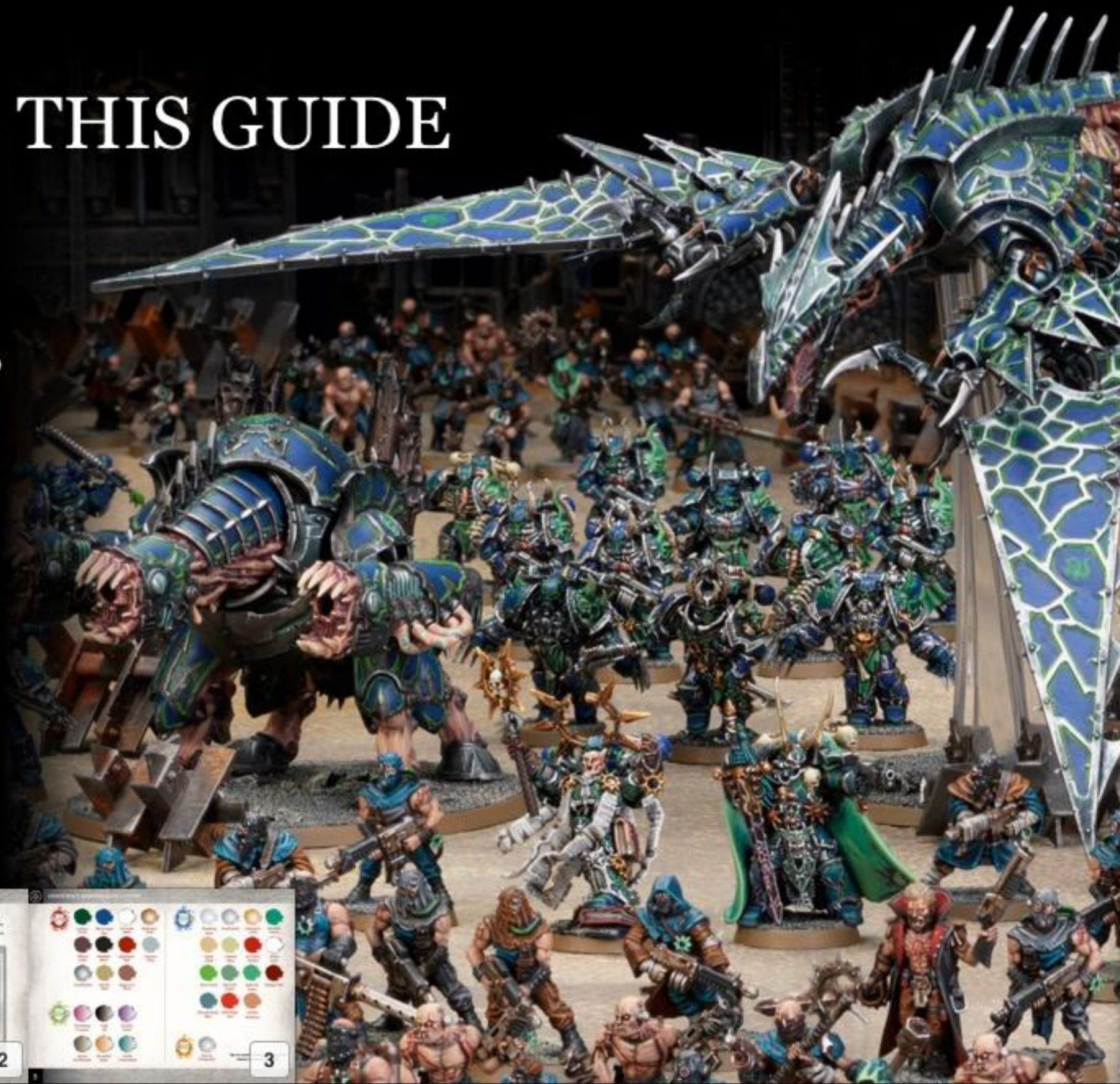


CHAPTER 1

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

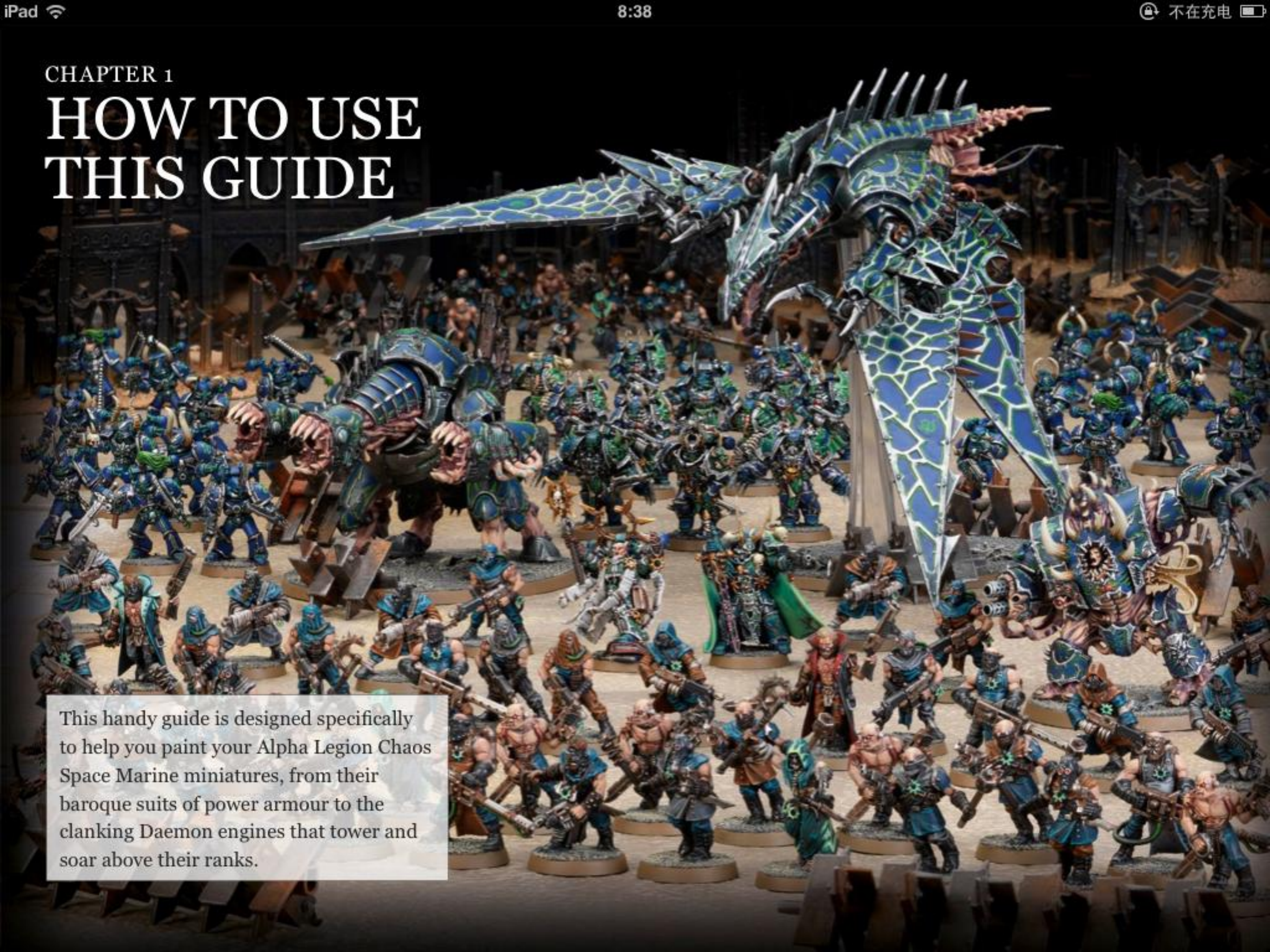
1.1 USING THIS GUIDE

1.2 PAINTS YOU WILL NEED



CHAPTER 1

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

A detailed photograph of a large collection of painted Chaos Space Marine miniatures. The scene is set on a battlefield with various units, including a massive Daemon Engine with large, blue and green wings, and numerous smaller units like Chaos Marines and Chaos Knights. The miniatures are arranged in a dense formation, showcasing a variety of armor and weaponry. The background is a dark, industrial-looking environment with stone walls and arches.

