

# **The Commission a Miniature Service**

**By**

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## An introduction to commissioning a miniature.



If you have always wanted to see a particular miniature made then we can do that for you. The miniature can be made exactly to your specifications. You have full control over the subject matter, the pose, the details and the scale of the finished figure.



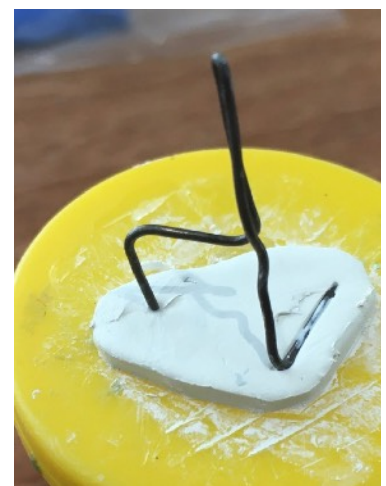
*The tools required for sculpting a miniature.*

What we need:

Our sculptor works from a brief. This needs to have all the necessary information relating to the miniature on it. If information is missing it will slow the process down. A photo or sketch of the required pose is required first so the armature can be made in that shape. The scale needs to be included. As does enough clear detail for the uniform. This should include any equipment pictures that may be round the back of the main image. The back of a jacket for example, does it have pocket flaps and if so what design are they?

Miniature creation:

1. Once the brief is submitted and the commission paid for, our sculptor will start on the armature as soon as is practicable. This is a wire frame designed to give the miniature structural support so it will survive the mould making process later on. The wire frame once scaled, marked and bent into shape is fixed into a Milliput base. This base needs to dry hard before any further work can be done.





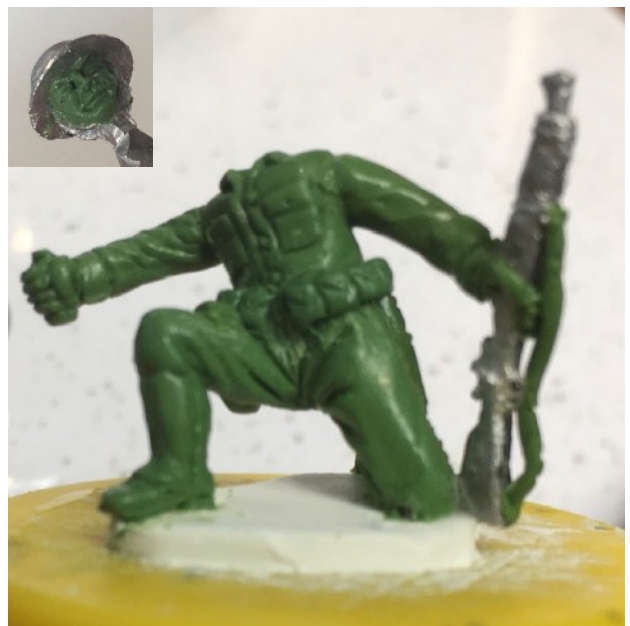
2. Once the armature is dried hard then it can be fleshed out. This is done by mixing and applying a thin roll of green stuff all over the armature. This also needs to be well set before the next stage can be sculpted and the main areas of the figure can be sculpted.



3. Sculptors work in different ways and Steve prefers to start from the feet upwards so the legs are usually sculpted first. This often requires checks to the information supplied to create a 3D piece from a 2D picture.



4. The rest of the figure is slowly built up over many days in numerous layers of green stuff. Some miniatures have huge amount of details with tiny buttons, lace, straps, equipment and other intricate parts. These are all built up slowly as individual pieces.





*This is an example of a 9" black rubber Master Mould. This mould is spun repeated times to create the master from which each figures production mould is made. From one master mould up to 15 production moulds may need to be made.*

*A close up of Steve Sculpting a 28mm miniature. This miniature of Lefebvre Desnouettes is now available on our website.*



## What are the benefits of commissioning?

What do you get if you commission a miniature?

- Firstly and most importantly, you get a bespoke miniature made to your exact specifications, created by a master craftsman. Steve has had 25 years experience sculpting and creating miniatures!
- You will have your name listed besides the miniature when it is released on our website in all its glory and Facebook posts.
- If you spend over £60 on commissions, you gain access to our elite reward scheme and gain a Bronze card which will give you a 5% discount across our website that you can use whenever you shop with us.
- If you spend more than £500 on commissions, then you gain a silver card which gives you a 10% discount that you can spend on our website whenever you shop with us.
- If you have commissioned a number of miniatures and have spent over £1000 with us the you will be given a gold card and will have a 20% discount that you can spend on our website whenever you shop with us.



## Commission a miniature prices.

These pages have a few examples of the hundreds of miniatures that Steve has sculpted for customers.

If your idea is for a mainstream subject that we know will sell well then we are pleased to offer a discount on the ranges listed below at the moment.

If your idea does not fall into those categories then we are still happy to make it for you but the price we have to charge reflects the uncertainty of its sales afterwards.

Making miniatures takes time and our miniatures always strive for quality. Your miniature will be made to the highest standards we can offer but never rushed as you can see from the photo to the right.

