SCREEN MESH HOW-TO
Paint and Detail your tiles with screen mesh. Using a plastic/fiberglass screen mesh available from any hardware or building supply store. You can add a nice metal grating look to your tiles in just a few easy steps!

WHERE DO I FIND SCREEN MESH?
Fiberglass screen mesh can be purchased in any hardware or building supply store. It is a light weight plastic mesh that is easy to cut with scissors. I do recommend that you prime the mesh before painting it because acrylic paint does not stick well to mesh material.

STEP 1
Make sure the etched lines are facing upward. You want to make sure you paint the right side! Take your Screen mesh, and cut out squares about 25mm square. It’s not overly important to be perfect, just don’t make them too big, or too small.

STEP 2
Glue the mesh squares to the top of the tiles, keeping the mesh square centered on each 35mm section. Place a liberal amount of PVA White glue to the area the mesh will cover. Place the mesh over this and press the mesh into the glue. The goal is to get the mesh embedded in the glue. This will ensure that the mesh will stay in place for many game sessions.

STEP 3
Prime or paint the tile BLACK. Be sure to cover the mesh area completely for an even color. Lightly paint the sides of the of the interlock parts of the tile. Be careful though, and don’t paint the interlock area with too much paint or your tiles will not fit together properly. We suggest a light coat of black, but you can leave it unpainted if you wish.

STEP 4
Using a large brush, dry brush the tile heavily using a dark metallic color. Take special care to brush across the mesh at a 45 degree angle so you don’t get any paint inside the mesh. If one dry brush coat does not give you enough color contrast a second dry brush coat may be needed.

STEP 5
Once the tiles are dry from step 4, randomly dry brush a rust color (burnt umber) across the tile. Be sure not to cover the whole tile with rust, concentrate on areas around the corners and edges of the mesh for the best effect. Next, lightly dry brush a light silver over the tile to pick out the mesh, the etched lines and the corners of the tile. Finally, to finish off the tile, take a sharp pointed permanent marker and draw around the mesh squares and draw in the etched lines to mark the 35mm squares. Once done, varnish or clear coat as desired.