



Brad 8 - 1/48 scale

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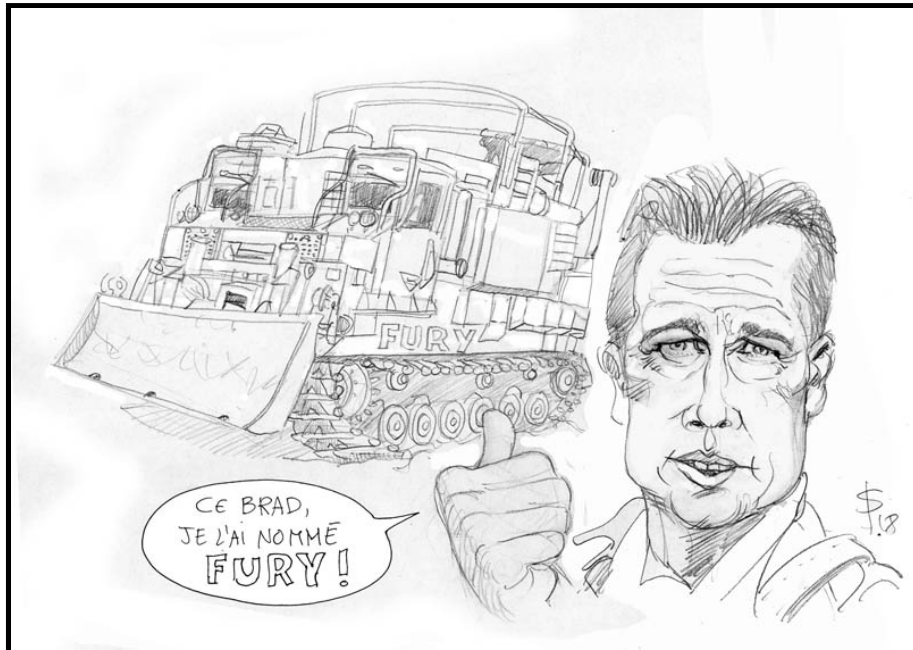
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Au départ, un vieux kit de la marque Nitto, le M8A1, un tracteur chenillé assez rare.

Problème : il est donné pour une échelle au 1/35ème, alors que les cabines sont en fait à l'échelle 1/48ème ! Pas bien ! Pour ce kit, la caisse et le train de roulement manquants, on...

Diorama featuring the Brad 8 engineering armored vehicle with a blade crossing a sa



Box for the Nitto M8A1 Tractor Cargo kit in 1/35 scale, featuring an illustration of the

I've named this Brad "Fury"! It all started with an old Nitto kit, the M8A1, a fairly rare tracked tractor. The problem: it's listed as being 1/35 scale, but the cabs are actually 1/48 scale! That's not right!

M8 chassis being assembled with Plasticard sheets, as shown in the instructions

Since this kit is missing the hull and running gear, we'll use a Bradley hull and running gear from Tamiya...

That's going to take a little work to adjust...

Brad 8 assembly in progress: body and undercarriage placed on the instruction man

...to the Nitto superstructure, which will be slightly raised above the rear opening panel...

Once the interior is assembled, paint it army green, along with the interiors of both cabins...

Open cargo compartment of the Bradley 8 showing the detailed interior layout before

Then the usual application of juice, followed by intermediate colors, and finally a metallic color as the finishing touch...

Brad 8 chassis under construction, with detailed open interior displayed on the instr

Another view...

Floor of the Brad 8's rear compartment with openwork partitions and a wooden

The rear superstructure. The floor is made of balsa strips stained with umber and sienna...

Model of the Brad 8 being painted, with the crane and tracks shown in a three-quarter

The assembly is mounted on the body...

Model of a Brad 8 tracked vehicle with a bulldozer blade, front right view on a neutral

Rear view of the Brad 8 tracked bridge erector, with wooden deck and guardrails, wh

Diorama of an engineering armored vehicle facing prisoners who are surrendering w

The characters.

They are 1/48 scale and come from the surplus box.

Winsor & Newton oil paint for skin tones and red berets.

Humbrol for uniforms...

Painting.

Model of an armored tracked vehicle with a bulldozer blade, sand-colored patina, on

Primer: Tamiya Acrylic NATO Brown XF68 (or Humbrol 98)...

Model of a tracked engineering armored vehicle with a bulldozer blade, painted in w

Apply a coat of hairspray (see the Catalina tutorial), then airbrush on a coat of Hobby Color 79 beige acrylic paint (equivalent to Humbrol 121)...

Front view of the painted and weathered Brad 8, with a worn bulldozer blade in the f

"Scratching" the paint to achieve the desired effects...

Armored tracked engineering vehicle with a blade, fully assembled and weathered, n

Next, apply the usual wash of Umber and Sienna to bring out the details. Once dry, lightly highlight the metal parts using Humbrol 56 and 91. The vehicle is finished; all that's left are the markings...

The Setting

Foam and polystyrene blocks placed on a board, with figurines to show the scale

A wooden board measuring 40 cm on each side, which will be coated with a white acrylic primer. Pieces of extruded polystyrene will be used to create a terrain feature at the back...

Armored engineering vehicle being assembled on a raw base; unpainted figures

The vehicle gives an idea of the future location...

Modeling compound spread over a wooden base with blue foam and polystyrene

Tile adhesive—which dries more slowly than plaster—will allow you to level out the unevenness in the floor and install the fixtures...

Diorama currently under construction: sandy beach, buried armored turret, and figures

Place the gravel, shrubs, and accessories before the entire arrangement dries...

Another view...

Brad 8 desert diorama featuring sandy slopes, dry vegetation and scattered debris

The accessories are given a first coat of brown-beige...

Desert diorama featuring an armored engineering vehicle and a buried tank turret

We park the vehicle in its spot to get an idea of the adjustments that need to be made...

Desert diorama featuring a buried tank turret, rusty fuel cans and dry vegetation

Then we paint the entire set using acrylic paint tubes...

Desert diorama base in progress, Bradley turret, dry vegetation, and scattered crates

...By making the colors more vivid as you move away from the foreground...

Desert diorama currently being decorated, sandy base, dry vegetation, turret, and figures

A view of the shaded area in the distance (the viewing angle is from the opposite side) that shows how the colors work...

Top view of the Brad 8 diorama, armored vehicle with open ramp on desert terrain

Secure the model to the base using fast-setting wood glue. Apply markings and sand the tracks. Dust the tank with paint. Glue on the figures...

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A painted backdrop depicting a sunset over an ochre-hued desert landscape

Painting the background with Liquitex acrylic paint...

Desert diorama featuring an M2A2 Bradley with figurines depicting soldiers near an a

