

## Artist Dirty Sink

Miniatures West Club Project by Nikki Donahue • Photographed and edited by Monin Dreebin

### TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- Use a 1" scale porcelain sink of your choice.
- Acrylic paints:  
Metallic Pewter or Silver Sandstone, Lichen Grey, Trail Tan, Black Moss Green, Alpine Green, Olive Yellow, Terra Cotta, Autumn Brown, Berry Wine and/or any colors your "artist" would be using.
- Krylon Workable Fixatif or Deft Matte Spray
- Metal collar from wine bottles
- 1/4" and 1/8" hole punches

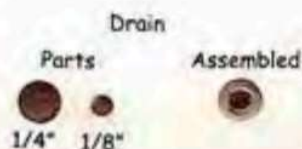


### Faucets

1. Paint the faucets silver metallic pewter or metallic silver acrylic paint or both.

### Drain

2. If your sink has no drain you can make one from the metal collar on a wine bottle. This stuff is great for all kinds of miniature applications, door latches, handles, paint tubes. Punch a 1/4" circle and a 1/8" circle. Indent the center of the smaller circle slightly. Glue the smaller punch in the center of the larger one. Put a dot of pewter paint in the center to age or dirty it. Use a needle and make tiny drainage holes in the smaller circle, punching through. Glue this in place in your sink.



### Paint the Sink

The good news, bad news about painting the sink with acrylic, is that it doesn't stick very well. The good part is that any area you paint that you don't like may be wiped off. The bad news is that you have to be careful handling your sink, since the good parts may be removed as well.

3. First protect the sink a bit by spraying with the Krylon or Deft. This will dull the shine of the porcelain, but also make it look worn.
4. Dribble terra cotta paint on and around the faucets to simulate rust. Add touches of rust around the drain.
5. Dirty the sink, by applying washes of sandstone, lichen grey, trail tan and black. Spray the sink again with the fixative or Deft.

6. Add the colors in small areas of the sink as an artist might have done when washing out brushes, cleaning rags, dribbling paint, etc. Be patient and keep layering colors until you are satisfied. Spray a final coat of Krylon or Deft.
7. If your sink has legs or a drain pipe, you might want to paint them with the pewter or silver paint also, adding a little "rust and dirt"

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