Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Stefan - 2008/10/21 16:22 Hello Gang, Finaly got good new from our factory that the new Realm of the Ancients with the adjusted mosiac tile paint scheme will be do-able! WooHoo! Even better news, we may also be able to make ONE of the much more complex 4x4 room pieces available during the pre-order period, more news on this from Jeff when he puts together his newsletter... here is a picture of the new paint Scheme...possibly even better considering it's versability and customizable possibilities...Please let me know what you think...as you can see from this pic, the rest of the paint job will stay intact! http://dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/32112/New Floor.jpg Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by pfworks - 2008/10/21 16:29 I like it. When do I get to order? Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Papa Troll - 2008/10/21 16:51 Looks good! /Papa Troll Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Harneloot - 2008/10/21 16:53

BEAUTIFUL!!!

When Can I order?

:D

Also - LOVE the idea of getting a special painted room or two!!!

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by thenorthman - 2008/10/21 18:47
Awesome!
Depending on what is in a set at least three here if not more if there isn't a lot in each set.
Sean
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Myrthe - 2008/10/21 20:26
Fantastic !!! For me, this simplified scheme dramatically increases the versatility !!
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2008/10/21 20:49
Yeah looks nice, and who knows i may even try to paint some!
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by pfworks - 2008/10/21 21:30
Wow, the floortiles for this set can be used to make a walkway or a road. Stick a fountain in the middle and you have a plaza. Lots of floor tiles would look really good as the streets and alleys in an MBS setup.
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Harneloot - 2008/10/21 23:03
Agreed. Hopefully Stefan & Jeff will offer up some 5 packs of floor tiles as they did with the MBS

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by thenorthman - 2008/10/22 02:46

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Or some 6X6 sets of the tiles would be cool as well.
Sean
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by rustyblade - 2008/10/22 04:12
Yeah those are very cool.
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by THOTH - 2008/10/22 06:10
Wow! Just amazing! I can certainly use thesecan't wait!
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by jkratzer - 2008/10/22 11:36
Okay Stefan, fork over the Room set, the Room & Passage set, and the Extra Floors set - right now! Two of each, don't hold out on us, set 'em up! GIMMEE GOODIE!! Geez, sound like some kind of Star Wars creepy, don't I? GS, come over here and slap my wrist or something. I'm being bad againOUCH!! Not so damn hard; you'll break something, and I won't be able to roll my EVIL D20 any more! A simple smack on the back of the hand would do.
Please, Stefan, this is great news; don't keep us waiting too long. Christmas is coming, and would be a perfect time for the boat to come in with our presents.
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Stefan - 2008/10/22 14:52

I'm really sorry guys but these won't make it before Christmas...We spent too much time perfecting everything and then getting a better price and everything...so basically we shot ourselves in the foot and once again managed to miss the Christmas shopping wave...well, the good part is that the Set is pretty damn kool now, AND I have also actually finished about 1/2 hour ago the last piece for the follow up

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ROTA 2 set! WooHoo! Hopefully, it can be available 2-3 months after ROTA-1 Hopefully OTA -1 will arrive around late January, early Febuary with the next one 2-3 months aftr that If all goes well with sales...

2009 looks to be a very productive year although it's much too early to spill the beans on what we have cooking....

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Harneloot - 2008/10/22 15:56

MMMM - me love beans!

And the ABS 2.....?

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Yeah, it leaves more money in the till for me to buy Disney Princess stuff for my daughter for Chritmas;)

BTW, when is that My Little Pony Pink Dungeon of Cotton Candy due out, Stefan ??!!! :D

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Celtchief - 2008/10/22 19:02

I'll take 2-3 sets please. Or 4.

Looks fantastic! I am currently reorganizing my DF for ease of use during gaming, and this will make an

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Stefan,

NEVER apologize for doing something right; wait until you screw up, then claim it's an "undocumented

Hey, it worked for Bill Gates; maybe we can get DF into the realm of stratospheric wealth, too. Then you can BUY the Chinese factory and move it, lock, stock, and barrels, over here and make all the RotA you want - PAINTED! (yeah, I know - dream on!)

