WOTC dragon repaints

Posted by L - 2007/01/18 14:47

Well, months and MONTHS after planning to do it, I finally got around to repainting some of the WOTC dragons.

I repainted the Huge Black from War of the Dragon Queen, since out of the package he looked extremely dull for a Huge mini. He was all one color, practically! The sculpt on this guy is pretty mediocre, IMHO, but he can be improved with at least SOME color. Originally I just drybrushed some white on the wings, but I decided I needed to go a lot farther to make him interesting.

Then there's the Colossal Red Dragon -- giant red blob. I actually went back and forth on this for ages, not sure if maybe the solid red wasn't actually kinda neat. I mean, it's certainly DIFFERENT to have a dragon with no distinctive coloring on its belly. I thought about changing the wings and claws and then just leaving it alone.

But in the end I had to do it. So I added some black mottling to the wings, added some gold to the claws, intensified the gold in the eyes -- and then did a huge bone white stripe down the belly.

Actually, the belly is much less white than the pics indicate -- the lighting really glares off white, so it looks a lot whiter in the pics than in person, where it is more of a bone color, with brown and yellow in it. More importantly, in person you can see the shading more, so it looks less like a solid stripe of white and more like plates. In any case, I'm very happy with how it came out. There's some nice contrast and some variety in it now.
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Posted by Celtchief - 2007/01/18 16:30

"Stealthily switches his red dragon for "L"s

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Posted by Shadox - 2007/01/18 16:50

L,

It looks great!!!

-Darian

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Posted by yack - 2007/01/18 16:55

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Great job... I was looking at my CRD the other day and thought I would just tackle the teeth to start. but I keep backing out but your looks amazing , great job!

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Posted by thomast22 - 2007/01/18 17:08

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Great job. I got to touch up some of my DDM. I think I'll start with the black dragon.

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Posted by Harneloot - 2007/01/18 20:19

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I wish i knew how to do that. Do you take commisions?

BIG improvement...

(Though i must admit the metal ones still look better.)

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Posted by Aracon - 2007/01/18 23:25

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Those repaints look nice L... have you tried your hand on metals? There are some nice dragon sculpts over at both dark sword minis and reaper.

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Posted by L - 2007/01/19 06:24

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Thanks for the kind words!

As for the metals -- oh, I dig 'em. Yes, I've posted many pics of my Reaper dragons -- I've done a black, a white, a red, a green, and a blue, as well as a red version of Marthrangul, one of the big ones. I've also done a few variants, like Blacksting the Wyvern. I really love the Reaper metals.

Maybe I'll try to find my old pics of those guys, or take new ones, to join in the recent dragon-mania on the forums...

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Posted by Stefan - 2007/01/20 10:30

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L,
I really like the bone colored plating in the chest. And the wing color is awesome, it looks translucent. Amazing!

Great, great Job!

The other one is good too, although I don't particularily like dragons with riders on them as a rule...

How about a Pic of all your Dragons together so we can see the difference in colors and sizes?

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2007/01/20 10:49

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Law,

Nicely done man... What a difference a little texture makes...!

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Posted by Kradlo - 2007/01/20 18:10

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There was a repaint of the Colossal Red Dragon done for GenCon that looked rather nice.
http://dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/21873/Red Dragon.jpg

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Posted by Dante - 2007/01/20 21:21

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Kradlo--that red dragon was painted by my friend Peter Lee who painted that. He plays in my home-brew RPG and
we hang out on Tuesday nights at "Paint Night" at my FLGS. Great guy--real friendly, down to earth.

We get to see some the prizes and awards that he paints up for Wizards. Some stuff he can't bring in because of the non-disclosure agreement he has with WotC though.

I was fortunate enough to have him paint a mini for my game (the character that he's playing).

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/01/20 21:34

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Wow
small world Dante, i think i know that Peter Lee.

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Posted by L - 2007/01/20 23:39

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Yes, I'd seen that dragon before -- not in person, but in pics.

I like it, but I don't think it's his best. I think he went a little overboard with the ivory, I deliberately chose not to copy what he did with the arms, legs and feet.

(which is to say, I deliberately DID choose to copy what he did with the chest and belly -- and chose not to copy what he did with the head, but not deliberately, because frankly, I don't think I could do nearly as good a job, so I left well-enough alone...)

Still, it's a great piece, and it was definitely my inspiration. Otherwise, I'd have gone with a brownish-yellow-orange for the belly, like I normally do for red dragons. But the ivory/bone color is so fantastic, it makes me want to re-paint all my older ones now....

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Posted by Dante - 2007/01/22 09:05

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Ghengis--funny story about how I met him. I was hearing all these great things about this guy "Pete" who goes to Paint Night at the LGS here so I thought, "Wow. That would be cool to be able to pick up

some tips from somebody who is supposed to be really good." Well, I met him and was impressed with his painting technique.

Then one night we got to talking about a gelatinous cube that I made from clear, flexible resin. I was telling him how I was inspired buy some guys' work on coolminiornot.com. "Yeah, this guy 'ptlee' has this great cube that I downloaded a picture of as inspiration. I did one better than him though--I made mine flexible!" He started cracking up and said, "ptlee, huh? That's me." ROFL!

I had been looking at his work for years before I moved to Madison, WI. Talk about a small world. ;-}~

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/01/22 10:58

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Dante, I have never met him in person, just through the net... points to sig

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Posted by whitewind - 2007/01/26 13:42

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awesome L. Real nice. Are you going to do something with the base? I got the GB dragon just two days ago. I like it. Don't have the colossal red but have the GBD....

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