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

ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE
POWER ARMOUR

1

2

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Colour title and paint swatch



CHAOS SPACE MARINES: ALPHA LEGION



Caliban Green



Macragge Blue



Ceremite White



Balthasar Gold



Rhinox Hide



Abaddon Black



Mephiston Red



Celestra Grey



Leadbelcher



Zandri Dust



Bugman's Glow



Carroburg Crimson



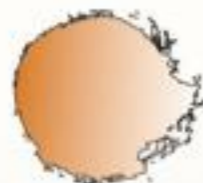
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Ushabti Bone



Evil Sunz Scarlet



White Scar



Moot Green



Skarsnik Green



Sybarite Green



Tuskgor Fur



Thunderhawk Blue



Wild Rider Red



Cadian Flestone




Necron Compound

Tap on a paint name to be taken to the Games Workshop webstore.

HOW TO PAINT: CHAOS SPACE MARINES

ALPHA LEGION



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.

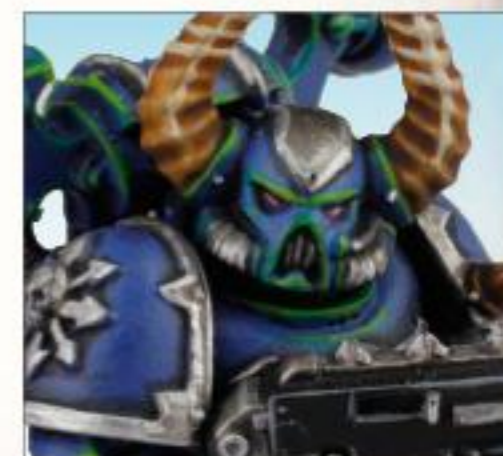
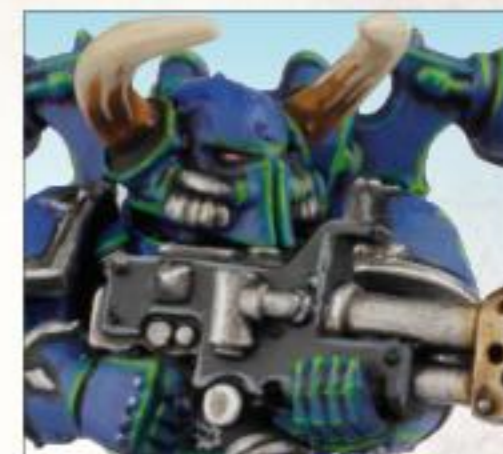
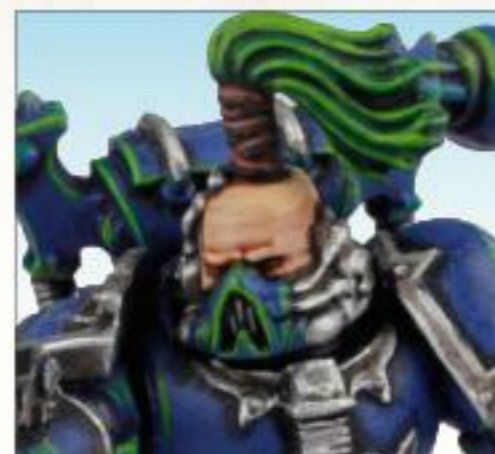


ALPHA LEGION

HOW TO PAINT: CHAOS SPACE MARINES

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

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE POWER ARMOUR



1

Basecoat
 Macgragge Blue
 Citadel Spray Gun



2

Wash
 Druchii Violet
 Wash Brush



3

Layer
 Kabalite Green
 Detail Brush



4

Layer
 Moot Green
 Fine Detail Brush





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ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE POWER ARMOUR



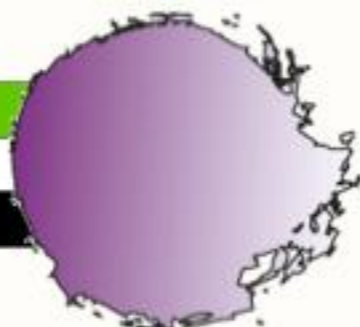
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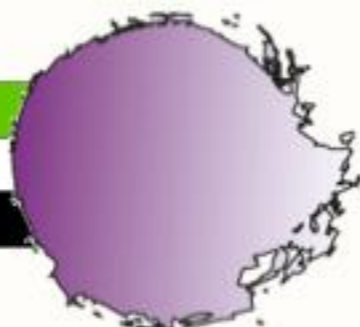
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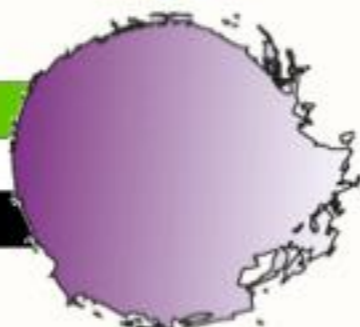
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 Moot Green
 Fine Detail Brush





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





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ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE METAL



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Basecoat
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Standard Brush



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Layer
Ironbreaker
Detail Brush



3

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Layer
Runefang Steel
Fine Detail Brush





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Fine Detail Brush





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Ironbreaker
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Wash Brush



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Layer
Runefang Steel
Fine Detail Brush





ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE BONE



Basecoat
Zandri Dust
Standard Brush



Wash
Seraphim Sepia
Wash Brush



Wash
Agrax Earthshade
Wash Brush



Layer
Ushabti Bone
Detail Brush



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





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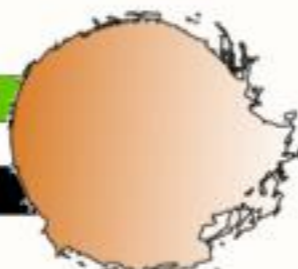
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Detail Brush



Layer
White Scar
Fine Detail Brush





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ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE TOPKNOT



Basecoat
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Standard Brush




Wash
Nuln Oil
Wash Brush



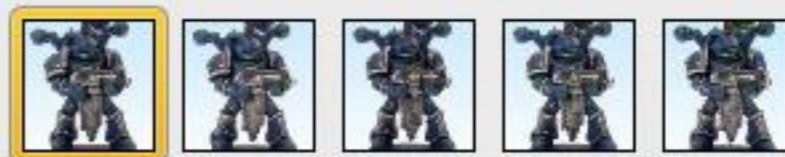

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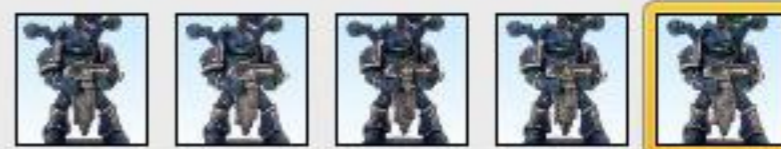
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Standard Brush