Anyway, good work, guy. And pushing it back until after Christmas just means we get to save up more cash, so we can afford more!

Huzzah!!

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by admin - 2008/10/23 15:14

Yes, this set has been long delayed -- but in the end it was all worth it. Another masterpiece, Stefan! I expect to be posting some photos in a few weeks (sorry!). It will take that long for the factory samples to reach me and get photographed.

The Advanced Builder Set 2 will be available in March. More photos in about a month.

And yes, there is already a RotA 2 set that is nearly complete, and it should be available in the summer of 2009.

The plan now is to offer the RotA set (limited edition of 1,500) at \$10 off for pre-ordering starting Dec. 1st, with a ship date of the end of February. We have TWO limited edition, "never available again" pieces that will be given away FREE if you buy more than one set. Both are very cool, but you have to buy a total of three sets to get both pieces. The cost of the set will be \$149 (or \$139 during pre-orders).

Start saving now! After a lull in 2008, Dwarven Forge is storming back in 2009 with lots of very cool sets!

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Posted by waza - 2008/10/23 23:06

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We we be able to buy both together (if I can afford anything with the extremely low Aus\$. I still don't understand why when our economy is in better shape than yours it's the value of our \$ that drops)

One of the big issue for overseas purchasers (particularly those of us that don't get taxed) is postage, and it really saves by buying at least 5 sets at once. I know for those in North America it may be better to

out of the sets by March. We would issue a warning via newsletter and Forum post if we hit the "100 sets left" mark.

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Posted by pfworks - 2008/10/24 05:32

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Because when the world economy goes down, money s consolidated into a few major currencies (the dollar being one of them)

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Djtherapy - 2008/10/24 06:04

Really Looking forward to using this set for Dioramas, as well as for Ad&d adventure set ups. Great detail, offering tons of possibilities for adventures and settings.

I'm sure it will be worth the wait, but damn, hurry them up, I'm about to start a new Campaign....

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by arsthein - 2008/10/24 07:31

Oh, man, the limited edition pieces given for purchasing 3 sets is bad news for me. I would rather prefer to buy them even if every piece is expensive, because the shipping costs would be terrible for 3 sets, and I'm sure I could (or shouldn't) afford 3 sets anyway (plus the AB 2 or course)...

Greetings,

Realm of the Ancients is possible

Posted by jkratzer - 2008/10/24 12:42

Before anyone starts, please note, I realise this isn't DF's fault and we've covered this all before. Just wish there was some way of minimizing shipping costs so we can spend more with DF rather than on the postal system

Lupus -

I'm REALLY not ragging on you, but you might want to try what Thod and I did one time.

Establish a TRUST relationship with someone here in the States, someone you trust well enough to have your stuff shipped to them from the Fulfillment Center in Tennessee. That person then ships BY CHEAPEST METHOD to you, and you pay them back for that cost, either in cash or in something that they want and YOU can get CHEAP and send them cheap.

Just a suggestion, and I'm not volunteering this time, but if you DO find someone to set it up with, you will find it's worth it. But make SURE it's someone you trust. 'Cause we're talking serious money here. And, as cool as that RotA looks, do me a favor, please; DON'T trust ME! PLEASE don't trust me! I can only resist temptation for so long! :lol: :lol: :lol:

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Shadox - 2008/10/24 21:03
Oh me oh my I just built a new shed for all my boxes. Now I am going ot have to expand itShadox
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by MyLordVoid - 2008/10/25 02:03
Stefan,
Good news on the production save, not to mention a ROTA 2 already in the works. Excellent, and hey love the new (ROTA 1.5?*Grin*) look of the mosaic. It reminds me a lot of those bank-like buildings you see in older cities that make use of 1920s & 30s era structures. They look worn and elegant at the same time. All you need to do is release a LE Art Deco-esque elevator to complete the transformation!
Plus, the amount of detail in the sculpts certainly leaves lots of room for those that wish to pull more detail out of the mosaics to do so. Just a bit of paint could totally change the whole feel of the piece. Very nice.
Cannot wait to find out what the surprises might be for 2009 as well*Woot*!
maj!
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by lupus - 2008/10/25 03:52
Jim, Thats actually not a bad suggestion:) Might have to look into it and see what can be done.
Never actually considered the idea before, specially since I've always been eager to grab new sets as soon as they are released. However, on saying that, if I need the odd set or piece, this might be a very very good suggestion :)
Thanks
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by shoesan - 2008/10/30 23:54

