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This handy guide is designed specifically to help you paint your Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine miniatures, from their baroque suits of power armour to the clanking Daemon engines that tower and soar above their ranks.
HOW TO PAINT: Chaos Space Marines

USING THIS GUIDE

On the following pages, you will find a step-by-step guide to painting the Citadel miniatures showcased in this article. In each case, you will see a quick reference guide to painting the featured model. While these guides make a great starting point, you will find far more detailed information on the Citadel paints, tools and techniques featured here in How To Paint Citadel Miniatures. For best results, we heartily recommend that you keep your copy near to hand while following these guides.

To one side of every page that showcases a model’s paint scheme, you will see our quick reference guide. This is laid out in numbered steps and gives you the basic information required to paint your models so that they match those shown.

The top part of each step of the reference guide points out the Citadel paint, wash or glaze in use, while the bottom refers to the specific type of Citadel paintbrush that is being utilised. The small band of colour on the left of the brush name is colour coded to match the ends of the brushes in your Citadel Brush collection, making it even easier to pick the correct tool.

- Colour-coded technique bar
- Stage number
- Which brush to use, with reference to the colour-coded Citadel Brush Range
- Colour title and paint swatch
### Chaos Space Marines: Alpha Legion

#### Base
- Caliban Green
- Macragge Blue
- Ceremite White
- Balthasar Gold
- Rhinox Hide
- Abaddon Black
- Mephiston Red
- Celestra Grey
- Leadbelcher
- Zandri Dust
- Bugman’s Glow

#### Layer
- Runefang Steel
- Ironbreaker
- Gehenna’s Gold
- Kabalite Green
- Kislev Flesh
- Ushabti Bone
- Evil Sunz Scarlet
- White Scar
- Moot Green
- Skarsnik Green
- Sybarite Green
- Tuskgor Fur
- Thunderhawk Blue
- Wild Rider Red
- Cadian Fleshtone

#### Shade
- Carroburg Crimson
- Nuln Oil
- Druchii Violet
- Agrax Earthshade
- Seraphim Sepia
- Coelia Greenshade

#### Dry
- Necron Compound

Tap on a paint name to be taken to the Games Workshop webstore.
The Alpha Legion strike from the shadows to bring ruin and death to their enemies before vanishing once more into the darkness whence they came. Over the next few pages, we will be presenting stage-by-stage guides to help you recreate their striking look, as well as presenting a showcase of Alpha Legion miniatures courtesy of dedicated army painters Chris Peach and Duncan Rhodes.
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Alpha Legion

The key to getting the colour scheme for the Alpha Legion right was to find a way that further differentiated them from the blue armour of the loyalist Space Marine Chapters, the Ultramarines and Crimson Fists. After a discussion with the Studio’s graphic illustrator, Neil Hodgson, army painters Chris Peach and Duncan Rhodes opted for a green edge highlight – a colour that does not traditionally complement blue, yet provided the armour with a suitably scaly, serpentine effect.
Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine

Power Armour

1. Basecoat
   Macragge Blue
   Citadel Spray Gun

2. Wash
   Druchii Violet
   Wash Brush

3. Layer
   Kabalite Green
   Detail Brush

4. Layer
   Moot Green
   Fine Detail Brush
Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine
Power Armour

1. Basecoat
   - Macgregor Blue
   - Citadel Spray Gun

2. Wash
   - Druchii Violet
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Kabalite Green
   - Detail Brush

4. Layer
   - Moot Green
   - Fine Detail Brush
Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine

Power Armour

1. Basecoat
   - Macragge Blue
   - Citadel Spray Gun

2. Wash
   - Druchii Violet
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Kabalite Green
   - Detail Brush

4. Layer
   - Moot Green
   - Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE

POWER ARMOUR

1. **Basecoat**
   - Macragge Blue
   - Citadel Spray Gun

2. **Wash**
   - Druchii Violet
   - Wash Brush

3. **Layer**
   - Kabalite Green
   - Detail Brush

4. **Layer**
   - Moot Green
   - Fine Detail Brush
**ALPHA LEGION**

**ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE**

**METAL**

1. **Basecoat**
   - Leadbelcher
   - Standard Brush

2. **Layer**
   - Ironbreaker
   - Detail Brush

3. **Wash**
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

4. **Layer**
   - Runefang Steel
   - Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE
METAL

