

Hints and Tips -

Colour Guide - Italian Infantry

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Italian Forces Italians - North Africa



Artizan figures painted by Mick Farnworth

Temperate Uniform

Item	Colour	Vallejo Model Colour
Helmet	Dark Grey	German Field Grey WW2 70.830
Uniform	Grey Green	Olive Grey 70.888
Webbing	Grey Green	Olive Grey 70.888
Leather Pouches	Black	Black 70.950
Anklets	Grey Green	German Uniform 70.920
Boots	Black	Black 70.950

Tropical Uniform

Item	Colour	Vallejo Model Colour
Tropical Sun Hat	Sand	Iraqi Sand 70.819, Dark Sand 70.847
Tropical Uniform	Sand	Iraqi Sand 70.819, Dark Sand 70.847
Leather Belt & Pouches	Brown	Mahogany Brown 70.846, Flat Brown 70.984
Cloth pouches	Sand	Iraqi Sand 70.819, Dark Sand 70.847
Anklets / Gaiters	Khaki	US Field Drab 70.973, English Uniform 70.921, Flat Earth 70.
Boots	Brown	Mahogany Brown 70.846, Flat Brown 70.984

Notes

Italian uniforms were grey green in temperate zones. Officers' uniforms were much lighter in tone than soldiers. This can be differentiated from German uniforms by using Vallejo Field Blue 70.964 with a Black Wash.

The tropical uniform was sand coloured and usually worn with brown leather belt and pouches.

Insignia

Artizan figures often show the rosette on the helmet. The rosette is red outside, white middle ring and then green centre.

Further Reading

Books

General

Andrew Mollo: **The Armed Forces of World War 2** (Little, Brown and Company)

This book is a very useful overview of uniforms and insignia. There are 250 colour drawings and 100 photographs which cover every nation involved in WW2. The original 1981 version is a large format book. There is an A5 reprint that does not include the Eastern front.

Chris McNab: **20th Century Military Uniforms: 300 Uniforms from Around the World** (Grange Books PLC)

This book is similar in style to Andrew Mollo's book and has many of the same illustrations.

Osprey books are also very good but there are several which touch the subject, so it is difficult to recommend one item.