How Satble are the "Non-Bowtie" Sets?

Posted by Charliemonster - 2007/01/27 04:28

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I'm looking at branching out into the MBS and probably SF sets, but was wondering how stable they are without the connectors? Do they stand up to a session with a group of "thumb-fisted" roleplayers?

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Posted by Kradlo - 2007/01/27 09:32

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I've not had any problems thus far. With the felt lining on the bottom (a nice touch), the pieces remain fairly stable.

I've been skipping use of the bow-tie connectors lately, as it takes a bit more time for the setups. And, the Cavernous River & Wall and Cavernous Lake sets don't use them. No problems at all in shifting - they stay put quite nicely.

The only time they shift is when Cat-thulhu jumps up on the table.

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Posted by Charliemonster - 2007/01/27 11:39

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Thanks for the heads up - time to invest in a few Sci Fi Sets for SWM Methinks

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How Satble are the "Non-Bowtie" Sets?

Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/01/27 15:53

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I'll say that they are very stable, we also have issues with a Cat-thulhu and a Cat-zilla, and they only times they really move is when Cat-thulhu rubs her face on the walls. Most of the sets i own are the Sci-Fi/non Bow ties and i have to say i have no problems with them.

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How Satble are the "Non-Bowtie" Sets?

Posted by jkratzer - 2007/01/27 18:13

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And here I thought we didn't have a cat because I'm allergic to cat dander.

Hmph.

Jim

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How Satble are the "Non-Bowtie" Sets?

Posted by lupus - 2007/01/27 23:10

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hey guys,
talking about the felt holding the sets stable, one of my sci fi passages 4 way intersection pieces has the felt falling off. Is there any neat and tidy way of glueing it back on? Or dont worry? just thought I would ask the wise sages of the forum :)

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Posted by Wereweasel - 2007/01/28 00:35

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I've never had it happen before myself, but if it were to happen I would most likely try some 2-sided "tape" -(not the foam-backed stuff).

That way, you could also apply it in small areas/corners as needed and if it doesn't work very well it should be relatively easy to reverse -as compared to glues/adhesives.

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Posted by jackattack - 2007/01/28 07:07

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Lupus, if you aren't comfortable using a thin layer of superglue (find the brush-on applicator, apply sparingly, and let it get a little tacky before you put the felt back down) then I'd recommend some spray adhesive. You can find it at your local hobby or craft store.

Find a clear open area (or someplace you don't mind getting hit with any overspray), wrap the areas you DON'T want sprayed in a spare cloth or a paper towel, and let fly. Then fold the felt back down and let the piece sit on a piece of clean paper.

I used almost an entire can of spray adhesive to fix a 4'x6' felt megamat to a piece of plywood I'd put a hinge in (so we could put it down on a 2'x4' dining room table on game nights) and it worked just great.

Good luck.

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How Satble are the "Non-Bowtie" Sets?

Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/01/28 15:04

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I have had a few of the felt bottoms come off, and i didn't bother to put them back on, they still sit fine.

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How Satble are the "Non-Bowtie" Sets?

Posted by lupus - 2007/01/28 15:21

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Thanks for the heads up guys.

Might give Jack's idea a try with regards to the superglue with a brush-on applicator :) May be a little more controlled than the tube variety :)

Probably prefer to try to fix it rather than leave it be :) Something compulsive in my nature to keep things together :)

Ghenghis, I know you are more of a sci fi collector. Don't suppose most of the ones that have fallen off on yours are sci fi sets rather than fantasy? Just wondering if it was a set based thing ....eg sci fi rather than fantasy?

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How Satble are the "Non-Bowtie" Sets?

Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/01/28 23:14

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It's actually pretty random through out, I have like 1-2 DOE, 1-2 Sci-Fi, maybe a Cavern, and even 1 Fantasty. It is pretty spread evenly between older sets and newer sets so not sure what causes.

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How Satble are the "Non-Bowtie" Sets?

Posted by lupus - 2007/01/29 00:11

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hmmm perhaps its just wear and tear then, or production error, where perhaps insufficient adhesive was placed on the base when the felt was seated down.

just curious if there was a pattern :)

thanks ghenghis

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How Satble are the "Non-Bowtie" Sets?

Posted by jkratzer - 2007/01/29 07:08

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jackattack,

I'm glad to see you recommended plywood for the spray adhesive. Back in the early '80's I was kinda heavily into Star Fleet Battles and decided to make a giant battle plate using tempered masonite. I used 3M Spray 77 Adhesive to stick down the paper maps sheets, followed by a clear acetate cover; OY!
Ever seen a 2'x4' section of Masonite curved up like a ski nose? Bob Hope would have been proud of that one!
I tried everything I could think of, including 50 lbs. of free weights from my buddy's home gym, to get that map sheet to flatten out; I finally threw it out in the garage for a couple of years of heat/cold/damp/dry cycles, in hopes that SOMETHING would flatten it back down. Never happened; it eventually went in the trash, rocking like a hobby horse.

1/2" plywood would have been MUCH better.

Jim

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