

Left: Revell has produced a range of 32 model spray colours in handy 100ml cans. As well as the four colours shown on the test paper, there is also a "Clear", a nominally matt varnish, which in fact dries to what I would call 'semimatt' with a pleasant sheen that enhances any pigment beneath. The colours dry to an opaque, very matt finish, and could happily be used as undercoats. The surprise was the brown which, as you can see, dries to a very reddish, almost leathery colour, much lighter and more 'orangey' than the labels on the lid and box would imply. £5.99 each (though I have seen them for less online). Revell model kits are available from all good toy and model retailers. For details visit www.revell.de/en, @RevellGermany or facebook.com/Revell



Above: the lovely Shogunate Japan Peasant Farmer's Cottage from 4Ground, one of their latest marvels in MDF that comes ready-painted so that all you have to do is put it together. I particularly like the sliding doors with rice paper 'glass' created from tracing paper. The kit can disassemble, permitting the placement of miniatures inside for samurai era skirmishes. This 28mm-compatible kit retails at £24. Lovely!

