

## D&D B2: Keep on the Borderlands

Posted by Tav\_Behemoth - 2007/12/10 02:00

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I'm hoping to DM some convention games set in Gygax's glorious Caves of Chaos. Does anyone have experience setting up the caverns? How many sets would it take to do the entire 750 x 500 map, and how big a table would you need?

The three levels of elevation within the dungeon make me think that it'd be awesome to set up each level on some kind of mount that you could lift away as the party descends. Would foamcore poster board be strong enough to build something that could be transported & set up quickly?

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Posted by jkratzer - 2007/12/10 12:55

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Tav -

I seriously doubt that foamcore will be strong enough. I have a multilevel stage that I engineered with 1/4" Lexan, 2'x2' square, and it just BARELY holds a full level of DF - this stuff is GORGEOUS, but the resin is HEAVY!

Your best bet is 3/8" plywood with a gridded framework underneath it for support, probably 12" or 16" centers, cross-lapped and glued, and use either #6 wood screws or sheetrock screws to secure the plywood to the framework - which could be cut from plywood as well. If you make your framework in 4'x4' sections, it should be light enough to lift off in sections with two people, to reveal areas as necessary - I'm not sure just how large the Caves of Chaos really are. Whatever you use for your levels, plan on giving your platforms at least 4"-6" legs to lift them over the level below.

Mike the Invincible Overlord, in Miami, also has built multilevel setup platforms (He inspired the rest of us!), and I believe either Blackhawk1 or Genghis Ska up there in Connecticut did as well. But most of us have used Lexan; it sounds like what you want will need the strength of plywood, because of the sheer size. If you do - paint it BLACK!

See ya!

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/12/10 15:30

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Not I, i use Foamcore not lexan, in small sizes and it seems to hold up pretty good. But then it is small sizes, say 10x10 and it holds up, i have never tried to do Keep on the border lands, that thing is jsut so massive i don't have near enough DF to even try it.

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## D&D B2: Keep on the Borderlands

Posted by waza - 2008/01/16 01:48

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The great thing about the caves of chaos is that while some of the "caves" are interconnected many are not. And each of the caves has a distinct style even in the way they are drawn on the map.

Some could be done as caverns, the minatur maze as cavernous passages (though that is enchanted to confuse people so probably should not pre layout that at all), others as regular DF Dungeons (some of the caves follow a very regular 10' grid, thoguh you would probably need quite a few diagonal passages from memory) and maybe even others as Den of Evil.

That would be fun to give a go of trying to make if I could find a 12.5' by 8.5' foot table.

I think foamcore would hold fine, provided there were enough supports underneath.

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## D&D B2: Keep on the Borderlands

Posted by Aracon - 2008/06/09 03:03

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I though about setting up B2 but I don't have enough pieces to do it completely (even without the castle). I have a large collection so I think the only way you would get a setup this massive is to have deep pockets, get several large collectors together for a big event, or cut some of the caverns out of foam to supplement your DF. Personally, I would recommend cutting foam out for the upper layers that will be elevated and use DF on the bottom levels. You can get decent looking caverns from 2" thick pink insulation foam glued to foamcore poster boards. Try spraying on rustoleum to make it look like a cavern wall. I might whip some of these up myself for some suspended caverns I have been considering. However, the do-it-yourself doesn't come close to DF for appeal but might do the trick for a massive setup.

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## Re:D&D B2: Keep on the Borderlands

Posted by dandare - 2011/06/13 21:32

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I see this is an old topic but wanted to carry on with this thread.  
First to ask how it went for you and if you have any advice to share / pass on..

My gaming group have decided to run this same module B2 'Keep on the Borderlands' out of respect for Gary Gygax and to remind us all where this great hobby came from and to experience a great 'old school' dungeon.

I have a fair amount of DF sets and will do my best to faithfully reproduce the various parts of the huge cavern and dungeon at the heart of this module. (But not all of the caverns at the same time - for one I do not have a table big enough!) I doubt I will get the levels on different height polystyrene, but may give the levels 'a go'.

We start in about 1 month and I will post 'as it goes'.

Wish me Luck!

(All tips / advice is greatly appreciated and most welcome.)

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## Re:D&D B2: Keep on the Borderlands

Posted by admin - 2011/06/16 15:06

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Please post pics and updates when you can. I played B1 first, but it was not until I played B2 that I completely fell in love with D&D.

Thanks for sharing.

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## Re:D&D B2: Keep on the Borderlands

Posted by dandare - 2012/05/30 01:54

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I am pleased to say that we have begun our quest. Currently the party have made it safely to the Keep. I need to run a few 'side' adventures to get their levels up a bit before I can let them into the 'Caverns' - But here are a couple of shots to set the scene:

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(I cover the dungeon with cloth & peel back as the party explore)

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(I managed to split the party :))

I will post more in a few weeks once the party reach the main 'Valley' and cave complex. I have circa 30 sets of DF sets ready to build as much of the dungeon as I can fit on my table at one time !

Great old school D&D

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## Re:D&D B2: Keep on the Borderlands

Posted by Arcarius2001 - 2012/05/30 04:42

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B2!! Very very cool. Please keep us posted, I really want to see more of these pics.

Thanks for posting.

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**Re:D&D B2: Keep on the Borderlands**  
Posted by Pusherman - 2012/05/30 06:35

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looks great, especially all the buildings.

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