5

Layer
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Fine Detail Brush





ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE GOLD



Basecoat
 Balthasar Gold
 Standard Brush



Wash
 Agrax Earthshade
 Wash Brush





ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE GOLD



Basecoat
Balthasar Gold
Standard Brush



Wash
Agrax Earthshade
Wash Brush





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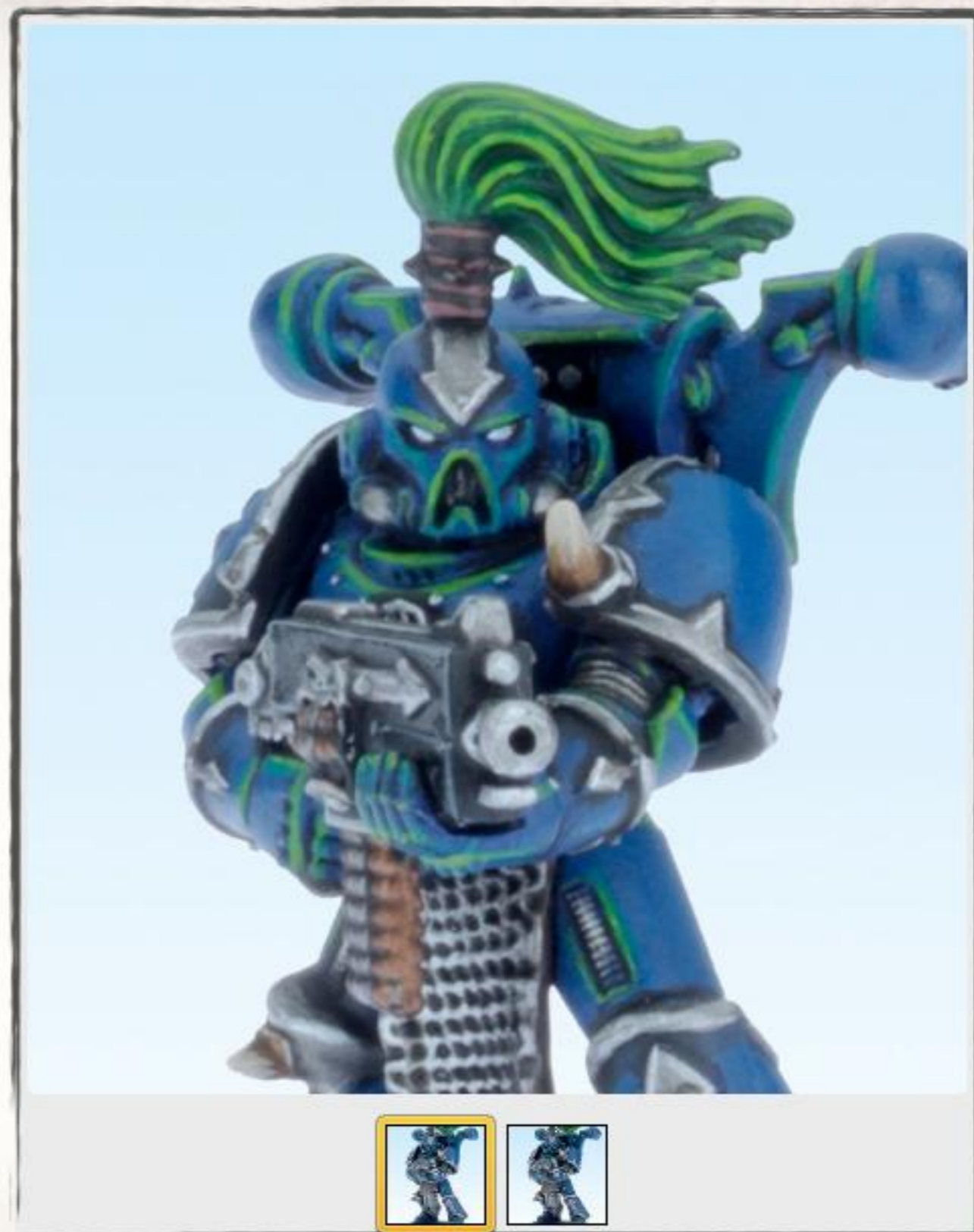
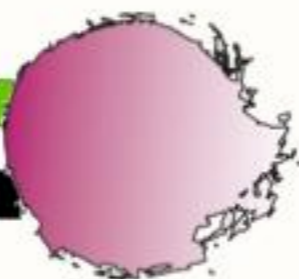
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Standard Brush



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Wash Brush





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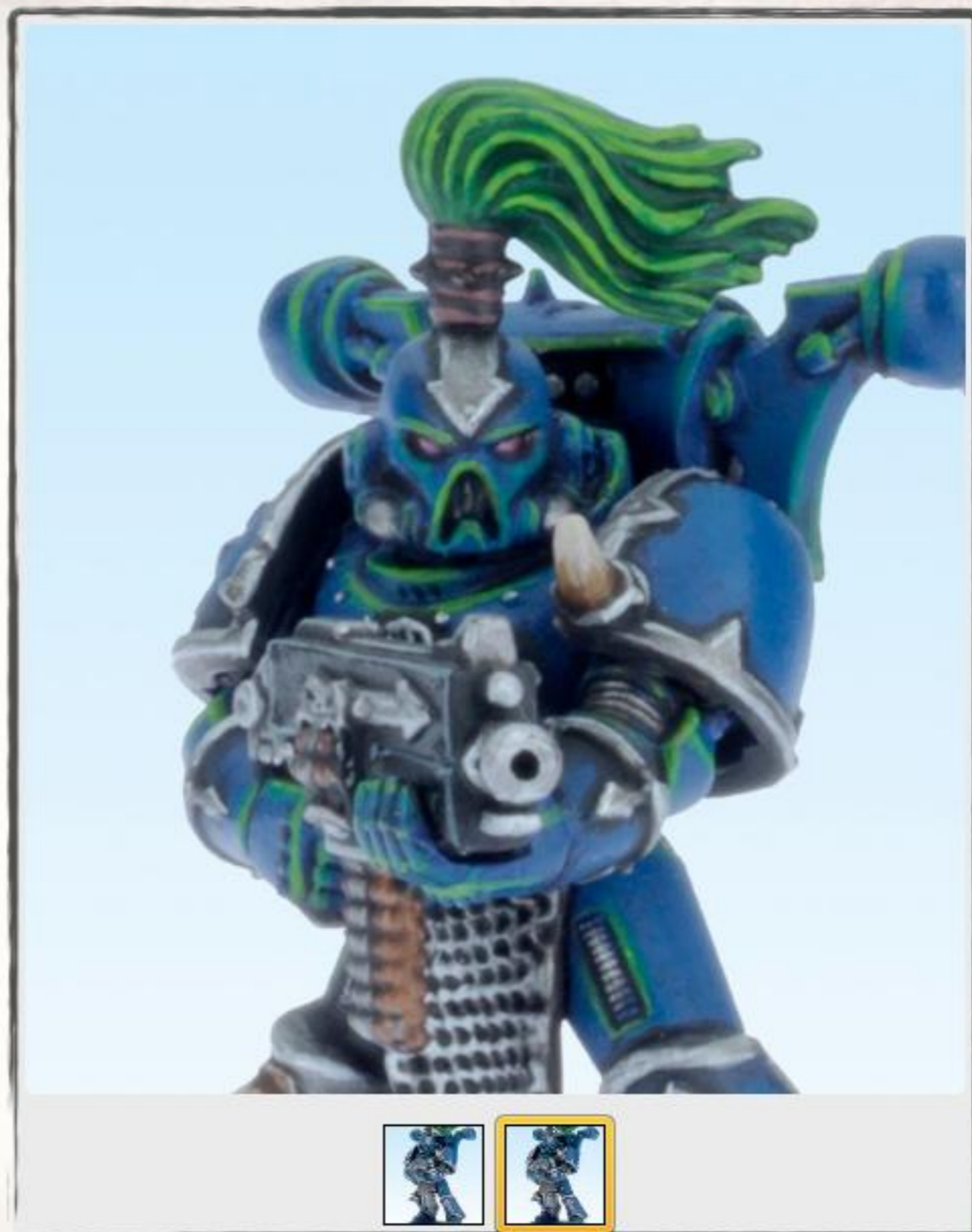
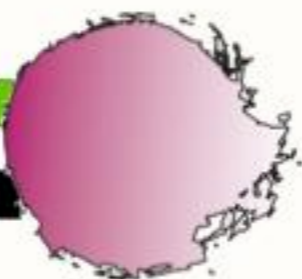
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Wash Brush





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ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE
LEGION BADGE

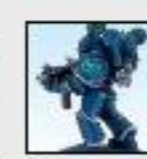
As a basecoat, Duncan applied the Alpha Legion Transfer decal to the left shoulder pad of each model.



