

TABERNACLE CUSTOMIZING

The Tabernacle kit is ready to assemble and doesn't require painting to be used. At www.eBibleTeacher.com we think that you can really make your model look better by painting. If this is a class project then painting also allows for more jobs among the class. You can see comparisons of unpainted models versus painted ones and decide for yourself by visiting the website and checking out the photos of the models at:

<http://www.ebibleteacher.com/3DTaber/3DTabermodel.html>

You can also get practical tips on that page about building a model and see the model in various stages of construction. ***Most importantly, read Exodus chapter 25 to see what the Bible has to say about the Tabernacle.***

Here are extra items we recommend you purchase from your local hobby store:

PAINTS: (Recommend acrylic paints designed for plastic models)

- Metallic Gold
- Metallic Silver
- Metallic Bronze (substitute copper or brass paint if you can't find metallic Bronze)
- "Sand" color flat

We recommend that you take a couple of tablespoons of clean dry craft sand and sprinkle it in a zig zag pattern in the wet "sand" colored paint.

If you want to paint the rubber figurines of the priests & animals you can use these paints but note that plastic model paint doesn't stick well to the rubber. You will need only tiny amounts of these paints (these paints take a day to dry on rubber. If you find a better paint then let us know...):

- Brown flat
- "Flesh" flat
- Red Flat
- Blue Flat

TOOLS:

- Tweezers for managing tiny figurines and rope strings
- Small wooden mallet
- Tissue paper
- Small ¼ inch paintbrush for painting base & small 1/8 in. paint brushes for other items
- Scissors for cutting rope string.
- Toothpicks for mixing paint and scraping off any stray painting.
- Newspaper or other paper to protect from stray paint.
- Paper towels and other cleanup items.

WHAT TO DO:

— We recommend that you visit our web site and see the photos and descriptions there. We also recommend that you read the instructions printed included with the model. Pay extra attention to the explanation about the ropes at the corners.

We recommend that the first thing you do is paint the base with the sand colored paint and then quickly LIGHTLY sprinkle a small amount of sand in the wet paint in a zig-zag pattern to simulate desert sand dune type pattern. If any sand and paint get in the holes then wipe it out with the tissue so that the sand doesn't hinder the posts from being put in the holes after the paint dries. Use the tissue paper to wipe any paint that gets on the shiny brass hooks (catches) around the base. Make sure all of your hooks are securely set.

Paint the tops of the courtyard posts silver and their bases bronze. Paint the post hooks silver also. Don't get any paint on the part of the base that goes in the holes.

Paint the following other items metallic bronze: Bronze Altar Ark, Laver (bowl) and Laver base and base of 5 posts at the entrance to the main tabernacle tent.

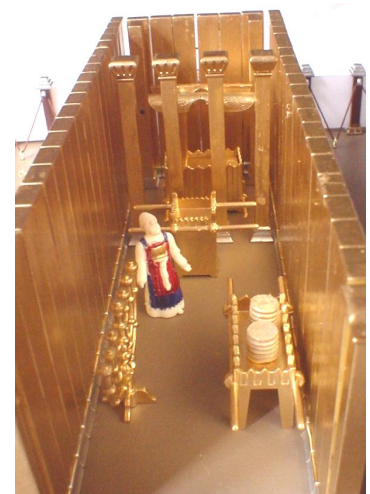
Paint the bases of the main tent Tabernacle walls silver as well as the bases of the 4 posts in the center wall of the main Tabernacle tent.

Paint the following items metallic Gold: Ark of the Covenant, Atonement Cover (cherubim), Altar of Incense, Table of Shewbread, Menorah (Lampstand), walls and posts of main tabernacle tent. Breastplate on high priest (See website for photo).

OTHER PAINTING: Paint the bulls flat brown, paint the high priest with an outer red apron and an inner blue apron (see below and website for photos). Paint the faces of the priests with a flesh color. Paint Aaron's rod that budded brown, the golden jar of manna gold and the ten commandment tablets brown and put them in the Ark of the Covenant.

Other ideas: It is easy to loose some of the brass hooks. You can get gold or brass colored wire from your local hobby store to make more hooks if you loose some. If you are doing this as a class project then we recommend that you spend a couple of weeks painting and the last week assembling your model. If your posts won't fit into the holes then take some light sandpaper and sand the bottom of the posts and the holes to make them fit in. An adult can even trim them a little with a sharp hobby knife. If they fit in too loosely then use some of the cement included in the model to make them stick securely.

If you do something special then let us know. **TAKE CARE THAT CHILDREN ARE NOT ENDANGERED TO SWALLOW SMALL PARTS!**



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