today. Always assuming they survive the trip via good old UPS, they ought to be there in a few days. Just hope they can live through the casting process. Soon as I finish the Hydran Monarch, it'll go too. That'll be it for me, for awhile. Can't figure out anything else I really want to do that I have the means of doing.

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 - 09:53 am: Edit

Looks like I do have the parts for the Orion BR master. I may or may not be able to get it done before the end of the year, but I should be able to have it in the mail to SVC by mid-January (fingers crossed).

After that, I'll give the Hydran Pegasus and the Wyn fish a whirl. No promises - I'm having to try some new techniques (can't rely on styrene like I would normally), so this might take a while - if it works at all. We'll see...

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 - 10:23 am: Edit

Speaking of masters, I finished the Sabre-Toothed Tiger over the weekend. Hopefully, I'll get some time this weekend to start on either the D7V or the Orion BCH.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 - 01:52 pm: Edit

Thanks, Jessica. I'll just paint it like the rest of the "Bird" class. Can't wait to see the BR mini. I kit bashed one myself a while ago but not really happy with how the wings worked out.

Scott

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Friday, December 12, 2003 - 10:47 am: Edit

OK. Got two questions:

1: In a recent eBay deal, I received 2 complete FASA ships and bits and pieces for another. The bits and pieces are from a FASA, Federation Cruiser. Unfortunately, its missing the secondary hull. Does anyone on this list have an extra, secondary hull lying around they'd like to sell / trade / get rid of???

2: I am about finished painting my Klingon fleet and am going to get started converting and painting a series of TCC's. Is there an "official" paint scheme for the LDR ships? and if so, where can I find it online?

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Friday, December 12, 2003 - 10:55 am: Edit

Tony,

Sure. Send me an SASE, and I'll send it to you.

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Friday, December 12, 2003 - 05:38 pm: Edit

Thanks, Mike. What do you want for it? and send me an address at scoutdad13@bellsouth.net.

thanks

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 11:43 am: Edit

I, too, would like to know of an 'official' paint scheme for the LDR. If not 'official', then what do the experts (I'm looking at you Jessica, Mike, Aaron, et al) have to say on the subject? I would really like your inputs. Thanks!

Scott

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By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 11:49 am: Edit

I thought LDR ships were white?

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 12:13 pm: Edit

I know I have documentation stating they are white but I couldn't fine it.

I think white and then refer to standard Lyran craft for details such as the ESGs (I use gunmetel)and phaser mounts. The LDR symbol should be described in CL26? (or 25??).

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 01:12 pm: Edit

If I remember correctly, the hull color is either white or an off-white, with Loren being right on the details. I think the recent article in Captain's Log gives the hull colors for the various county warships. I think the Mega Hex counters included LDR ships, so you should have something to work with if you have that product.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 02:25 pm: Edit

Good call by Loren. CL25 (p.35) "Hull color is flat off white. LDR symbol is a red bar in the center of a yellow disk, trimmed in black."

With that settled. What color are the Wyn? Thought they were white/off white also. Anyone remember where there is a color picture of one? Seems like I've seen a picture of the AuxBC before but my can't find it. How about a CL article about hull colors? Unfortunately, I don't have either MegaHex product. Waiting for them to be produced again .

Thanks again for everyones help.

Scott

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By Jesse E Hamby (Edhamby) on Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 03:42 pm: Edit

Scott,

The painting errata guide on this site says "The Usurper Fleet (and the WYN fleet) have a flat white base hull color."

I read a Nexus article titled "Building a Wynning Fleet" that says the same thing. Most external features are grey, except the mounting straps which are black.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 03:45 pm: Edit

Wyn are white. Don't have a pic but can tell you Jeremy Grey has done some minis of wyn.

Oh ya, Ted Gabriel has a 3D of the Shark on his site, <http://www.sfbnexus.com/>

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 09:35 pm: Edit

One of the early R modules has a illustration of a WYN Orion on the cover. It's either a LR or a CR. The symbol is a large black circle/spot with stars representing the WYN planets within it.

