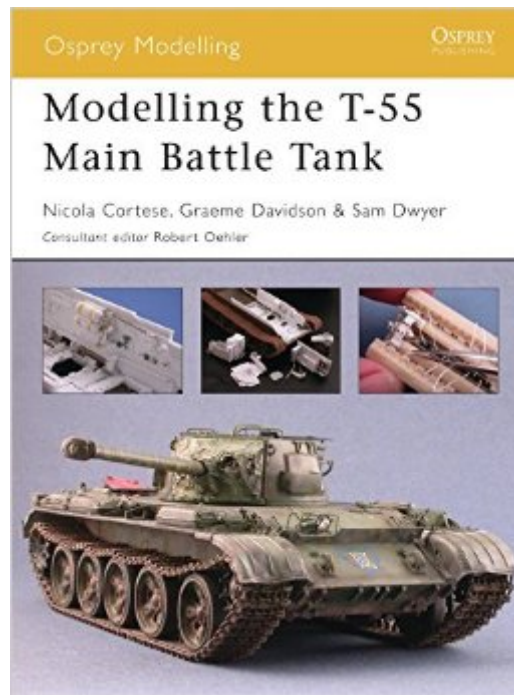


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# Modelling The T-55 Main Battle Tank (Osprey Modelling)



## Synopsis

The T-55 tank first appeared in 1958, a result of numerous improvements made to the (1949) T-54 series, and with a lineage stretching back to the wartime T-34 and the T-44. The T-55 series has seen service around the world with many armed forces, including the Warsaw Pact countries, Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Egypt, Iran, North Korea, Poland, Somalia, Sudan, and Vietnam, and has seen action in key modern conflicts, most recently in the two Gulf Wars. This title showcases the talents of several leading modellers, and presents Serbian, Iraqi, Czech, Syrian, and Russian variants across 1/35 and 1/72 scales. It also features several challenging projects that involve extensive scratchbuilding.

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## Customer Reviews

A better title would have been "Modelling T-55 conversions", nowhere in this book does it show how to build a basic T-55 in 1/35 scale. I bought this book mainly to learn how to build the fuel tank plumbing and attachments, an absolutely necessary requirement on any reasonably accurate T-55 model but the authors don't show this anywhere. The frustrating thing is in each build the authors do this and many other basic improvements needed on the Tamiya kit but nowhere do they show you how or even provide a comprehensive photo. The quality of the builds is amazing but I don't buy books like this to ogle at the skills of others, but to be informed on how to build the title subject matter, which I wasn't. Don't waste your money you'll find more and better information by searching the internet for other people's builds.

.....actually the skill exhibited in this title makes it a must have for any fan of modern Soviet armor. There are actually three contributors to this book and each one showcases their talent in unique builds based on the T-55. Shown in the publication is a burned out Iraqi vehicle that combines both the Tamiya and Trumpeter kit, the Tamiya kit upgraded with AM kits to represent a Kladivo version, a heavily modified 1/72 scale T-55 and a hybrid tank combining the T-55 chassis with an M-36 turret as seen in the Balkans Conflict. The hybrid build is alone worth the price of the book. Cortese adds through scratchbuilding a complete interior to the vehicle and it has to be seen to be believed. I still find it to be one of the most extraordinary examples of modeling I have ever seen. While many find fault in the Osprey series for not having "beginner" builds, I still find that each title, including this one, has a wealth of information that can help both beginner and advanced modeller alike.

Well, this is a great book for the T-55 person. Lots of pictures, essential tips, normal Osprey stuff. I didn't care for it in the Kindle format, however, it just was too awkward to use.

The major factor in my rating is the lack of "How-to" included. The book is full of great photos and does give ideas but assumes you know how to paint and weather and gives no recipes or photos of how to do it. If you are already a master modeler you don't need this info but than you also don't need this book either. As a contrast the Osprey modelling book about the SdKfz 251 halftrack not only has great pictures but lots of directions and photos of how to paint and weather. That is what the T-55 book lacks. You can find much better build articles on the many online AFV/armor websites.

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