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Why would it be cheaper for Lupus to have his order sent to someone in the states, and then that person send it to him? He would have to pay shipping to get it to the guy in the states, and then pay shipping again to get it from the first guy to him overseas. Can't DF just send it to him directly in whatever manner is cheapest? Sorry if I missed something earlier about DF shipping. Do they have to use an expensive method or something?

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Shoe
Realm of the Ancients is possible
Posted by thenorthman - 2008/10/31 00:27
Well I do not know if they HAVE to use the most expensive method but there Warehouse person or shipper might have a contract with UPS.
UPS Ground isn't bad if you live in the Lower 48 States but can be a little much outside that. I do see where they are coming from to since I do not believe it is actually Jeff or Stephen doing the shipping of the product, but a "third party" distributor.
Plus trust me it probably would be cheaper for him to get it sent to a friend in the states then shipped to him via USPS. My last order I saved around \$200 dollars having it done this way. My order was even in three different boxes and all came to me priority mail. Around \$35 to be sent to my mother-in-laws then \$125 to me (three boxes of 7 sets, which two were the "double thick" boxes.) The DF shipping calculator was quoting me at \$400 and change when I filled my street address into it. With coustomes I am sure the saving would be a little less but still there would be a savings.
Sean
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by lupus - 2008/10/31 00:38
With regards to the shipping, I have a feeling it is not only the fact that we are dealing with UPS, but also the fact that whomever is doing the dispatch for DF is also charging a premium for doing international shipping. Not that it should be that much more difficult for overseas shipping, at least to Australia. About the only thing extra from what I can see is a customs declaration form stating value, and possibly a no dangerous contents form. But then what do I know? :)
Pity I don't have any contacts in the US I can use at the moment though :)

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by thenorthman - 2008/10/31 02:16

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Well lupus I would offer but I live in Alaska so it gets a little expensive and wouldn't feel right offering up my mother-in-law. :O)
Sean
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Harneloot - 2008/10/31 02:35
l'd do it for you Lupus if you want. We did the Orge's Den deal no problem and the post office is literally 200 yards from my house.
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by lupus - 2008/10/31 03:24
Northman & Harneloot
Many thanks for the offer
Harneloot, PM sent :)
Thanks
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by shoesan - 2008/10/31 11:43
Cool. You got a volunteer from someone you did business with before. I was going to volunteer too, but you dont know me from Adam, so I am sure you would have had some uncertainty there. I hate overseas shipping. When I was in the military stationed overseas, I always had problems with companies (not DF) not wanting to send to my APO address. That really bothered me. Even some Ebay auctions would put in the disclaimer "No APO addresses". And it wasn't a cost issue. Sending to an APO address costs the same as sending to CA. I guess they just didn't want to put the customs form on the box or whatever. Well, that and the fact that you have to use USPS. Some places are just UPS only. So if that kind of place was the ONLY place that had what I needed/wanted, I would have to send to a family member in the states, then they would send it to me (so double shipping charges). I can totally relate to the bogus-ness of overseas shipping!
Shoe

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Harneloot - 2008/10/31 21:35
Harneloot, PM sent :) Doesn't seem to have come through?
E-mail me directly at:
Harneloot (at) aol (dot) com
Cheers!
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by jkratzer - 2008/11/03 12:51
Shoe -
Does the phrase "Slow boat to China" ring a bell? Actually, in Thod's case, it was as slow boat to the UK, but it worked for him, he got his stuff at a MUCH cheaper shipping price than it would have cost him from the Fulfillment Center, DF was able to sell him what he wanted and keep a HAPPY customer, and I even got some stuff Thod made for me that I wanted! Everyone was happy. Even though Thod had to wait a while for his stuff.
Thod -
Sorry to be putting our business out in public, but I wanted to make sure Shoe understood why it would be cheaper for lupus to go that route for shipping, assuming he found someone he was comfortable with here Stateside.
Jim
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Thod - 2008/11/04 11:00
Jim
No problems advertising this option. The more money goes to DF vs shipping, the better.
There are only two issues I would like to add:

a) it takes LONG. You will wait for several weeks and have no tracking information.

b) the last time I looked up prices I couldn't find the surface option with the US Mail any more.

