

# Painting Horses

Here is my guide for painting horses an easy guide to follow part 3, part 1 ([Preparing A Miniature](#)), part 2 ([Painting A Miniature](#)), part 4 ([Wargaming Materials](#)), part 5 ([Wargaming Tools](#)).

Horses come in a variety of colours and different shades and are notoriously difficult to paint, the following tables give the appropriate [Vallejo](#) acrylic colors and [Humbrol](#) enamels paint colours to use for the basic type of horses.

## Black

### Type

(1) Black \*

### Vallejo Colours

Vallejo 844 Deep Sky Blue

Vallejo 950 Black

## **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 33 Black

Humbrol No. 29 Dark Earth or Humbrol No. 160 German  
Camouflage Red Brown

## **Description**

Black all over. Dark brown dry brushing.

## **Dark Bay**

## **Type**

(2) Dark Bay \*

## **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 941 Burt Umber

Vallejo 950 Black

## **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 29 Dark Earth

Humbrol No. 33 Black

## **Description**

The body is brown and the mane, tail and legs from the knees and hocks downwards are black. The shade of brown can vary from very pale brown, to bright orange brown to very dark brown. Bay is the most common colour in the horse.

## **Light Bay**

## **Type**

(3) Light Bay \*

## **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 818 Red Leather

Vallejo 950 Black

## **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 62 Leather

Humbrol No. 33 Black

## **Description**

The body is brown and the mane, tail and legs from the knees and hocks downwards are black. The shade of brown can vary from very pale brown, to bright orange brown to very dark brown. Bay is the most common colour in the horse.

## **Liver Chestnut**

## **Type**

(4) Liver Chestnut \*

## **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 871 Leather Brown

## **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 160 German Camouflage Red Brown

Humbrol No. 83 Ochre (tail) or Humbrol No. 62 Leather (tail)

## **Description**

Body dark brown and legs similar. Mane and tail, yellow brown or reddish brown.

## **Chestnut**

## **Type**

(5) Chestnut \*

## **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 981 Orange Brown

## **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 83 Ochre

Humbrol No. 103 Cream (tail)

## **Description**

The body and legs are golden or ginger although the shade can vary from very light gold to a dark brownish ginger. The mane and tail are usually the same colour as the body although sometimes may be lighter.

## **Dun**

## **Type**

(6) Dun

## **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 821 German Cam. Beige WWII

Vallejo 950 Black

## **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 83 Ochre

Humbrol No. 33 Black

## **Description**

The body is creamy golden although it may vary from very pale to a rich creamy gold. The mane and tail are black and there is a black line running down the back.

## **Strawberry Roan**

### **Type**

(7) Strawberry Roan

### **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 918 Ivory

Vallejo 846 Mahogany Brown (dapple)

### **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 62 Leather

Humbrol No. 27 Sea Grey (dapple)

### **Description**

Roan is a coat pattern that can be combined with any

colour. The body is coloured with white hairs ticked through the coat. The colouring on the body can be any colour and different names are often given depending on the base colour. For example a Chestnut Roan is referred to as "Strawberry Roan" and a Grey Roan is referred to as "Blue Roan".

## **Palomino**

### **Type**

(8) Brown \*

### **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 929 Light Brown

Vallejo 918 Ivory

### **Humbrol Colours**

### **Description**

The body is golden although the shade can vary from very pale golden to a rich golden. The mane and tail are white.

## **Piebald**

### **Type**

(9) Piebald \*

### **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 950 Black

Vallejo 918 Ivory

### **Humbrol Colours**

### **Description**

Piebald is a black horse with white and black and can vary immensely and the patterning on each horse is unique. The mane and tail may be either black, white or

both black and white. The black patches on some Piebalds may lighten in the summer due to the sun.

## **Skewbald**

### **Type**

(10) Skewbald \*

### **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 846 Mahogany Brown

Vallejo 918 Ivory

### **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 160 German Camouflage Red Brown

Humbrol No. 103 Cream

### **Description**

Skewbald is a horse of any colour other than black with white and coloured patches that can vary immensely and the patterning on each horse is unique. The coloured patches can be any colour other than black eg Bay, Dun, Chestnut, Brown, Grey, Palomino, etc. As Bay horses

show 2 colours (black and brown), a Bay Skewbald may show 3 colours (black, brown and white) and is then sometimes referred to as a Tri-Colour.

## **Blue Roan**

### **Type**

(11) Blue Roan \*

### **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 905 Blue Grey Pale

Vallejo 950 Black (dapple)

### **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 27 Sea Grey

Humbrol No. 33 Black (dapple)

### **Description**

Roan is a coat pattern that can be combined with any colour. The body is coloured with white hairs ticked

through the coat. The colouring on the body can be any colour and different names are often given depending on the base colour. For example a Chestnut Roan is referred to as "Strawberry Roan" and a Grey Roan is referred to as "Blue Roan".

## **Dapple Grey**

### **Type**

(12) Dapple Grey \*

### **Vallejo Colours**

Vallejo 960 Light Grey

Vallejo 905 Blue Grey Pale (dapple)

### **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 64 Light Grey

Humbrol No. 27 Sea Grey (dapple)

### **Description**

Off white or cream, with grey dapple, mostly on neck or flanks, varying in degree from horse to horse. Legs below

the knee grey. Mane and tail, grey or white.

## **Grey**

## **Type**

(13) Grey \*

## **Vallejo Colours**

## **Humbrol Colours**

Humbrol No. 64 Light Grey

Humbrol No. 27 Sea Grey (dapple)

## **Description**

There are various types of grey with some horses being very pale, almost white, with very little grey hairs showing to horses that are a very dark and obvious grey. The mane and tail are grey. Grey horses are born another colour eg black, brown, chestnut, etc and as the horse matures its coat turns grey.

All horses marked with the star \* are likely to have white markings on face and legs below the ankle. The face, marking, called a " blaze", can be large or small. Few horses have no blaze. Likewise, few have no " socks" on the legs or on all four legs one or two is normal.

## **Blaze**

## **Socks**