

A PARENTS GUIDE TO

GAMES WORKSHOP®

We at Games Workshop proudly produce a complete hobby based around collecting, painting and playing games with the world's finest toy soldiers. We produce this hobby for hobbyists of all ages from 12 to 120 in all corners of the world. This hobby we speak so highly of can be divided into four parts...

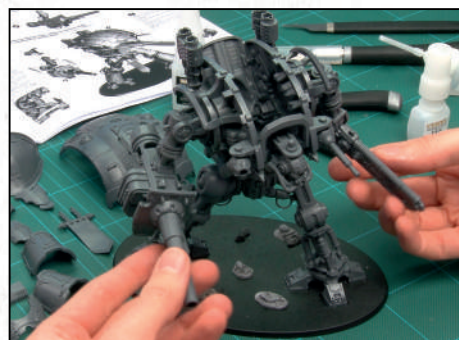
COLLECTING MINIATURES

Our games are played using collections or (as they are more commonly known) "armies" of toy soldiers. No two armies are ever exactly the same; they can be endlessly customized to suit the whims and style of play of their owners. There are books (called Army Books or Codex's) that help a player decide what models they wish to collect for their army of choice. Ultimately, every collection of miniatures is limited only by the desires of the hobbyist in question.



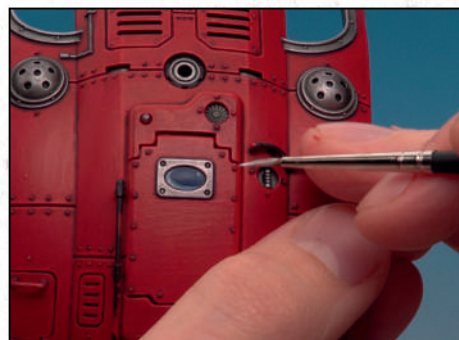
BUILDING MODELS

Games Workshop's miniatures are sold unassembled. Building one of our model kits is much like building a model car or airplane, the major difference being that you can play a game with our models when you are finished. Additionally, the majority of our models are designed with interchangeable parts allowing hobbyists to tailor the look of miniatures to suit their personal tastes.



PAINTING ARMIES

After assembling a model the next step is to paint it in a color scheme of your choosing. Our models are painted with water-based non-toxic acrylic paints, a complete range of these paints is available in all of our stores. Painting miniatures is almost a complete hobby unto itself, in fact many people choose to collect our models because they enjoy painting them so much! If you want to try your hand at painting a model, our Hobby Centers offer free painting classes that can teach you the techniques that will allow you to quickly produce an army of stunning toy soldiers.



PLAYING GAMES

When a hobbyist has amassed an army of miniatures it is time to take their models to the tabletop and play a game with them. A game is an exciting contest of skill where players attempt to outwit and outmaneuver their opponent and ultimately, defeat the opposing army. A game is played on a flat surface (anything from a kitchen table to a custom built gaming board will do) using dice and a tape measure to simulate the movement of the armies and resulting combats. The best way to understand how one of our games is played is to visit one of our Hobby Centres and ask for a demonstration game, our staff will be more than happy to teach you all you wish to know.



EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

The Games Workshop hobby has many benefits that extend beyond being an enjoyable pastime. Participation in the hobby requires the practice of real world skills. This fact has even been noticed by educators; many schools the world around see the value in fostering Games Workshop clubs.

READING

We have developed intricately detailed worlds in which our games are set. Each of these worlds serves to provide the backdrop upon which each hobbyist's imagination can be set loose. These worlds are described in depth within the books and magazines we produce. These books also contain the rules with which our games are played. You cannot play Games Workshop games without spending some quality time with a book.



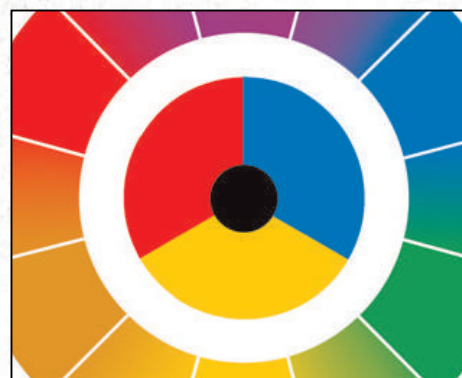
MATHEMATICS

Numbers play a role in most aspects of our game rules. For example, every model has a value or 'points cost' associated with it. A game is played to preset point limit, leaving it in the hands of the player to add up a list of models to the correct point limit. This is just one example; if you simplified the entire process a game is nothing more than series of calculations, percentages and problem solving exercises strung together by a narrative. The best way to see this in action is to give the game a try!



ART

As painting is such a key element of the hobby one cannot participate without engaging in a bit of artistic expression. When learning how to paint Games Workshop models hobbyists are taught the basics of Color Theory and introduced to concepts like complements, harmonies and discords. All of this is outlined in our "How to Paint Citadel Miniatures" handbook which teaches all aspects of miniature painting.



SOCIAL INTERACTION

The Games Workshop hobby is a social hobby. You cannot play this game on your own! Furthermore our Games Workshop Hobby Centres are hubs for the local hobby community, allowing people who share a common interest to get together in a safe and fun environment. Our stores are constantly running exciting events for our hobbyists. To find out more simply ask our staff. They will be more than happy to let you know when the next event is scheduled.

Simply put the Games Workshop hobby is a fun and rewarding activity that can reap benefits for people of all ages. Why not give the game a try yourself? It could be a great activity for you as well!