Layer
Sybarite Green
Detail Brush



Layer
Skarsnik Green
Fine Detail Brush





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ALPHA LEGION CHAOS SPACE MARINE
LEGION BADGE

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Fine Detail Brush





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Fine Detail Brush





ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE

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

ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE METAL



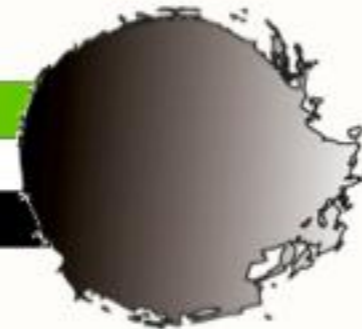
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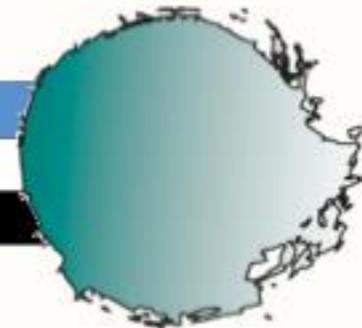
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Wash
Nuln Oil
Wash Brush



3

Layer
Coelia Greenshade
Wash Brush



4

Drybrush
Necron Compound
Large Drybrush





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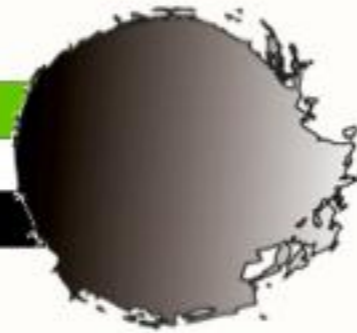
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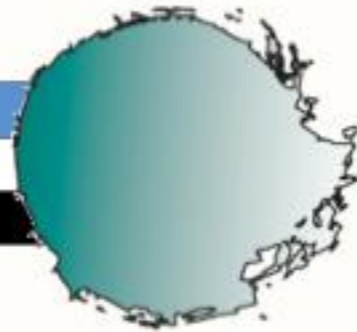
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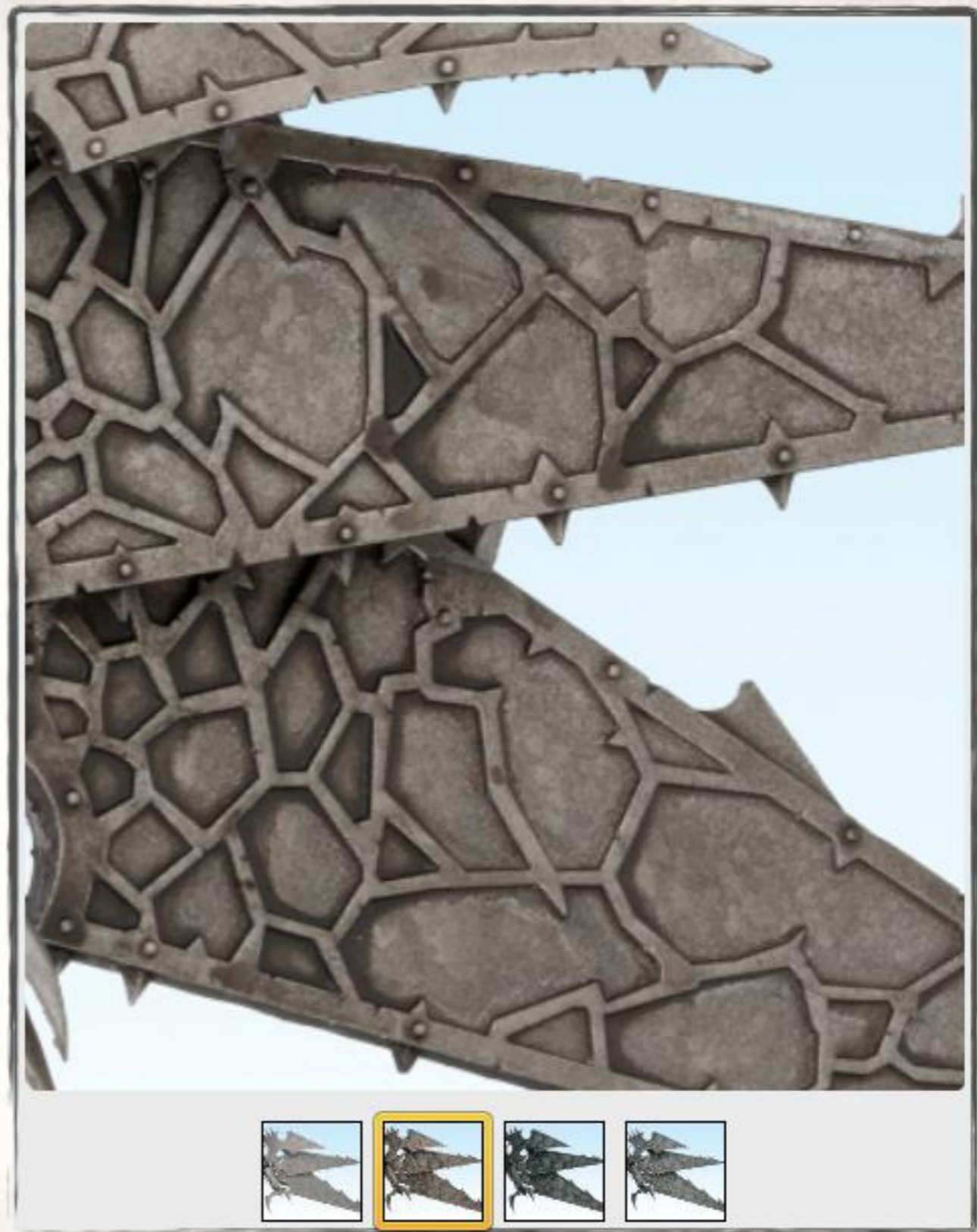
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 Wash Brush



Layer
 Coelia Greenshade
 Wash Brush



Drybrush
 Necron Compound
 Large Drybrush





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Leadbelcher
Citadel Spray Gun



