

NOVA Open Interviews – Shadow's Edge Miniatures

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MEET SHADOW'S EDGE MINIATURES

While many artists in the hobby enjoy painting miniatures, some entrepreneurs like Zach Hightower, founder of [Shadow's Edge Miniatures](#), have found that giving hobbyists basing materials to add the special touch to their work is just as fulfilling as starting their own painting studio. "I initially started out with the goal of becoming a painting studio, but quickly realized that was not for me," he said, "but I loved working on basing materials, so I started Shadow's Edge Miniatures." The company, which is three years old, aims to provide with high quality basing materials like self-adhesive grass and flowering tufts.



Zach started his path towards founding Shadow's Edge Miniatures as a 7-year-old who played with World War II models in his basement "workroom." He subsequently got into the hobby when a bookstore carrying these games opened in his town. "Basing has always been my favorite part of working on a mini and finding the right materials or ideas can sometimes be daunting, especially for a new hobbyist," he said, adding "I lot of the products we make or plan to make are things I have either used personally or wish I had for a project, so I eventually decided to try my hand at it as a business."

The company's signature product is its line of Self-Adhesive Grass Tufts. "We have more than any other company (that I know of) in the world and have plans for more." Zach said that the company manufactured its millionth individual Grass Tuft, which is a major accomplishment for the company. For 2019, Zach wants the company to complete other lines of products as well. "Our goals are to finish several lines of Scenic Resin Bases, as well as release a few of our planned products that have been in the works for some time now," he said. The company is also looking into making more flora and fauna items for ultra-realistic dioramas and scale hobbyists.

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