

Is there any interest in carpets - either general or DF custom designs

Posted by Thod - 2007/10/10 18:58

All

A year ago I got a miniature carpet from my wife as a gift from her holiday to Istanbul. This year the whole family went there - and I took the opportunity to buy in lots of carpets - as well as forming some connections with a company which is making them.

My main driving force - wouldn't it be cool to have a carpet with the DF logo on it.

The good answer is - yes - they would be willing to make them. And yes - Jeff told me that he wouldn't mind if I would use the logo (I offered some bits for DF in return to make it a win/win). And as the cost isn't too astronomic and also storage shouldn't be too bad I'm willing to take the risk (which would mean to end up with a few hundred unsold carpets - but hopefully my money back as well or even with a small profit).

So the questions I have at the moment are:

- 1) What would you like to see on such a carpet. My current idea is the Logo as well as a map of a dungeon which could be made using DF.
- 2) Would you be interested in such carpets at all? The cost for a custom design 4*6 inch carpet for customer would probably be \$5.
- 3) What other kind of carpets would you like to see?

Some ideas of my own:

A) A series of 5 carpets with 5 different designs - showing dungeon maps and puzzles. They are part of an adventure and you will get each carpet twice (once cut into pieces, once as a complete carpet). The adventure would be downloadable for free - but you would have to buy the carpets.

B) Tiny small carpets. The company doesn't produce any smaller carpets as such. But you could take the 'bookmark size' and make a design which contains 3 individual carpets. Just a scissor and you would get three carpets which are approx. 0.8 inch times 1.6 inch.

C) A carpet with a dragon design

So much my own ideas.

If you want to see some of the carpets I currently have, then go to <http://www.dwarvenforge.com/dwarvenforums/viewtopic.php?id=2131> - the inventory of my current scratch building activity with some postings of carpets I have at the moment of writing this.

Thod aka Omar the carpet trader

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Posted by Harneloot - 2007/10/10 21:31

Idea A sounds excellent - sign me up!

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Posted by jkratzer - 2007/10/11 01:32

Hey Omar!

I think I already put in my order for A, B, and C - but if not, write it up - and make sure B has a plain one in matching colors, a DF set, and a patterned matched set. Beyond that, don't really care. The plain color set would be nice in a royal blue, since that is mine and Sandy's favorite color. The dragon set in C would be COOL if it has a Red dragon, because Sandy has a Red dragon print she bought EONS ago at a RenFaire-type festival in Harford County before she even met me!

Let me know when and how much, so I can PayPal you.

Okay?

Jim

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Posted by lupus - 2007/10/11 01:50

I'm partial to options A and C.

Also, as an addition to option C if anyone else is interested, is possibly some scenery. Although these are carpets, I'm sure there wouldn't be too much of a problem using these as tapestries in a set up :)

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Posted by Thod - 2007/10/11 06:54

Lupus

Yes - I have thought about tapestries. I'm still contemplating how to 'fix' them to a DF wall. To offer tapestries I feel I would also need to offer some way to put them up - at least as an option.

I will have to see what I can come up with.

Thod

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Posted by lupus - 2007/10/11 07:09

Thod,

I assume these carpets are backed like normal carpets? If so, there will probably be a thicker layer behind them. Is there a problem just propping them up on the DF walls with something like bluetack? Not sure what you Americans call the stuff :) But it's usually used to put posters on the wall without drilling holes in it. They should be all that heavy should they?

Or alternately, an idea I am playing with something similar to hanging pictures with picture rails. In my home, I have about 11 - 12 foot ceilings. About a foot above where a normal ceiling would start, I have another rail, from which one can place hooks, which then attach to a framed picture. The picture is then suspended more or less from the picture rail down.

With DF, you still have the wires (actually thinking about it more, possibly fishing line might be better, as the thin ligature wire I'm thinking would probably snap after repeated use) suspending the tapestry, but instead of hanging it down from a picture rail, you run the wire over the side and then under the DF piece? Not sure how feasible that is, but the DF piece should have the weight to stop the picture/tapestry from dislodging. Just unsure how stable that would be though.

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Posted by Shadox - 2007/10/11 12:12

Lupus,

In america or at least in Tx we call it poster tack by 3m. I am sure that it would work. As for options I would love option C, a dragon. Red dragon with gold trim. Outside of that a DF carpet would be cool.

Shadox

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Posted by jkratzer - 2007/10/11 12:54

Hanging DF-scaled tapestries?

How about Velcro? Glue the plastic part on the DF piece, the fabric part on the tapestry, hang away! The plastic part should take paint like regular plastic, and probably will not look THAT different from a fungus among us on a dungeon wall; on a DoE wall, different story. On MBS, you'd want to go with plastic on the tapestry, fabric on the wall - but I think velcro comes in a khaki color as well as black or gray.

Just a thought; it might need some more research.

Jim

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Is there any interest in carpets - either general or DF custom designs
Posted by thenorthman - 2007/10/11 17:06

I like option A and C myself.

I will have to attempt a magnetic thing for the tapastries. (Know somebody else was trying that as well on here.) When have something complete will post a picture of it.

Sean

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