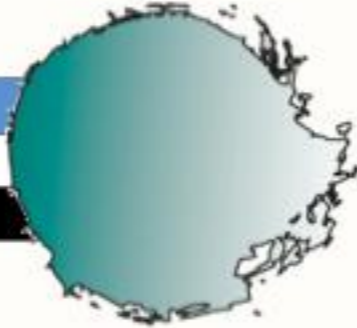
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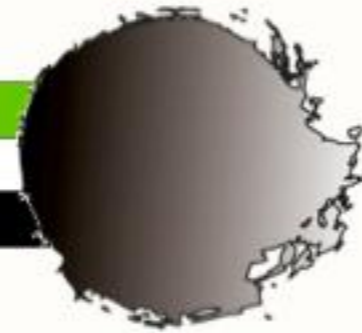
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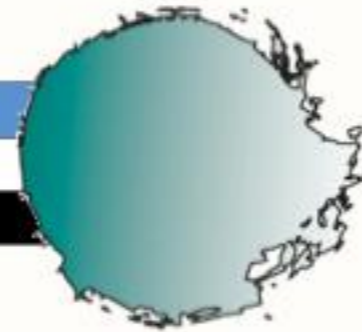
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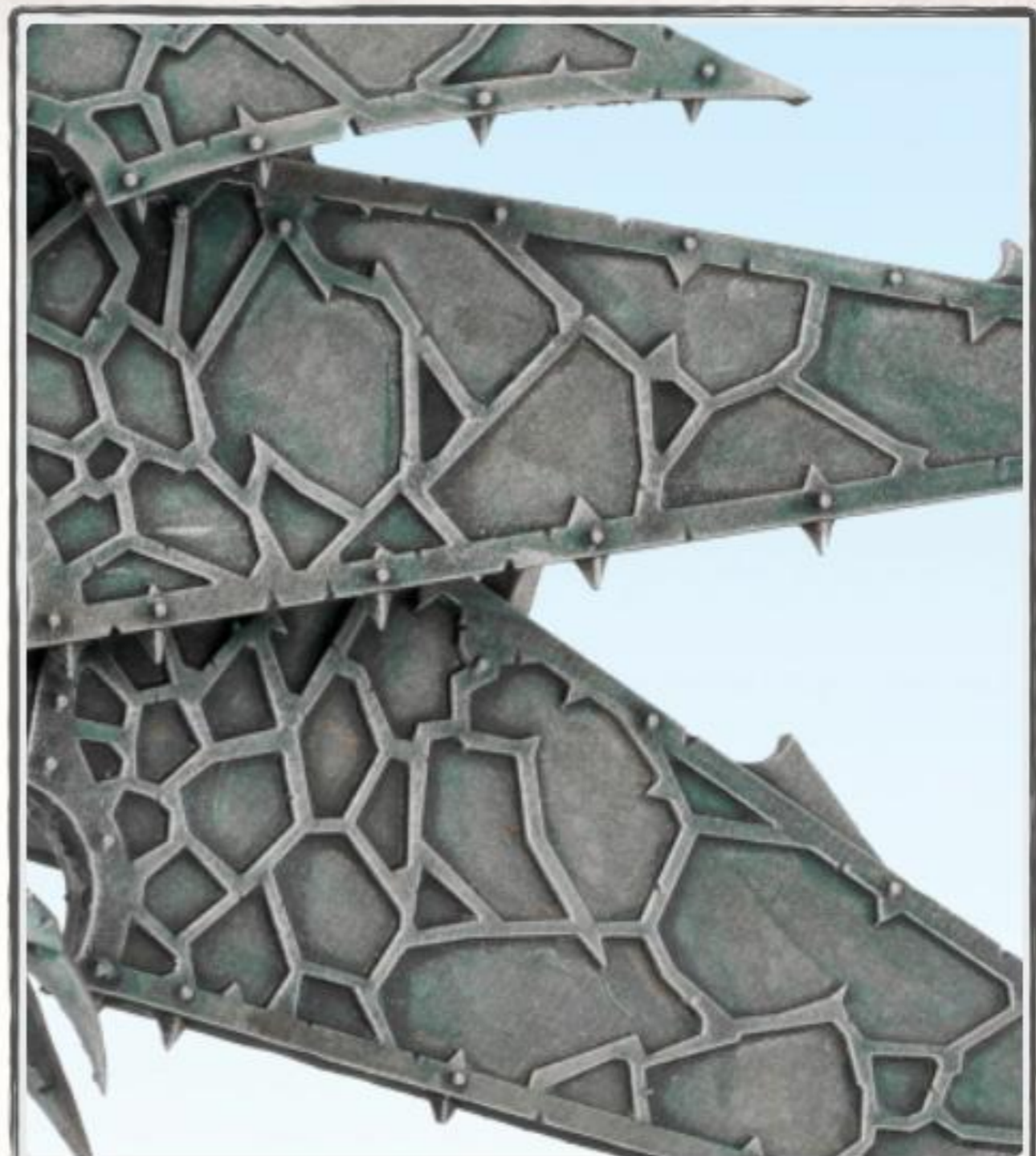
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Wash Brush



4

Drybrush
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Large Drybrush





ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE BLUE



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Standard Brush



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Wash Brush



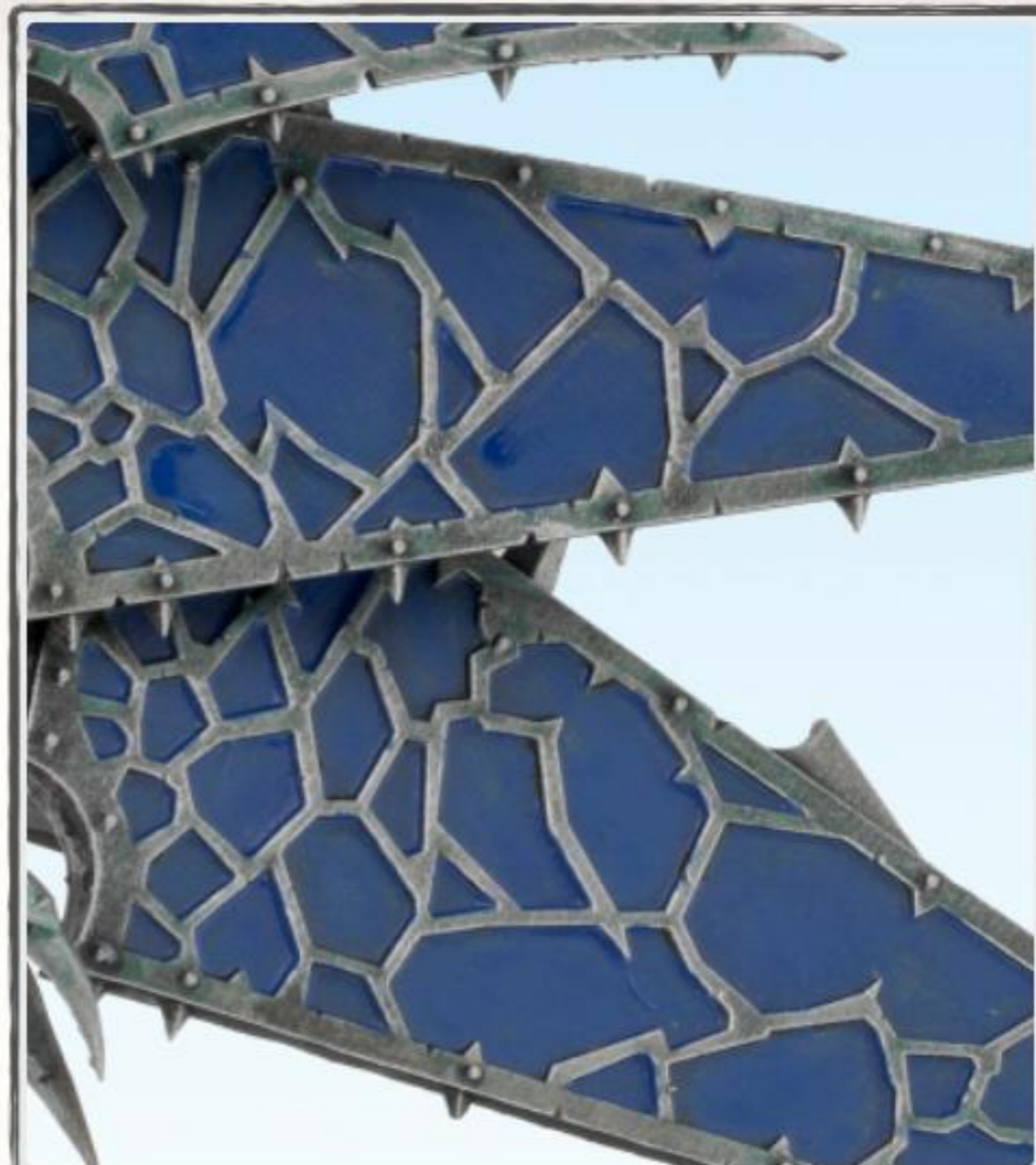
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Layer
Moot Green
Fine Detail Brush



