

Painting Yuri Shumakov Tubes



As you can see from the pictures Yuri's tube bodies have these lovely little grooves on them. You can add a whole new dimension to your tube bodies by painting these grooves. I use black, blue, chartreuse, fl orange, or whatever comes to mind and looks good with the colours of my patterns.

All you need is a suitable coloured varnish, I use Lagartun, a needle and a napkin or tissue. Take a piece of hard liner tube with formed rim on one of the sides. Set metal body on liner tube. It helps to hold correctly when you paint. Accurately apply small drop of coloured varnish on metal body where grooves are. When drop of varnish is applied on middle section of tube, it goes in to the grooves by capillary effect. Check out if varnish filled all grooves. Don't worry about excess of varnish on other parts of tube! All you need after is to remove excess of dye with napkin picking up the tube between your fingers. The varnish stays inside the grooves where it belongs.

This simple technique will add a whole layer of beauty and effectiveness to your patterns!