



Simple Leather Tutorial

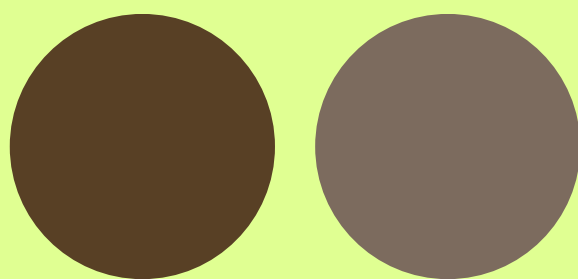
4 simple steps to achieve high contrast, weathered leather with basic equipment and skill level



The main focus of this painting tutorial is **building up contrast**. At the start of my miniature painting journey, all the content I saw said to paint the middle colour first, then add shade and highlights after. This works okay for some features but it can often leave the model looking bland. It also doesn't teach the right fundamental skills that more advanced painters use.

I've deliberately chosen to start from the darkest colour and work up to the lightest. This will allow you to control the contrast and see it take shape, as well as give you much deeper contrast which will really make the model stand out on the table.

Step 1

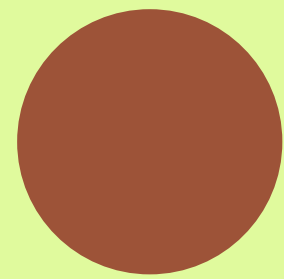


Colours: Rhinox Hide, Dryad Bark

Paint the leather areas in Rhinox Hide, Then add a thin layer of Dryad Bark on top, painting in the direction you want to build up colour, such as the edges and raised areas.

Remember to water down your paints! These layers must be thin. Two thin coats are always better than one thick blob.

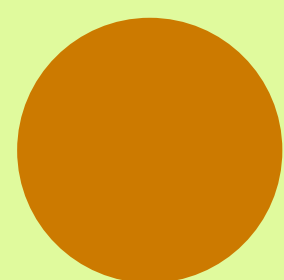
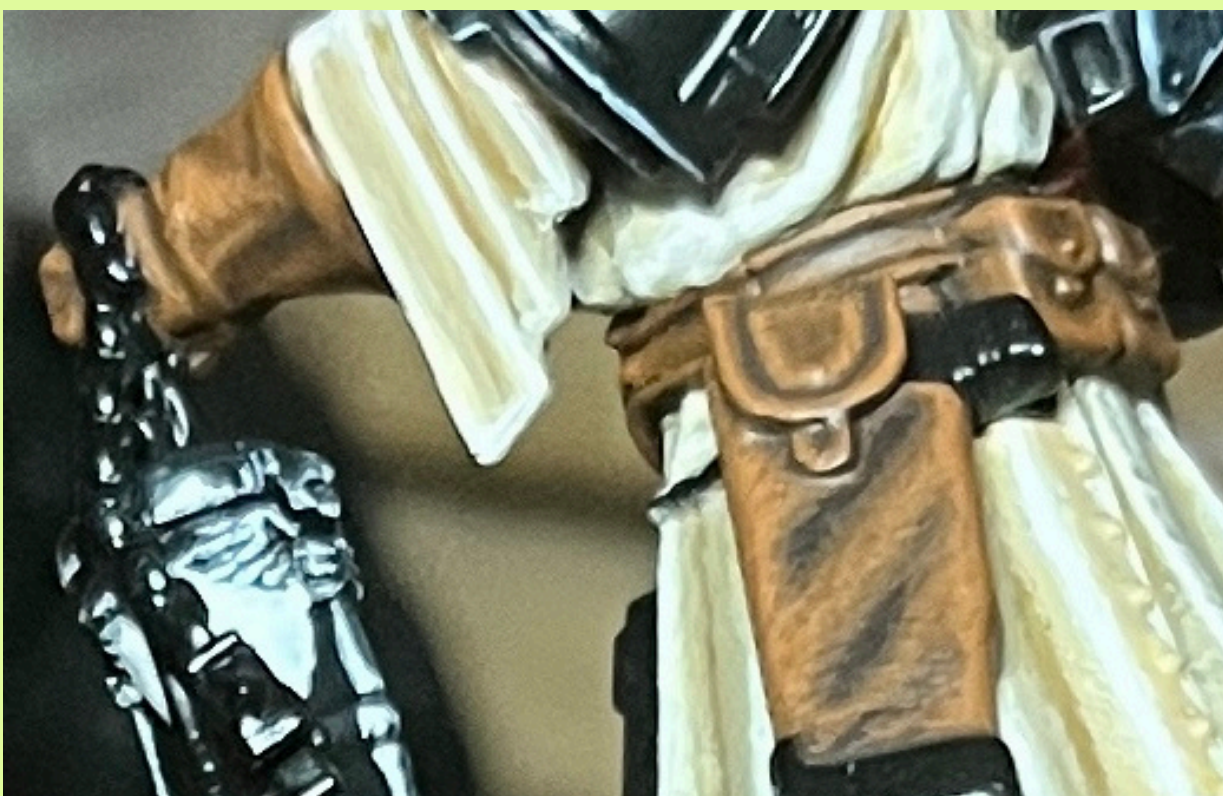
Step 2



Colours: Mournfang Brown

Add a layer of middle brown. Start from the most raised areas and edges, then work outwards. Small diagonal strokes like you're sketching work best here.

