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PART 1

How to paint a purple dragon

This tutorial shows the first part on how to paint a dragon with set 72.305 Purple Dragons. In it, we will see how to paint the scales and reddish wings of the dragon, using a combination of airbrush and brush.

This fantastic miniature has been printed in resin by the company “Alchemy 3D prints”. The design of the miniature is by “Lord of the Print”.

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1 The entire figure is primed with Surface Primer Black 74.602. Next, a thin coat is applied from above with Game Air Cold Grey 72.750 mixed with Model Air Black 71.057.

2 Using an airbrush, apply a mixture of 50% Game Color Black 72.051 and 50% Game Color Gory Red 72.011 on all wings.

3 On the wings we apply again Game Color Gory Red 72.011 with an airbrush. This time we are more careful, leaving the nooks and crannies and shadows in the previous color.

4 A mixture of 50% Game Color Cadmium Skin Color 72.099 and 50% Game Color Gory Red 72.011 is applied with an airbrush, further reducing the area covered, focusing only on the creases, to achieve a greater contrast.

5 To finish the wings, very diluted Game Color Gory Red 72.011 is applied using an airbrush to restore some of the reddish and organic color on the wings and to improve the contrast.

6 Using a brush, a mixture of 60% Game Color Hexed Lichen 72.015, 30% Game Color Black 72.051 and 10% Game Color Imperial Blue 72.020 is applied to all the dragon scales.

7 Apply a generous coat of Game Color Hexed Lichen 72.015 with the airbrush, paying attention to the darkest areas. It is important to mask the wings so as not to paint over the previous work.

8 The first highlight is applied with a mixture of 40% Game Color Hexed Lichen 72.015, 40% Model Color Magenta 70.945 and 20% Game Color Glacier Blue 72.095. This time, as in previous steps, the area where these lights are applied is limited.

9 Further reducing the area of application, a mixture of 20% Game Color Hexed Lichen 72.015, 10% Model Color Magenta 70.945 and 70% Game Color Glacier Blue 72.095 is used for a second layer of highlights.

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10 Apply a final highlight with a mixture of 10% Game Color Hexed Lichen 72.015 and 90% Game Color Glacier Blue 72.095 with the airbrush, very diluted and only on the spots where the light is at its maximum.

11 To create a little more contrast between shadows and highlights, apply the following mixture, very diluted, in the shadow areas: 70% Game Ink Violet 72.087, 20% Game Color Black 72.051 and 10% Game Color Imperial Blue 72.020.

12 From this step on, only the brush will be used. Outline all the scales of the dragon using a mixture of 60% Game Color Hexed Lichen 72.015 and 40% Game Color Glacier Blue 72.095. This outline will not be applied to the areas of greater light for the moment.

13 Luminosity is increased by painting over the previously mentioned scales, but in this case, reducing the area to be painted. Use the following mixture: 40% Game Color Hexed Lichen 72.015 and 60% Game Color Glacier Blue 72.095.

14 The following outline focuses on the scales with the highest luminosity, applying a mixture of 20% Game Color Hexed Lichen 72.015 and 80% Game Color Glacier Blue 72.095. Finally, small dots of light are applied in the areas with the highest luminosity, using Game Color Glacier Blue 72.095.

15 Using the brush stippling technique on the wings. First apply Game Color Gory Red 72.011.

16 Reducing the area of application, use 40% Game Color Cadmium Skin 72.099 and 60% Game Color Gory Red 72.011.

17 Finally, the stippling area is further reduced, with a mixture of 70% Game Color Cadmium Skin Color 72.099 and 30% Game Color Gory Red 72.011.

18 You can see the result in the picture after following all the steps. The next tutorial will show how to finish painting this dragon.

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