

# ARMY PAINTING THE EAST INDIA COMPANY



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To accompany my article on the early East India Company in WI323, I thought I'd share how I went about painting my EIC figures (actually Perry Miniatore plastic AWI figures) using Army Painter.

## STAGE 1

Assemble figures before or after attaching green stuff solar helmets and slouch hats. Note that attached arms and muskets can sometimes get in the way of press mold process.



## STAGE 2

Undercoat figures with Leather Brown spray color primer. Pure Red might be a good choice too, but I wanted something that might give a drabber undertone.



## STAGE 3

Paint flesh (Barbarian Flesh/Tanned Flesh mixed at 1:1). A few figures also used Leather Brown mixed with Barbarian Flesh. Use 3:1 and 4:1 mixtures of Matt White and Uniform Grey for shirt, trousers and sun helmet. Use Oak Brown for musket stock and hair.



## STAGE 4

Pure Red is great for coats, but Dragon Red would be nice as well. Skeleton Bone works well for buff facings and trim. Paint belts, ammo pouch, bayonet sheath and musket barrel with Matt Black. Use Monster Brown for bag and Gun Metal for bayonet and canteen. Shoes and musket strap are Leather Brown.

On a side note, I chose black for the cross-shoulder belts because there is some indication that the EIC used tanned leather instead of buffed leather during this period.



## STAGE 5

Cover figure in Strong Tone ink and follow up with anti-shine spray.