Picked up CL27 last night. I know it's a static cover of the Begin being T/R'd, but when I held the cover at an angle, I could swear I saw the ship move. Kudos to the artist.

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By Scott Stohr (Scooter) on Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 09:57 pm: Edit

Thanks for all the help/suggestions. Have a couple of Lyrans that will get the LDR and WYN treatment. I'll let you know how they turn out.

Scott

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By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Sunday, December 14, 2003 - 09:10 am: Edit

Thnaks guys. I had thought that the LDR were white... but couldn't remember where the print reference was. I guess thats the drawback to having 25 years of SFB material on hand... wading through eveything to find the one, non-critical , non-rules item that hasn't been committed to memory.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Sunday, December 14, 2003 - 10:25 am: Edit

Did some work yesterday on starting a Kzinti BB kitbash. The good news is it can be done; the bad news is it'll be a long time before I do another one! Tough kitbash to do. I had to cut the DN mini down the middle, and across just in front of the engines to widen/lengthen the hull. The little detail section on the top of the hull is a bitch to fill, too; might just have to go away altogether.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, December 15, 2003 - 12:28 pm: Edit

Okay, I did cut and fill the BB. Gads, it's huge. It's 1/4" longer - as long as a B10 - and about 3/8" wider across the hull than the DN was. Truly, a huge mini. I'll be glad when it's done and I can post some pics, and even more glad to see what Dale can do with it. His Kzintis are top shelf, anyway, so I'm sure he'll do it justice.

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By Mark R. James (Mark) on Monday, December 15, 2003 - 08:20 pm: Edit

Mike, Can't wait to see this one. I just got the hull done for the Fed Republic CLA, just have to add some details and then work on the engines. I will post pics when it's done.

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By Dale McKee (Brigman) on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 - 09:27 pm: Edit

The kitbashes Mike did for me arrived today, the Demonhawk and the Gorn CCX.

Wow!

The pics he put up don't do these minis justice. As soon as I get 'em painted, I'll get some pictures up of these beauties!

AWESOME job, Mike!

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Thursday, December 18, 2003 - 02:14 pm: Edit

Thanks, Dale! Hope they turn out well for you, and I'm looking forward to seeing them painted! The Kzinti BB is done; finished up the last bits today. Oh, man, it's a beauty! You'll like it! Looks almost exactly as pictured in R5; I even added some bigger sensor dishes I scouged from a kitbash pack. Very cool...though I'm still not doing another one.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, December 22, 2003 - 05:00 pm: Edit

Okay, been having a hell of a time with my internet connection; something wrong with the whole streets cable, apparently. Anyway, I took some pics of the Kzinti side by side with a B10 and thought I'd post 'em.

Kzinti BB kitbash, front quarter

Kzinti BB kitbash, port side

I used the pic in module R5 as a base for it. The really strange part was that it doesn't have an aft pair or wings; the pic shows some little block-shaped things with the various weapons studded on. So, that's what I did with it.

Dale, it'll be coming your way tomorrow.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Monday, December 22, 2003 - 08:36 pm: Edit

Geeez, that thing is huge!

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By Christopher E. Fant (Cfant) on Monday, December 22, 2003 - 09:08 pm: Edit

"look at the size of that thing"

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By Scott Tenhoff (Scottt) on Monday, December 22, 2003 - 09:37 pm: Edit

It has it's own hunting reserve on the bottom deck.

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Monday, December 22, 2003 - 09:51 pm: Edit

"That's no moon..."

Nice work, Mike. Would rather you send it to SVC!

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, December 22, 2003 - 09:58 pm: Edit

Thanks, all. It was an interesting challenge. Took over a 7" strip of kneadite to get enough filler for the gaps I made in it. I would make one for SVC if he wants to use it as a master...maybe I'll send him a pic and let him decide. Shame the pics didn't turn out better, but that's what you get with an all light grey primer. I'm looking forward to see what Dale does with it...his Kzintis are top of the mark, so it'll be going to the right guy.