Layer
Runefang Steel
Fine Detail Brush





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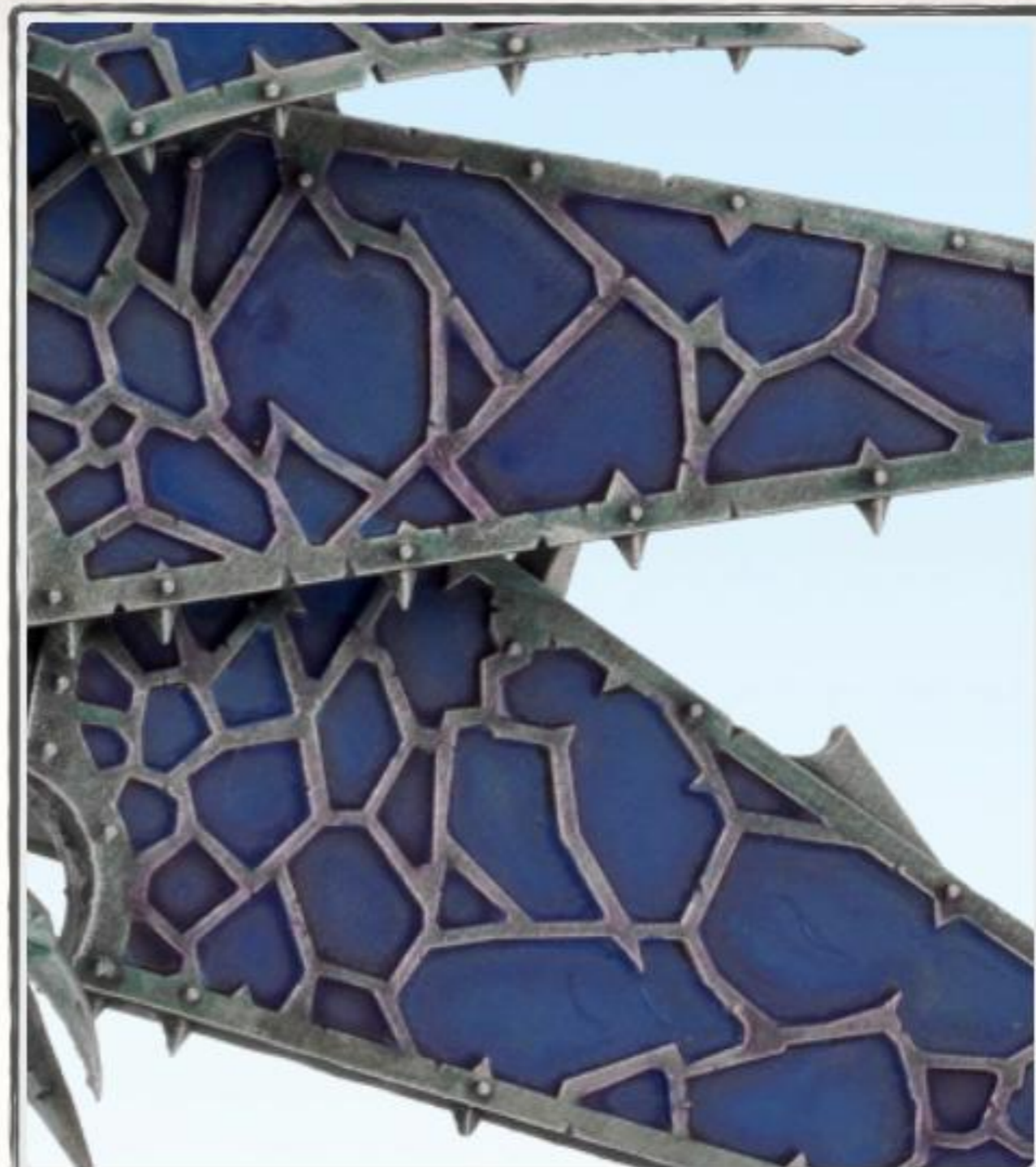
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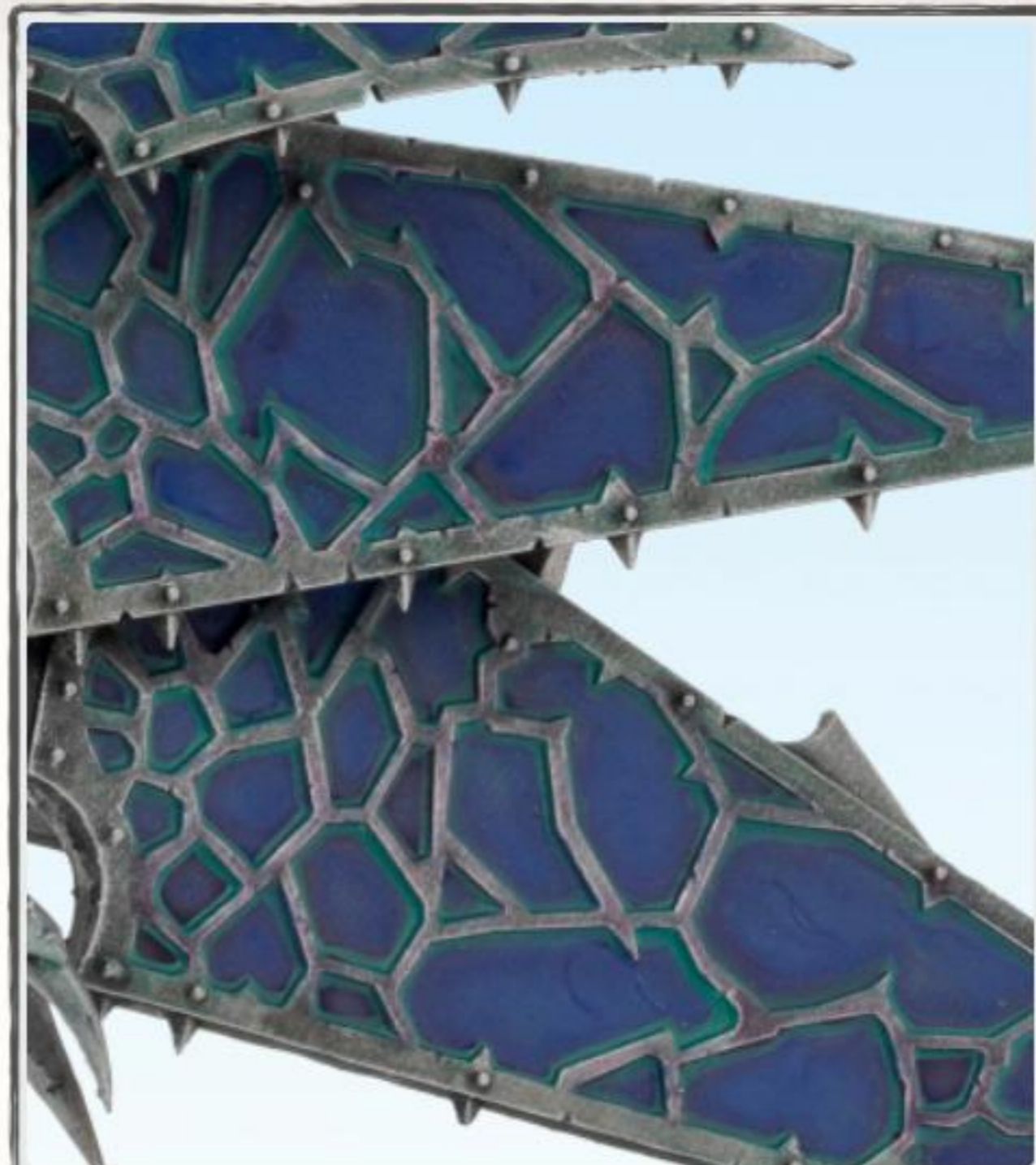
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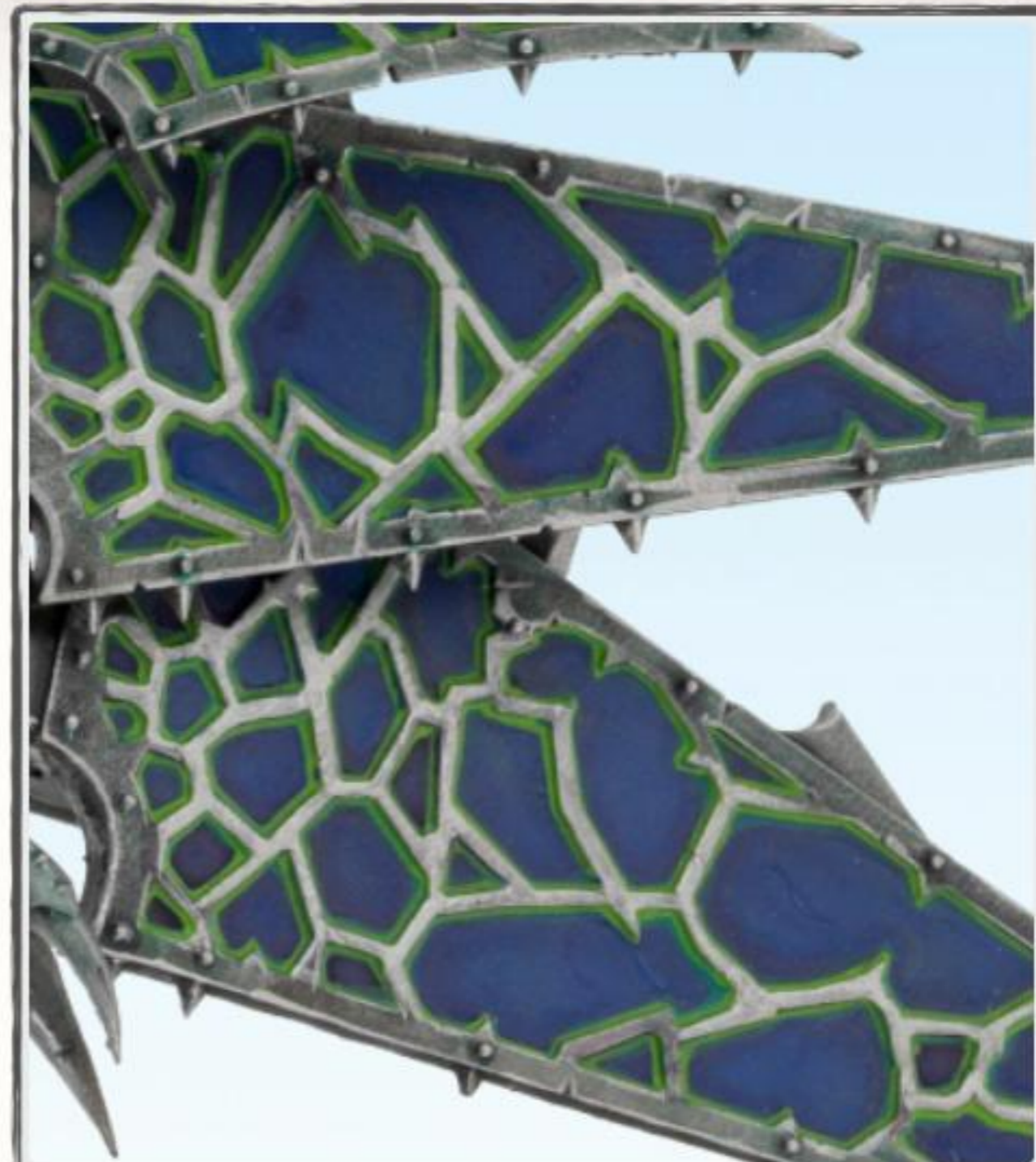
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ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE FLESH



