

S Model SU-85 1/76th Scale



This is the first time I have built kits from this manufacturer available from the Plastic Soldier Company. S Models is a Chinese firm and for £12.95 you get two kits with photo etch and decals, giving two or three choices. Construction is easy and fit of parts superb. I did add white metal figures from S & M Models and bedrolls and stowage I made from Milliput and N Gauge railway boxes etc.

I paint all my armour with a base coat of matt black to add base and shadow. All paints used were Tamiya and Vallejo. Having researched Russian tank colours from world war two and speaking to Russian modellers at Southern Expo earlier in the year, there was a variation in the greens used on soviet AFVs through out the war so I used Tamiya RAF green XF-81 and Vallejo light olive both supplemented with washes to weather down.

The tracks were painted NATO Brown XF-68 and all the lower areas of wheels and track then dry brushed with flat earth XF-52. The towing log on both tanks came from the garden chosen from a suitable sized twig and cut to length.

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