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AK. Hello, Jose! How did you start modelling and what was your first model?

Hi, I started modelling back in 1980, when I was 5 years old. My first model was an ESCI Alpha Jet in 1/72. I thought I was buying a toy and in fact was a scale model for assembling. My father helped me building it.

AK. You build various models, ranging from 19th century to modern and even Sci-Fi. What subject or topic in is your favorite?

In fact, I like most of the subjects, but more recently I've been making several models/dioramas about modern or regional conflicts. The possibilities are almost endless and, in some cases, we can combine old military hardware with modern stuff.

AK. What do you mostly love and hate while building models and dioramas?

I love everything when I'm working in a model or diorama. This is a true passion and when we try to improve daily, we keep facing new challenges. I love that.

What I hate most? Well, honestly, I can not remember...

AK. You use lot of products and techniques. Which types of products are your favorite? E.g. oils, acrylics, pigments etc. How much time and effort does it take you to master a new type of products once manufacturers bring it to the market?

I like all kind of products, but even so, I have a special preference for the acrylics. Why? Because I'm a fast modeler and always with several projects ongoing. Acrylics dry faster and like that I can move forward easily.

In my opinion we must know all products and techniques. After that we can take the best from them.

With accumulated experience, mastering new products comes easy.

AK. Where do you trademark blue gloves came from?

(laughing...) That's the question for the 1 000 000 Euros!!

AK. When I build bases for my models, I always struggle to choose the right size and set of accessories to put around. Do you have any advices about proper planning of small dioramas/bases?

Being myself architect and with art study background, that helps me a lot with balance and composition. Basically, we must make a diagonal grid and define the intersection points. All items must be placed in those points. That is the best and simple way to place models / accessories in a base. Works all the time and never fails.

AK. How often do you make masterclasses and participate in modelling events?

I try to visit as many events as possible. Usually I visit 5 or 6 p/ year. I love to perform masterclasses and share my knowledge. I never miss a chance.

Thank you for the interview!







