

Tips for Winter Themed Bases

Tip #1: Your guys are seeing action!

Soldiers are not static, they run, they jump, they crawl. Snow will cling to their clothes at the elbows, and the lower part of their coats: don't forget to light brush these parts with white, and paint denser spots of white. It will give them a full life of their own.



Soldiers kneel a lot, to avoid incoming artillery, hide from the enemy there are many reasons why they just don't permanently stand; don't forget to paint snow marks when the knees are visible.

Tip #2: Can't beam me up, Scotty!

Soldiers are walking, not being teleported! They do leave foot print in the snow!

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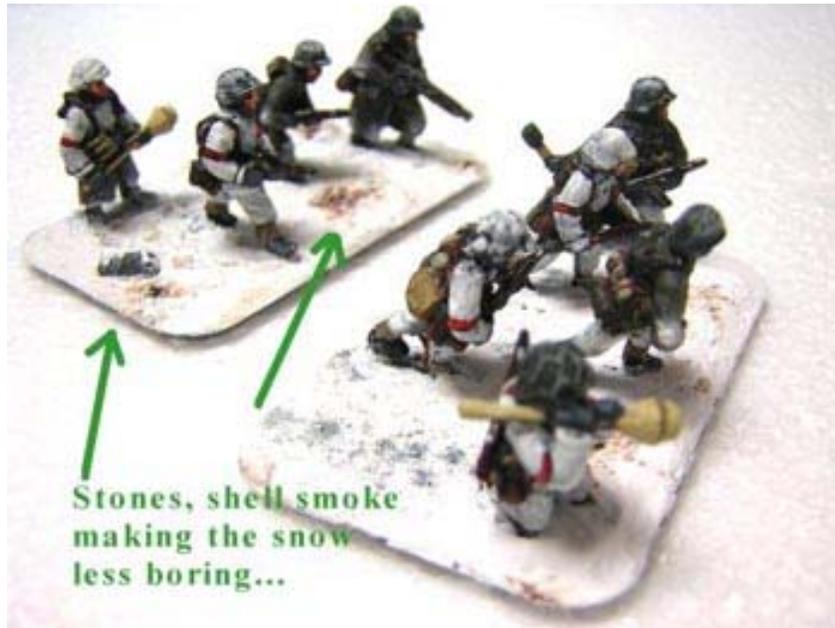
Make sure, when you use your favorite filler for the base to imprint foot step. We paint ours with a bluish grey and dry brush them heavily. It is not "realistic" as in "reality" but the resulting effect is!



Tip #3: White is white...

Full white bases are white, but surely boring...

Add a bit color with painted stones, grenade impacts, and branches.



Stones: paint them dark grey, dry brush light grey, dry brush white. Don't forget to cover their top with snow.

Branches: get them out in the garden, stick them with white glue while the filler is still fresh, and cover them with a bit snow on the top.

Light mortar impacts, grenade explosions: while the filler is still a bit fresh, sculpt a little shell hole. It doesn't have to be deep, light explosions on frozen ground have a bad tendency to explode in full on the surface or just bounce up and spread into the air for "enhanced" effect. In any case, there should be a dark smoke impact on the ground.

We use Vallejo's 839 Smoke. We dilute the color and brush it in a spider pattern in the impact pattern we sculpted in the filler. Then, using the color in its pure form, we dot the center with darker stains. We then dry brush white the impact to unify the color to the base.

All in all, the bases should still be white, but splashing a bit of color here and there, on a few of them, to break the uniformity brings some interesting variation and a more realistic battlefield appearance.

Happy painting!