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Monday, December 22, 2003 - 10:15 pm: Edit

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By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 - 10:18 am: Edit

I like it. Let's get it into production.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 - 11:41 am: Edit

And that, Mike, is as fine an endorsement as any you could seek.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 - 02:19 pm: Edit

Okay, I'll do one. Anyone have a pair of those little sensor dishes from the kitbash pack? That's what I used for the sensors on this one, and the kitbash pack itself is out of stock.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 - 04:00 pm: Edit

Mike,

I think I still have a few. Shoot me an e-mail with your address, and I'll check when I get home tonight.

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By Jeremy Gray (Gray) on Wednesday, December 24, 2003 - 07:51 am: Edit

Mike, if Jessica doesn't have them, drop me an e-mail. Once I get to San Diego in early January, I can check. But I believe I have some left.

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By Dale McKee (Brigman) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 06:14 pm: Edit

Finally figured out how to use the wife's digital camera. Here's some pics of Mike's fabulous Gorn BCH miniature that I painted up.

Here's a shot of it solo:

Gorn BCH

And here's a shot of it with a CM for comparison:

Gorn pair

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By Dale McKee (Brigman) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 06:15 pm: Edit

Hmm, that didn't work.

Well, since this thing's resisting HTML, here's the URL's to type in manually:

<http://home.att.net/~dalemckee/minis/GornBCH.jpg>

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By Robert Cole (Zathras) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 06:47 pm: Edit

Are you aware that you are probably the best painter on this BBS? (My opinion, of course, but it's the only one that matters anyway...)42

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By Loren Knight (Loren) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 07:08 pm: Edit

Dale, you might want to back up a bit and use zoom to fill the field. The fronts are a bit blurred.

Even so, they look great!

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 07:48 pm: Edit

I've been wondering if some of the area of the new Gorn ship engine placements is considered flash, but not easy to remove, without damaging the engines. Been thinking of those areas being painted black to represent open space. But those are beauts.

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By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 08:27 pm: Edit

Great job, Dale! Rob's right...you and Mark are the best painters on the board. Love the blue coloring, and the wash effects are great. Colorful minis are so much nicer, IMHO. Glad it worked out for you, and I can't wait to see what you do with the Gorn and Kzinti BB's I did for you.

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By Dale McKee (Brigman) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 09:07 pm: Edit

Robert: Thank you most kindly.

Loren: Yeah, still learning how to use this fancy 21st century thingamabob (Digital Camera). I'll try taking some more pics tomorrow!

Mike: Thanks man! You did a BEAUTIFUL job building that BCH. It's truly a prize in my collection. As for the paint job, it's actually Codex Grey... the ambient lighting in my garage tends to have a blue-ish tint to it. I'll take some other pics and see if I can show the 'true' color later.

I have to say this: Mike is an extremely gifted kitbasher. I couldn't begin to do the things he does to minis, and I'm fortunate to have a chance to add my touch to his work!

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By Dale McKee (Brigman) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 09:10 pm: Edit

Bennet: You know, when you use a black ink wash, the spaces (flash) under the engine tend to get shaded and filled with darker tones anyway.

Thanks!

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By Dale McKee (Brigman) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 10:14 pm: Edit

Here's a pic in better light, next to the Gorn DND mini.

<http://home.att.net/~dalemckee/minis/GornBCHDND.jpg>

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By Bennett Eugene Snyder (Planner) on Friday, December 26, 2003 - 11:06 pm: Edit

Very nice indeed.

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By Jessica Orsini (Jessica) on Saturday, December 27, 2003 - 07:53 am: Edit

Mike, I've been all through my stuff, and I can't find any of the sensor dishes left. Sorry.

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By David Keyser (Riov\_Tafv) on Saturday, December 27, 2003 - 05:56 pm: Edit

Mike,

I have some sensor dishes handy. Drop me a line at [riovtafv@hotmail.com](mailto:riovtafv@hotmail.com) and I can mail them out to you.

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