So get in touch at [enquiries@stevebarbermodels.com](mailto:enquiries@stevebarbermodels.com) to find out more and to chat to us about your ideas.

<b>Commission a Miniature prices 10/2021</b>		
	<b>Basic Price</b>	<b>Price for ranges such as: Thirty Years War, Napoleonic, ACW and Prehistoric</b>
28mm Infantry	<b>£250</b>	<b>£210</b>
28mm Cavalry	<b>£295</b>	<b>£239</b>
28mm head sculpt	<b>£72</b>	<b>£62</b>
28mm extra arm variant	<b>£42</b>	<b>£42</b>
28mm foot or rider conversion	<b>£140</b>	<b>£125</b>
40mm Infantry	<b>£279</b>	<b>£245</b>
40mm Cavalry	<b>£330</b>	<b>£299</b>
40mm foot or rider conversion	<b>£179</b>	<b>£159</b>

Some examples of our work.









# Terms and Conditions

- i. The commission a miniature service is not a trade miniature service. The pricing for trade sculpts is completely separate from this service. Any enquiries for trade sculpts should be made privately to Steve Barber Models Ltd.
- ii. The cost quoted for each commission a miniature/s is only a portion of the complete costs to put that miniature /s into production. The remaining costs outside those paid by the customer always amount to over 51% of the total cost to create each miniature/s, the remainder of the costs being born by Steve Barber Models LTD in return for the said company owning the rights to produce the miniatures created using the commission a miniature service.
- iii. Steve Barber Models Ltd reserve the right to complete each commission at a time of the companies choosing. This may be dependant on getting the right mould maker to produce moulds or other associated complex production procedures that need to be adhered to in order to complete the commission to the standard required by the company and expected by the customer. The company will not rush through a miniature as it would be detrimental to the quality of the miniature/s and to the companies reputation. Every effort will be made to complete the work in a reasonable timescale, but there are circumstances where this is not possible. In these circumstances the miniature/s will be completed as soon as is felicitous.
- iv. Steve Barber Models Ltd will retain full production rights to any and every miniature/s created using the Commission a Miniature service. These production rights are the property of Steve Barber Models Ltd and theirs to use in their best judgement as they see in the best interests of their company and for the success of the miniatures created therein. These production rights include, master moulds, production moulds, master miniatures, spent greens and parts of miniatures used in the production process as well as the rights to produce and sell miniatures created using the Commission a Miniature service.
- v. Timescales that may have been inferred at the time the commission/s was taken may change. The sculpting process and miniature/s creation process is very involved and is a portion of the work involved in creating a miniature/s. The research involved can be very time consuming and will add to the time a miniature/s takes to sculpt. Please allow for the fact that this is not an easy task. The quality of the completed miniature/s is most important and Steve Barber Models Ltd strive to ensure the highest quality that can be given. This quality does takes time.
- vi. If preferred the customer who has commissioned a miniature/s using the commission a miniature service does not need to have their name shown on advertising by Steve Barber Models Ltd if they prefer anonymity. If they choose to remain anonymous then they should let the company know by email or in writing that this is the case and their name will be withdrawn and not used on any further advertising. Every effort will be made and previous advertising will be changed if it is possible to do so.
- vii. Every attempt will always be made to ensure customer satisfaction but where this is not possible refunds can only be given for work not yet completed and will be completed when this value has been determined. The remaining value will then be refunded as promptly as practicable using whatever means the customer prefers or used to pay for the original commission.
- viii. The company reserve the right to cancel a commission created using the Commission a Miniature service if needed at any point during the process, although this is very unlikely to happen. If a commission becomes cancelled the amount paid for work not completed will be refunded as soon as this amount has been calculated. Any refunds will be made using the method of payment used by the customer when the commission was made.
- ix. Steve Barber Models Ltd reserve the right to sell or trade the rights for miniature/s commissioned using the Commission a Miniature service if it is in the best interests and viability and future of the company to do so. In the event that this needs to happen, every effort will be made to contact the original commissioner of the miniature/s if practically possible so they may know where the miniature/s they helped create are now traded. Every effort will be made to make sure that they still retain any loyalty bonuses associated with the miniature they helped to create using the Commission a Miniature service.
- x. Parts of miniature/s created using the Commission a Miniature service can be used by Steve Barber Models Ltd to create other miniatures. That Steve Barber Models Ltd retain the full artistic rights to the miniature/s created using the Commission a Miniature service.
- xi. Parts of miniature/s created using Commission a Miniature may be utilised on another customers commission to facilitate a quicker completion of that or those particular miniature/s if the sculptor deems that this is the correct course for that miniature/s.
- xii. Deals and discounted associated at the time of commissioning a miniature will change over time. Every effort will be made to adhere to those deals within one year of the time of commissioning. After that time, there may be other deals available that will then be appropriate for the company to give to the customer that commissioned the miniature/s. These offers are for Steve Barber Models Ltd to decide what is in the best interests of their company and when these deals and offers should cease and be replaced by others. There is no obligation on Steve Barber Models Ltd to keep an offer in place for longer than one year.