

# ASSEMBLING YOUR KING TANKER

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Modelling clippers, Modelling file, Modelling knife, Pin Vice, Paper clip wire or similar, Cyano-Acrylate glue or SuperGlue, Modelling filler.

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1. Assemble the two upper parts of the abdomen. Remove the ridges and pins from the lower part of the thorax as shown in the picture.



2. Assemble the metal upper thorax, modified plastic lower thorax, head and upper legs. The head must be sandwiched between the upper and lower thorax parts as shown; it will NOT push in after. The legs should NOT be glued in place at this point, just assemble so they are free moving in their positions. Fill any small gaps with filler.



3. Add the thorax armour section as shown. Fill any gaps between it and the previous thorax sub-assembly.



4. Glue the armour plates to the pre-assembled upper abdomen as shown.



5. Sandwich the Thorax assembly between the upper and lower abdomen. Do not glue the ball joint in place yet, just the join between the upper and lower Abdomen parts.

*It is recommended that the leg joints are pinned together due to the weight of the model.*



6. Using a pin vice and paper clip wire, pin the feet to the legs. Also drill holes in the 'knee' joints, both on the metal legs and the plastic upper legs that are part of the thorax/abdomen assembly. Do not glue at this point.



7. Assemble the legs. This is most easily achieved by using a support for the thorax/abdomen assembly; I used 'BluTac'. Assemble the legs one at a time, ensuring the feet are flat on the ground, and then glue all the joints in place: feet, knee and thorax. Repeat for all the legs. Allow the glue to dry thoroughly before moving the model.



8. Attach the small rear legs. These must be modified by removing the ball joints. Depending on how the thorax/abdomen was assembled and the height of the body/legs; some of the angles of the small legs may need to be changed. Simply adjust the leg/abdomen angle with a modelling knife. On our example this was NOT necessary.



9. Attach the mandibles.



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