1. Basecoat
   - Leadbelcher
   - Standard Brush

2. Layer
   - Ironbreaker
   - Detail Brush

3. Wash
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

4. Layer
   - Runefang Steel
   - Fine Detail Brush

[Image of a painted miniature]
Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine
Bone

1. Basecoat: Zandri Dust
   Brush: Standard Brush

2. Wash: Seraphim Sepia
   Brush: Wash Brush

3. Wash: Agrax Earthshade
   Brush: Wash Brush

4. Layer: Ushabti Bone
   Brush: Detail Brush

5. Layer: White Scar
   Brush: Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE

BONE

1. Basecoat
   - Zandri Dust
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Seraphim Sepia
   - Wash Brush

3. Wash
   - Agrax Earthshade
   - Wash Brush

4. Layer
   - Ushabti Bone
   - Detail Brush

5. Layer
   - White Scar
   - Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION

Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine

Bone

1. Basecoat
   - Zandri Dust
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Seraphim Sepia
   - Wash Brush

3. Wash
   - Agrax Earthshade
   - Wash Brush

4. Layer
   - Ushabti Bone
   - Detail Brush

5. Layer
   - White Scar
   - Fine Detail Brush
Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine
Bone

1. Basecoat:
   - Zandri Dust
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash:
   - Seraphim Sepia
   - Wash Brush

3. Wash:
   - Agrax Earthshade
   - Wash Brush

4. Layer:
   - Ushabti Bone
   - Detail Brush

5. Layer:
   - White Scar
   - Fine Detail Brush
Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine
Bone

1. Basecoat
   - Zandri Dust
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Seraphim Sepia
   - Wash Brush

3. Wash
   - Agrax Earthshade
   - Wash Brush

4. Layer
   - Ushabti Bone
   - Detail Brush

5. Layer
   - White Scar
   - Fine Detail Brush
Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine

Topknot

1. Basecoat: Rhinox Hide
   Standard Brush

2. Wash: Nuln Oil
   Wash Brush

3. Layer: Tuskgor Fur
   Fine Detail Brush

4. Basecoat: Caliban Green
   Standard Brush

5. Layer: Moot Green
   Fine Detail Brush
Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine

Topknot

1. Basecoat:
   - Rhinox Hide
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash:
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer:
   - Tuskgor Fur
   - Fine Detail Brush

4. Basecoat:
   - Caliban Green
   - Standard Brush

5. Layer:
   - Moot Green
   - Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE

TOPKNOT

1. Basecoat
   - Rhinox Hide
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Tuskgor Fur
   - Fine Detail Brush

4. Basecoat
   - Caliban Green
   - Standard Brush

5. Layer
   - Moot Green
   - Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE

TOPKNOT

1. Basecoat
   - Rhinox Hide
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Tuskgor Fur
   - Fine Detail Brush

4. Basecoat
   - Caliban Green
   - Standard Brush

5. Layer
   - Moot Green
   - Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION

Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine

Topknot

1. Basecoat
   - Rhinox Hide
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Tuskgor Fur
   - Fine Detail Brush

4. Basecoat
   - Caliban Green
   - Standard Brush

5. Layer
   - Moot Green
   - Fine Detail Brush
Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine

Gold

1. Basecoat
   - Balthasar Gold
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Agrax Earthshade
   - Wash Brush
ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE
GOLD

1. Basecoat
   Balthasar Gold
   Standard Brush

2. Wash
   Agrax Earthshade
   Wash Brush
ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE
RED LENSES

1. Basecoat
   Ceramite White
   Standard Brush

2. Wash
   Carroburg Crimson
   Wash Brush
**Alpha Legion Chaos Space Marine**

**Red Lenses**

1. **Basecoat**
   - Ceramite White
   - Standard Brush

2. **Wash**
   - Carroburg Crimson
   - Wash Brush
As a basecoat, Duncan applied the Alpha Legion Transfer decal to the left shoulder pad of each model.
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2. Sybarite Green
   Detail Brush

3. Skarsnik Green
   Fine Detail Brush
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A large, imposing model such as a Heldrake invariably draws the eye and acts as an army centrepiece. As such, Chris made sure to lavish the model with extra details to make it stand out all the more. For example, the debossed designs on the Heldrake’s wings had no hard edges to highlight, so Chris painstakingly picked out the inside edges of each panel instead, to dramatic effect.
Alpha Legion Heldrake
Metal