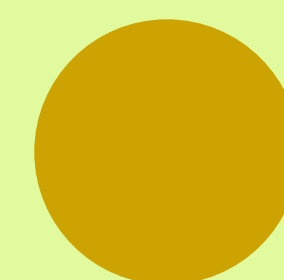
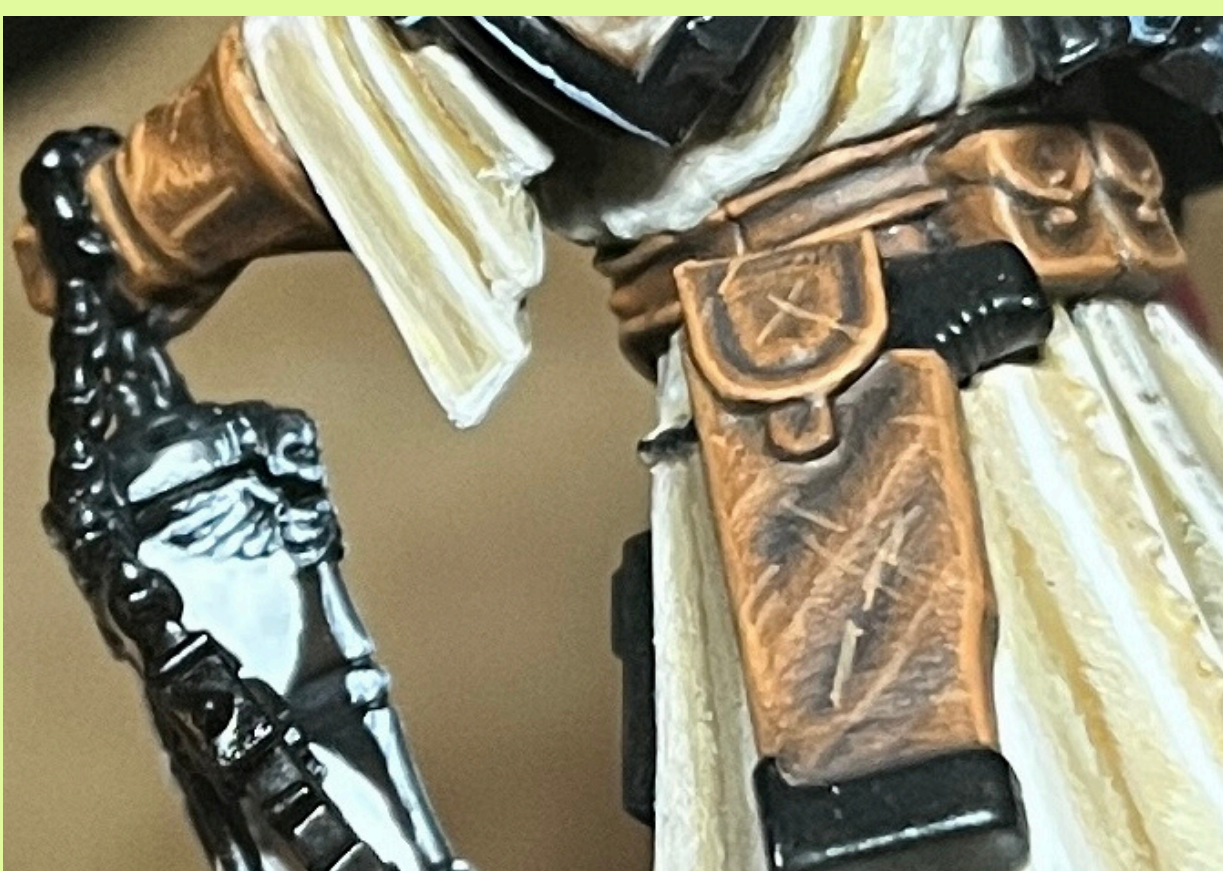
Step 3



Colours: Skrag Brown

Now add a light brown in the same way. You'll find that you keep much tighter to the edges and areas you want to look raised.

Step 4



Colours: Deathclaw Brown

With your lightest colour, a simple edge highlight will lock all the browns together and give you your full colour spectrum.

The last step is to get a brush with a very fine tip, and carefully draw some thin lines across the leather to imitate scratches and weathering.

Note: I used Citadel paints for this tutorial, but there are some great alternatives specifically for miniature painting! I also did not use an airbrush. This tutorial is airbrush free, to protect your bank account...

