

Converting Goblin to Having Handweapons (for free!)

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You can easily convert a box of plastic Goblins to having handweapons without needing anything else other than a clipper and a file. They don't snap off easily like other conversions and are quicker too.



Start with one of the bows on the plastic sprues you get in the box. Cut it off the sprue and file off the mould lines.

Chop off the top section of the bow for a dagger or the bottom of the bow for a sword. Clip off the very end of the remaining section.

File down the sides of the bow so it becomes flat. File down a sharp blade edge.

All that remains is to file the handle so that it is more round. Then glue to the body and paint as normal.



Problems and Solutions

The bow arms which are straight (not bent at the elbow) don't work as well or look as good. If you don't use those arms then you will be short of handweapons. Luckily there are several other ways to make good handweapons from the items on the sprues. One is to file down a spear arm into a sword instead of a bow arm; it isn't as easy because you have to file a lot more and more precisely but still looks pretty good, and can be much longer and straighter like a samurai sword. You also have to allow for the sword handle, which can be a little tricky. Another way is to use the boss arm with the sword. Clipping it down a little means it doesn't look as big as the one your actual boss has so they won't show him up. You could also use a little greenstuff to create clubs, maces, etc.



Don't forget that it will still look good if you have a few models in the unit with spears. Having roughly one per rank helps the unit look a little more erratic and disorganised i.e. more orcy (or more gobliny in this case).

Night Goblins can be done in pretty much the same way. The bows don't have handles though so you have to allow for that when you file it down.

