Gaming+

How To Paint
DEATHWING ARMOR
NO GLAZING!

Deathwing Armor

Hello! Today, I've going to explain the how to paint Deathwing Armor with Gaming+ level.

For this model, I decided to do something a little different than usual and go with a rough texture and Grimdark style.

Start by painting the entire model with Vallejo Game Color Gorgon Brown. I used AK 3rd No13 Desert Sand to mark the areas that will receive light.

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Using AK 3rd No.13 Desert Sand + Vallejo Game Color Gorgon Brown (1:1), draw lots of lines and dots where the colors blend. Make lots of short lines and dots in different directions.

Then, using pure AK 3rd No.13 Desert Sand, add additional lines to the borders to raise the color.

This is a simple way to get a gradient without using glazing. It's not fast, as you're simply drawing thin lines and dots over and over again, but you get an interesting texture and a smooth surface at the same time, and pretty easy to learn

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Now use AK 3rd Decomposed Flesh to mark where the next highlight will come in, you can do this by adding color as you would with normal paint.

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Again, use AK 3rd Decomposed Flesh + AK 3rd No.13 Desert Sand (1:1) to draw numerous dots and lines on the neutral color.

The key is to make sure that each dot and line is thin, with a small gap between them. If you have an irregular pattern with a small gap between them, it will look like a smooth gradient.

This photo is shaky, so it's hard to see the detail, but you'll see it more clearly in the next photo.

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Use AK 3rd Decomposed Flesh + Vallejo Game Color Bonne White (1:1) to paint the lightest areas, like the top of the face, and then do some edge highlighting all over the armor. This will give the armor a nice, defined shape that will stand out.

If you want a darker tone, you can glaze the shadow areas with darker paint at this point. I decided to leave it alone since I'll be adding the scratches later.

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Now let's do some quick painting of some details. First, paint the metal and decorations with AK 3rd German Grey. I marked the rims of the eyes with the same color, and then painted the red color first with Vallejo Game Color Bloody Red.

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Use Ak 3rd Silver Grey to lighten the inside of the eye, as the lighter the underlying color, the lighter the red will be.

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I diluted some Vallejo Game Color Bloody Red and painted the eyes again. At the same time, I painted the chest ornament with AK 3rd Dark Green.

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I used AK 3rd Dark Green + AK 3rd Deep Green (1:1) to highlight the wings.

Additionally, I highlighted the eyes with Vallejo Game Color Bloody Red + AK 3rd Silver Grey (2:1), increasing the ratio of Silver Grey to lighten the brightest areas.

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It's time to add the scratches. Use AK 3rd No.1A Very Dark Brown to draw irregular scratches all over the armor.

Scratching isn't my strong suit, so I can't do perfectly like Richard Gray. Only thing I can said is more irregular they are, the better – think about how bullets and such would have bounced off them.

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Now use Valljeo Game Color Bone White to highlight along the underside of the scratches you made in the previous step, and then make additional scratches all over the armor.

If the darker scratches in the previous step were hard enough to strip the paint off the armor, then these scratches will just tiny scratch the armor. If you don't like the Bone White because it's too light, you can mix in some Decomposed Flesh. If you're happy with this look, you can finish up here.

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I also decided to do some additional oil and rust drips. Since I don't have any oil paint, I decided to use contrast. All you need to do is dip your brush into the contrast paint, wipe off the excess, and start drawing lines from top to bottom.

The more contrast you use, the darker the lines will be, and the more you dilute it or wipe it off, the blurrier the lines will be. If you make a mistake, you can correct it with previous used paint mix. Since the armor itself is actually made up of only three paints and is made up of rough lines and dots, it's just as easy to touch up – just make the appropriate color and add small dots or scratches.

And just like that, you have your Grimdark-style Deathwing armor! Thanks for reading this long guide!