# Plastic Army Men â€“ Be a hero by James

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What are they?

Plastic army men have been in  play  from pre Second World War era.. They were designed because army men have always been a role model for kids growing up because of their discipline and of the rigorous life that they lead. Every young kid wanted to have plastic army men because with them, they could enact their favorite battles.

These small plastic figures were made about 3 inches high and were outfitted in army uniforms with various weapons and other utilities molded onto them..

For the facilitation of waging true make believe wars, there were also war machines available in plastic. Machines such as jeeps, jets, tanks, missile launchers and bazookas were also sold along with the plastic army men.

These toy soldiers became popular and a part and parcel of every growing boyâ€™s life because of the patriotism they brought in with them. Also, parents seemed to prefer these toys instead of action figures to rein in the violent streaks of their children.

There is more to them

The soldiers were mostly made of green plastic but grey, tan and blue versions were available in every toy store, dollar store and any other shop that stocked playthings. The plastic army men were very cheap and hence not sold as one but in a big bucket, each containing about fifty soldiers.

These army men however were not the only plastic soldiers available; there were plastic pirates, cowboys and Indians, spacemen and famous ones such as knights on horseback and other swordsmen.

They scored over action figures as they came in large numbers and could be used to simulate famous battles such as the Omaha beach or the Normandy landing..

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