In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?

Posted by Alkatchoff - 2004/05/06 15:38

I'm looking for suggestions from everybody on what the best way to build/expand on a Dwarven Forge collection is.

I just received the Rooms and Passage set which, while really impressive, doesn't allow for too much (on its own). So I find myself thinking about what set to get next. So far, I'm considering either the Octagonal Room Set, the Wicked Additions Set or the Narrow Passages Set (If I can find one).

How did you guys start out your collection?

Thanks,
Alkatchoff

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Posted by KenM - 2004/05/06 16:26

I started with the room and passage set, then deluxe room set, wicked edtion 1 and 2, narrow passages, ogres den, traps one and 2. in that order.

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Posted by SovS - 2004/05/06 17:03

Doesn't really matter you'll catch the bug and get them all eventually! :shock:

But really, I think what you'd need next is a room set and then the wicked additions are nice. The traps arent really needed till you have all the basic ones.

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Posted by L - 2004/05/06 17:14

I'd say definitely get either WA1 or WA2, depending on which you like more. I'd actually reccommend getting both before anything else -- the most interesting pieces, IMHO, are in those sets. The traps and the "advanced builder" pieces are nice enough, but nothing tops the spiral stairs, the demon arch, the mermaid fountain....

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by Alkatchoff - 2004/05/06 18:18

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I definetely had by eyes on both Wicked Additons sets... the problem being which one to pick up first. I've got a feeling my weird attraction to water terrain elements in wargaming will make me pick up the one with the Mermaid fountain, although I've heard nothing but good things about the green Demon Arch... *sigh* Mentionning all the sets isn't helping at all! :P

Alkatchoff

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by MrMorden - 2004/05/07 06:26

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Get the cavern set first. Every game eventually ends up in a dark cave... :shock:

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by Thor - 2004/05/07 08:03

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1) Caverns. (Buy this TODAY)

2) Wik-Ed 1

3) Wik-Ed 2

These will be most useful, "most" of the time.

The Traps Sets are nice but can be replaced/simulated with imagination.

Adv. Build, Narrow Pass, Diagnel, ogres den, sets are probably "least" useful. They are luxury items. :D

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by Alkatchoff - 2004/05/07 10:24

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Ok, so my priorities list has changed after the following posts :)
Right now, fighting for first place is the Cavern Set (looks great, really useful) and the Narrow Passages set (good variety, OOP)...

How useful are the Cavernous Passages set compared to getting a second Caverns Set?

Thanks,
Alkatchoff

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by SovS - 2004/05/07 10:28

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The cavernous passages are a beautiful set. Though they can be a little narrow at times. I wouldnt get the narrow passages quite yet.

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by Thor - 2004/05/07 12:44

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Get the Caverns set.

"waiting..... looks at watch....." :rolleyes:

Ok, Now if your choice is between another Cavern and the Cavernous passages. I would get the Cavern passages. Here's why:

The two together are just great. They were designed to be used togther (I assume) You can make passages suddenly open into larger caves. Carvens should be totally unlike your ridged and straight "Dungeons". They need to keep the PCs guessing. "Is this little passage going to lead into a huge lair?"

Neat trick is to use your Caverns set to make two semi-large caves and then connect them with a narrow & winding "Cavernous Passage" (C-Pass)

The C-Pass comes with two "conversion pieces" these are really normal 4 wide Caverns pieces that go narrow (2 wide) These actually get you more bang for your buck when making big caves. These are the coolest pieces in the set because they are so good at making a cavern area very natural looking. They block LOS and force character to move carefully.

Two Cavern sets are great but I feel you would have more fun with the greater variaty you can make with getting a C-Pass set.

There is another "Why Caverns are so great" thread around here somewhere. Read that too. Guess who wrote that one??? :D

Let me know how pleased you are after you use these. ;)

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by TheDungeonDelver - 2004/05/07 15:52

I'm going to take the contra-view here and put this in:

Rooms and Passages
Master Builder's Set
Wicked Additions #2
Wicked Additions #1
Cavernous Passages
Cavern Set

Then add a second Rooms and Passages set.

Then I'd start padding things out with "extra" hallway lengths, etc.

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Posted by brvheart - 2004/05/08 00:20

One of each! Face it, you are going to buy them all anyway! Get the plastic aworkin!!! 8)

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?