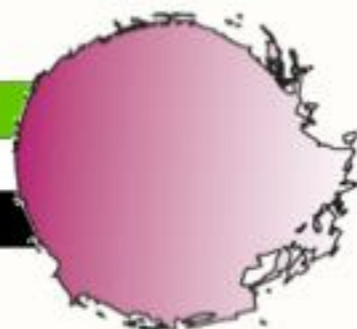
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Basecoat
Bugmans Glow
Standard Brush



2

Wash
Carroburg Crimson
Wash Brush



3

Layer
Cadian Fleshtone
Detail Brush



4

Layer
Kislev Flesh
Fine Detail Brush





ALPHA LEGION

ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE
FLESH

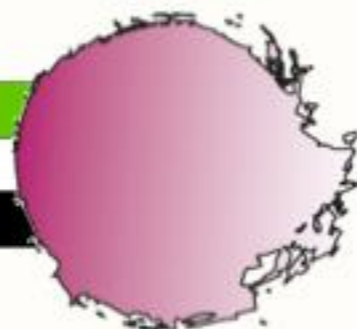
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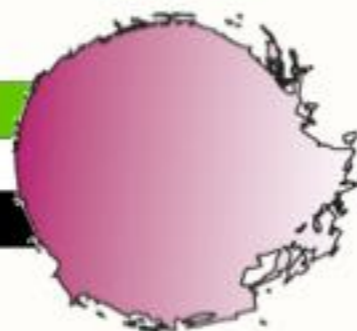
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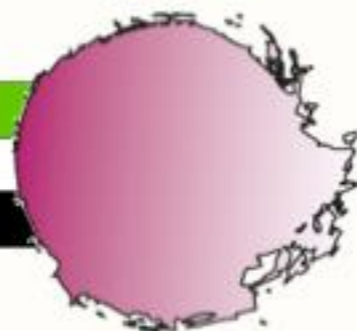
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ALPHA LEGION HELDRAKE FINISHED MODEL

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.

