

HOBBY NIGHTS: A HOW-TO GUIDE

Materials needed

- Miniatures
- Water cups
- Brushes
- Paper towels
- Palettes
- A range of Paints
- Optional Primer, Hobby tools, Plastic glue, Lights, Blow dryer



Atomic Mass Hobby Nights are the perfect way to support and promote the exciting world of miniature painting. Through these single-day events, you can make your store an epicenter of hobby for your customers.

Each participant in the event will receive an Assembled patch that they can proudly display on a bag or other item of apparel to show their progress in building a *Marvel: Crisis Protocol* collection that is all their own.

Of course, the first step to miniatures is assembling miniatures. While you can request that participents bring their own materials, we recommend that you have some communal materials on hand for brand new hobbyists. A couple pairs of clippers, a few hobby knives, and a few bottles of plastic glue are ideal. Remember, the younger members of the community will need adult supervision to assist in the building of the miniatures.

Next, provide a well-ventilated area to prime the miniatures. Outside is great for this. A light, even coat is all that is needed to prepare the miniature. Miniatures can be held on a piece of spare cardboard to keep fingers clean and prevent messes while the mini dries. While the primer dries, it's a perfect time to take a short break. A trivia contest or similar small activity is great to the energy of the night going while the primer dries.

The steps above could also be done beforehand by the participants if you want to create a shorter event focused just on miniature painting.



Assembled and primed miniatures are only the beginning. Now it's time to bring your characters to life!

Each person will need a few feet of table space in a well-lit area. Painting lamps are another option to provide sufficient light. Again, while you can request that participents provide their own materials, we recommend providing some communal paints and brushes for brand new hobbyists. Paints can be shared among participants, about one set for every four people will suffice. Brushes should be provided for each person as well as a water cup for rinsing the brush between colors. Palettes are useful for removing excess paint and holding paint without the need to constantly dip into the pots. This also makes sharing much easier. Carboard, plastic sheets, or well palettes are inexpensive and disposable. Of course, messes may happen, so having paper towels on hand and even disposable tablecloths will help keep the fun going.

Each person should take time to paint their miniature to their liking. Remember to always be positive and supportive of each person's accomplishments; a painted mini is a masterpiece in its own right!