Posted by L - 2004/05/08 00:48

Here's one reason to consider the Wicked sets before the cavern set:
You already have room pieces. The cavernous pieces can be used "with" the room pieces in the sense that they fit together, but at the end of the day you're still gonna have empty rooms.

With the wicked pieces, you can make the rooms infinitely more interesting. After that, then you can add caverns to the mix.

At the same time, I gotta say: it's all amazing. I myself had no willpower, and picked up everything really quickly once I got started.
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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?

Posted by Thor - 2004/05/10 07:36

After all is said and done, They are all great sets.

I wouldn't really recomend the master builder set until you have filled in your more basic sets.

I'm still favoring the caverns. Gives you 2 totaly different "environments" to place your PCs. Dungeon and Cave. The two Wik-ed allow you to make much more interesting dungeons.

Your going to want all of these. Which to get first??? Tough call :lol:

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Posted by Alkatchoff - 2004/05/10 11:51

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Well, I got lucky and found a box of Narrow Passages at the local store, so I picked it up. And I ordered the Cavern :)
I actually really like the narrow passages, if only because it makes the game more cramped. Oh, and seeing a horde of zombies down the hall and knowing only 1PC can get in contact with them has a lot of potential too. Now, to paint them zombies!

As another question for you guys, is the Curved Walls and Passages set any good? It seems fairly useful, but a bit too expensive for what's included in the box... The reason I ask is that the store's got one left, at 15% off...

Waiting for the cavern,
Alkatchoff

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?

Posted by Thor - 2004/05/10 12:04

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Curved walls and passages. 15% off.. hmmmmm

I would pass on it. You need so much other stuff. It's a good set for making curves. There are just so many "more" useful sets you will want. But don't you still need:

Cavernous passages, Wicked 1 & 2 ?

What do you own now?

You will be happy with the caverns :lol:

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?

Posted by brvheart - 2004/05/10 12:15

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I would pick it up myself as it is no longer available. While others may be more interesting, they are going to be there later. FYI, the Master Builders set is I believe now called Advanced Builder. I don't know if there is any change between them as I never saw the original.

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?

Posted by Thor - 2004/05/10 13:27

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Oh yea, It is discontinued!!! :o (I knew that) doooh...

That may sway the call. But not if this guy was only planning to get one more set total.

Advanced builder - Master Builder I can never remember. I can also never remember which Wicked ed has the Fountain and which has devil portal!!! :lol:

Hey look you can click and go back to the web-site now!! It just popped up there. :P

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Posted by Shoe - 2004/05/11 16:23

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If you want big rooms, WA2 is perfect. the 2 6-inch square floors make huge halls easy, and the 6-inch walls are also very handy.

I picked up a 25-piece set of diagonal walls a year or two ago - it was much better for me than getting the Octogonal room set, since I really didn't need more walls and floors at the time, and I ended up with more diagonal pieces. Haven't seen it for sale recently, though, so it may have been discontinued.

I've got 2 cavern sets, but still feel like I'm limited on occasion - also picked up 2 cavernous passage sets, as well... I love em, but I think I still need another cavern set. I've been holding out, hoping that there will eventually be a cavernous river/lake set.

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?

Posted by Thor - 2004/05/12 07:47

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Shoe, I'm in the same boat 2 each of Caverns & Passages. Waiting for water sets to expand these. I just love mixing the two sets together.

Might make some of my own.....hhhmmmmm? :rolleyes:

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by brvheart - 2004/05/12 09:39

The wife said maybe another Cavern set for my birthday, but we have spent waay too much in the last 7 months, over a $1000. Damn, long time until August!

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by Thor - 2004/05/12 10:28

Yea, I'm gonna sit tight and spend some time actually useing my stuff in games. I plan on getting a lot of these new floor tiles. Very usefull.

Wish they were available indavidualy. I could use like 6 of those as yet unseen tombs 8)

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In what order would you purchase Dwarven Forge sets?
Posted by Tev - 2004/05/13 14:00

Howdy, I'm new to the site and this thread was very informative. Planning on purchasing a few sets soon and reading this helped me tremendously in deciding the order in which I'd like to get them. So I wanted to say thanks! Keep up the discussion!

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Posted by Thor - 2004/05/13 14:14

Thanks Tev, You will be reciving a bill in the mail..... :D

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2004/06/06 13:26

As other Threads have Suggested, I am Really Looking forward to the New Floors, It Looks Like Three of them are Going to be Suitable for Making Rooms out of, The Lava Pit, the Summoning Circle anf the "Rift" am I Missing any?

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