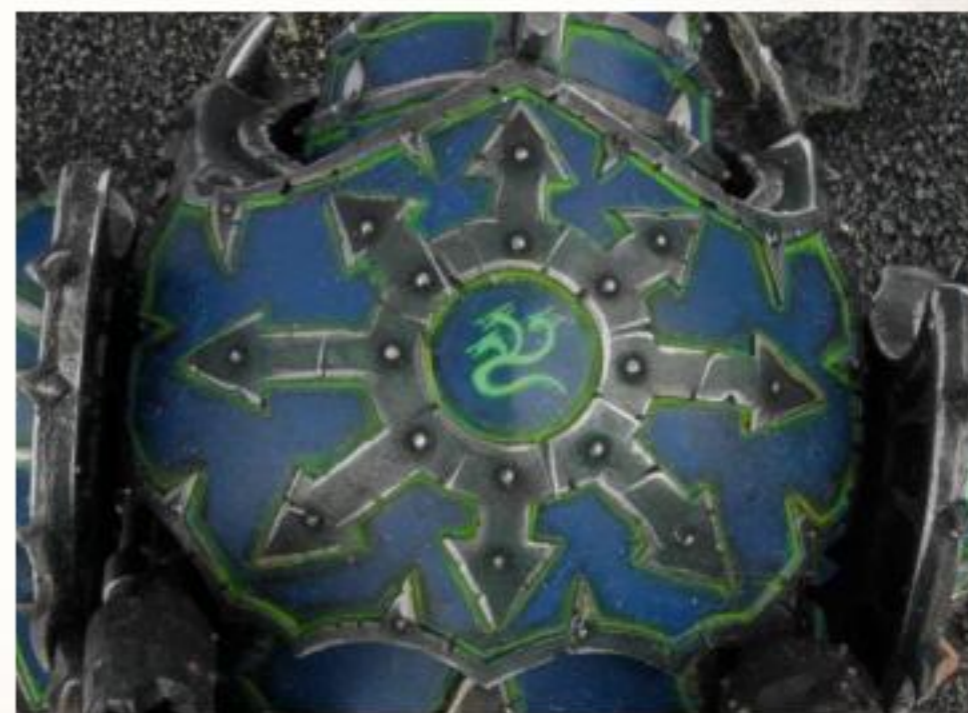
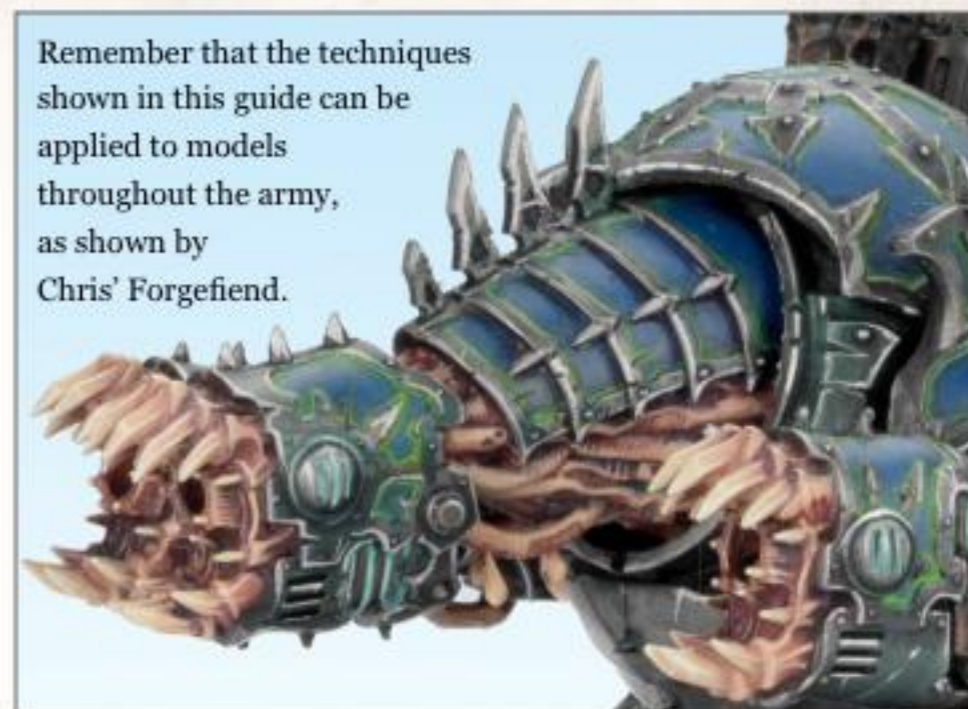




HOW TO PAINT: CHAOS SPACE MARINES ALPHA LEGION SHOWCASE



Remember that the techniques shown in this guide can be applied to models throughout the army, as shown by Chris' Forgefiend.





ALPHA LEGION



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.







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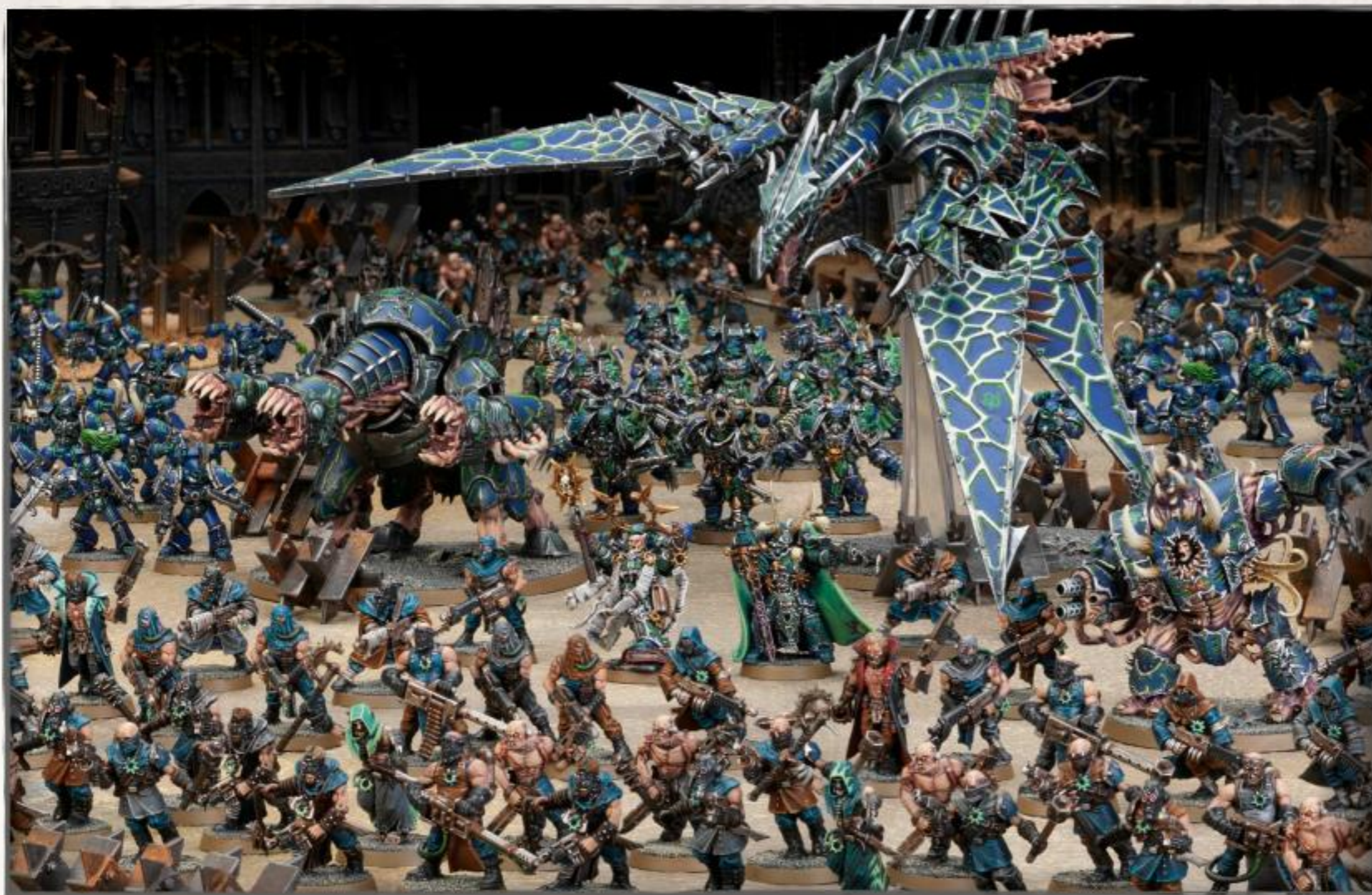
If you wish to paint your Chaos Space Marines in the same colours as the Crimson Slaughter from the *Warhammer 40,000: Dark Vengeance* boxed game, then look no further than the *How to Paint Citadel Miniatures: Dark Vengeance* painting guide available through the link below:

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