1. Basecoat
   - Leadbelcher
   - Citadel Spray Gun

2. Wash
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Coelia Greenshade
   - Wash Brush

4. Drybrush
   - Necron Compound
   - Large Drybrush
**Alpha Legion Heldrake**

**Metal**

1. **Basecoat**
   - Leadbelcher
   - Citadel Spray Gun

2. **Wash**
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

3. **Layer**
   - Coelia Greenshade
   - Wash Brush

4. **Drybrush**
   - Necron Compound
   - Large Drybrush
ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE
METAL

1. Basecoat
   - Leadbelcher
   - Citadel Spray Gun

2. Wash
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Coelia Greenshade
   - Wash Brush

4. Drybrush
   - Necron Compound
   - Large Drybrush
Alpha Legion Heldrake Metal

1. Basecoat
   - Leadbelcher
   - Citadel Spray Gun

2. Wash
   - Nuln Oil
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Coelia Greenshade
   - Wash Brush

4. Drybrush
   - Necron Compound
   - Large Drybrush
ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE

BLUE

1. Basecoat: Macragge Blue
   Standard Brush

2. Wash: Druchii Violet
   Wash Brush

3. Layer: Kabalite Green
   Detail Brush

4. Layer: Moot Green
   Fine Detail Brush

Layer: Runefang Steel
Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE
BLUE

1. Basecoat
   Macragge Blue
   Standard Brush

2. Wash
   Druchii Violet
   Wash Brush

3. Layer
   Kabalite Green
   Detal Brush

4. Layer
   Moot Green
   Fine Detail Brush

5. Layer
   Runefang Steel
   Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE
BLUE

1. Basecoat
   Macragge Blue
   Standard Brush

2. Wash
   Druchii Violet
   Wash Brush

3. Layer
   Kabalite Green
   Detail Brush

4. Layer
   Moot Green
   Fine Detail Brush

5. Layer
   Runefang Steel
   Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE
BLUE

1. Basecoat
   Macragge Blue
   Standard Brush

2. Wash
   Druchii Violet
   Wash Brush

3. Layer
   Kabalite Green
   Detail Brush

4. Layer
   Moot Green
   Fine Detail Brush

4. Layer
   Runefang Steel
   Fine Detail Brush
Alpha Legion Heldrake

Flesh

1. Basecoat
   - Bugmans Glow
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Carrobarg Crimson
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Cadian Fleshtone
   - Detail Brush

4. Layer
   - Kislev Flesh
   - Fine Detail Brush
ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE

FLESH

1. Basecoat
   - Bugmans Glow
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Carroburg Crimson
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Cadian Fleshtone
   - Detail Brush

4. Layer
   - Kislev Flesh
   - Fine Detail Brush
Alpha Legion Heldrake

Flesh

1. Basecoat
   - Bugmans Glow
   - Standard Brush

2. Wash
   - Carroburg Crimson
   - Wash Brush

3. Layer
   - Cadian Fleshtone
   - Detail Brush

4. Layer
   - Kislev Flesh
   - Fine Detail Brush
**Alpha Legion Helldrake**

**Flesh**

1. **Basecoat**
   - Bugmans Glow
   - Standard Brush

2. **Wash**
   - Carroburg Crimson
   - Wash Brush

3. **Layer**
   - Cadian Fleshtone
   - Detail Brush

4. **Layer**
   - Kislev Flesh
   - Fine Detail Brush
To make such a large model easier to paint, Chris built the Heldrake into three sub-assemblies: the body and two sets of wings. He painted each of these parts to completion before gluing them in place to finish the model.
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ALPHA LEGION SHOWCASE

Remember that the techniques shown in this guide can be applied to models throughout the army, as shown by Chris' Forgefiend.
Displayed here are a selection of Chaos Space Marines miniatures that feature in the Warhammer 40,000: Dark Vengeance boxed game. Chris and Duncan used the same techniques shown in this painting guide to add this fantastic set of models to their Alpha Legion army.
If you wish to paint your Chaos Space Marines in the same colours as the Crimson Slaughter from the Warhammer 40,000: Dark Vengeance boxed game, then look no further than the How to Paint Citadel Miniatures: Dark Vengeance painting guide available through the link below:

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