

Warrior Troll

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For British 'Fantasy' wargamers, the news that 'The Early Learning Centre's' shops are offering a 30% discount on all products as they move in-house with the Mothercare retail chain, brings a remarkable benefit in the form of a "Warrior Troll." I happened to be in one of the shops with my wife and came upon this substantial figure ideally suited to the wargames table. It's one of their "action figures" range, along with some "catapult's" (sic) and a giant two-headed dog, a hydra, and that sort of thing. The Troll's normally £8, and decent value at that price, but is now down to just £5.60.

The Troll stands 5" high (about 12cm or so) and around 4" wide across the shoulders, a single piece figure (suitable for 'over 3's' only so you lot are alright!) It will stand easily on a base about 5"-6" square. It's heavy too, at least half a pound in weight. The figure is made from very hard polystyrene, which gives just a little to the touch, but is safely drilled or cut. It's pre-painted, posed lunging forward in true-Troll style, and carrying a big 3" long scimitar type sword.

It's a vivid expressive figure with a great chain wrapped around its left hand and arm, though the hand could easily be drilled for a second weapon. A mail skirt, a decent spanghelhelm sort of Norman helmet and nice green slimy skin. In fact it's so "table-top" ready, that the only criticism I can make is that the Troll's wearing a green sleeveless vest, the same colour as its skin tone, and I thought this could do with being a touch darker green or even gunmetal perhaps? I thought it could be super-detailed with a second weapon, a dagger or club, or a small target type of shield, and perhaps just a few javelins or arrow heads sticking out of him. The more bloodthirsty among the brethren might drill out the left hand grip and insert a captive figure.

This is immense value as a fantasy one-off battlefield super-weapon, and in fact will fit in with most scales over say 15mm, up to 42mm and 54mm. Delightful, and when compared to the overpriced Games Workshop Trolls at £18, and their largest "Mordor Troll" which kicks in at about £20+ and is less than a quarter of the size, it's a give-away! A truly sophisticated monster.