

MODELLING WORKSHOP

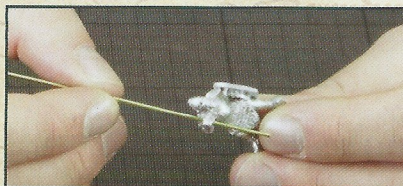
Adding banners to your The Lord of The Rings models

Inspired by a number of Rohan banner designs we received at the Studio, we thought it would be a great idea to take a look at how to convert any of your models into standard bearers.

The Riders of Rohan are fantastic models, but we thought the models would appear more faithful to The Two Towers film imagery if some of them were sporting banners, flapping in the wind as their horses charge into battle. Whatever force you collect, converting some of your models into standard bearers helps individualise your force, making them look resplendent on the battlefield. It is an easy task but one which will greatly reward the modeller for his efforts.

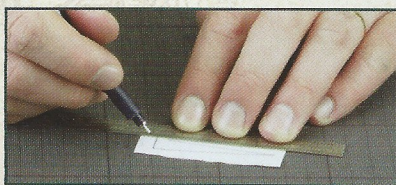
The first stage when converting a standard bearer is to select the appropriate miniature. Obviously, figures carrying spears are ideal for this purpose, as the flag can simply be attached to the spear shaft. This is a quick and effective method, but you may want your banners to stand out above the rest of the force, in which case a small amount of conversion is required.

To add a flag pole to a model it is necessary to cut away any weapon and,



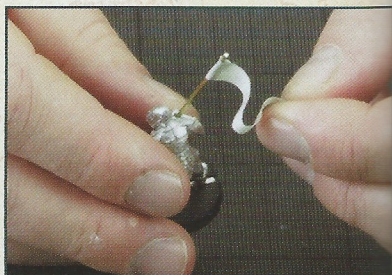
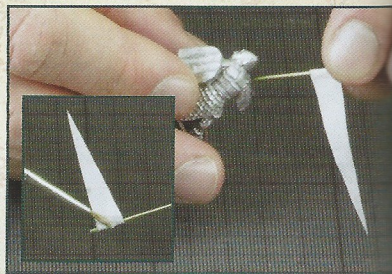
using a pin vice, drill out the fist so that it can carry the wire pole. If you are replacing a spear you may want to cut off the weapon head at this stage and glue this to the top of the tube.

Next you should choose the shape and design of your standard. We have included a page full of fantastic banner designs for you to photocopy on the opposite page. If you wish to design your own flag, a good idea is to use a piece of newspaper devoid of ink, such as can be found along the edge of any newspaper, as it is absorbent but also reasonably stiff.



painted. If you wish to use the colour flags we have printed opposite, follow the same procedure using your chosen flag.

The PVA glue will become transparent as it dries leaving the original design showing underneath.

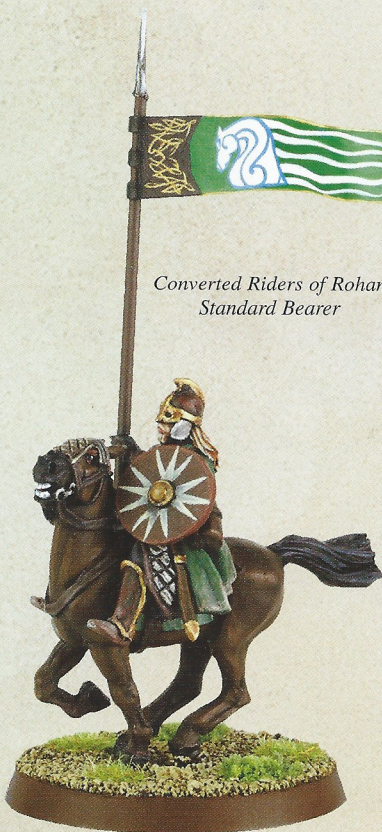


*Converted Uruk-hai
Standard Bearer*

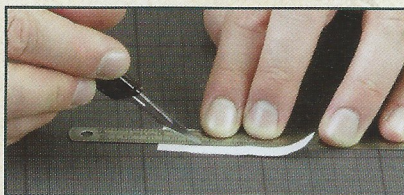


Some banners are designed to work with a cross piece. By using a length of brass tubing cut to the correct size the banner can then be attached to this before the tubing is glued onto the main pole.

*Converted Riders of Rohan
Standard Bearer*



Cut the flag shape leaving an extra 5mm towards the pole. Wrap the flag round the pole and check it for fit. Using PVA, glue along its extreme edge and allow to dry.



Now wrap the flag around the pole and apply more PVA glue thinned with water, allowing the glue to soak into the part of the flag around the pole. Once this is dry, paint the entire flag with a mixture of PVA and water, arrange the flag into a dramatic shape, and allow to dry. As the PVA dries out it stiffens sufficiently so the flag can be