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I wasn't sure if b) was my fault for not looking at the right place - or if this really is no longer offered.
It saved some money while it worked though.
Jens
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Harneloot - 2008/11/04 12:58
The cheapest I Could find on the USPS web-site was Express Mail Internationalwhich doesn't seen to be nearly the bargain surface mail was.
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by lupus - 2008/11/05 10:21
Yeah, but it would be interesting to compare with what the DF dispatch center charges.
Will do so when I'm ready to do an order :D
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by jkratzer - 2008/11/05 18:23
It MIGHT NOT BE USPS; I don't really remember, just that it was significantly less than what the Fulfillment Center charged for overseas shipping. I just took the package up to my local Postman Plus shop and told them, "Here is the address in the UK; send it the CHEAPEST WAY, regardless of how Iong it takes, as long as it DOES get there, safely." The rest is an exercise in asking Thod for the time it took and the carrier's name. IF he still has the package.
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by weaverjk - 2008/11/11 00:37
Aaaaah! HOW can I aford them all?
Sell more tokens! er - wait - that's a conflict of interest.

There you go - how about some of the new DF sets as prizes for some TD things (True Grind for

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instance). *smirk*

Okay, okay. If I'll see if I can work DF into the budget once I see what future paychecks looks like.

JKW

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Drammattex - 2008/11/13 21:28

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Some of the more complex patterns, the one's in the 4x4 rooms will be available for customers who pre-order...details will be announced at that time.

I am supposed to receive 3 proof sets any time now. Once those are examined (and hopefully approved) we will start the pre-ordering period -- probably around Dec. 1st. I can't wait to make some ancient dungeons and photograph them for us all. And we have some limited edition pieces on hand as well to thank those who pre-order. More info in about a week. Thanks for your patience. It is just hard to promise much until the proof sets arrive.

Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by waza - 2008/11/15 20:04

The Advanced Builder Set 2 won't be able to ship until March, but perhaps we can extend the free "limited edition" pieces that come with the RotA until March for orders outside of the USA. We can probably also give you a coupon code that will subtract \$30 off of the purchase if you buy the 3 sets. This is the pricing you would get if you ordered during the pre-order time. The bad effect is that you would have to wait until March to see any of the sets. There is also a slight possibility that we could sell

out of the sets by March. We would issue a warning via newsletter and Forum post if we hit the "100 sets left" mark.

Not sure when planning Advanced Builder 2 preorders to start, but what would work for me is that these preorders start before RotA preorders end. Sure I would have to wait a bit longer for both to be released

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before shipping, but that would solve two problems

- 1) Would minimise postage.
- 2) I do not think my budget will allow ordering 3 of both new sets. See this would let me see what bonus item I "must have" I can actually get.

I understand that you may have business concerns about two preorders at once, but it looks like they will

be very close anyway if your are shipping one set in Feb and the other in March. And having both preorder times overlap would save on any mucking around with special coupons etc.
Realm of the Ancients is possible Posted by Wereweasel - 2008/11/15 21:15
Great news Jeff!
BTW,
Will there be any information about the composition of the ROTA II set available anytime soon, (or before the ROTA I pre-order is closed)?
I ask as it would be helpful for me in determining requisite quantities of ROTA (while considering the unfamiliar, new removable wall system).
IMHO, the new wall system looks FANTASTIC! I'm just not certain how it will actually work/fit with the other pieces of the new line.
I have no doubts that seeing all of the other ROTA I pieces will give me better idea of how they'll work/fit together, although knowing the intended (or even approximate) composition of ROTA II would be even better, as it would demonstrate the expanded possibilities of the new line as well.
Any possibilities?
Thanks again.
Steve