

Faceted Classification System for a Tabletop Miniature Collection

Use Case: I collect, assemble, and paint miniatures from various tabletop games. This is a classification system for my personal use. It's designed to help me to track my progress in taking my collection from unassembled to "finished" painted pieces. The collection currently contains a little under 100 miniatures. As an added challenge, I based my categories in Ranganathan's 5 essential categories.

Level of Completion	Unassembled	Assembly	Painting	Basing	Complete
		Planning	Priming	Sculpting	
		Construction	Basecoat	Painting	
		Sculpting	Washes	Cleanup	
			Details		
Time Since Purchased	< 6 months (New)		6-12 months (Backlogged)		> 1 year (Embarrassing)
Current Location	Storage Box		Workbench		Display Shelf
Game System	Battletech		Warhammer		Mouse Guard
Size	< 30mm		31-59mm		120mm+

Examples



Dwarf Lord

Assembly	Sculpting
6-12 months (Backlogged)	
Warhammer	30-59mm
Storage Box	



CRB-27 "Crab"

Completed	
<6 months (New)	
Battletech	30-59mm
Display Shelf	



Mouse w/ Sword

Painting	Priming
>1 year (Embarrassing)	
Mouse Guard	<30mm
Workbench	



Skaven Warpblaster

Unassembled	
6-12 months (Backlogged)	
Warhammer	120mm+
Storage Box	

Revisions

- Reordered facets by user priority.
- Reworked “Level of Completion” facet to reflect more granular stages of completion. A “Basing” isolate has been added (decoration of a model’s base with dirt, plants, etc.). Sub-isolates have been added to reflect multiple sub-stages of assembly, painting, and basing.
- Order of isolates for the “Current Location” facet was adjusted to suggest a linear progression (storage box > workbench > display shelf).
- “Time Obtained” facet was revised to “Time Since Purchased” for clarity; isolates were revised with parentheticals to reinforce the function of the facet.
- “Size” facet was revised to be more inclusive by using scale ranges instead of specific scales.
- Corrected the designation number of the Crab battlemech in the examples from “CRB-77” to “CRB-27” (very important.)