How Many Cavern sets?

Posted by mshea - 2008/11/09 08:33

So the addiction roots deep and I'm considering some cavern sets. Please give me some ideas on the types and numbers of sets to build out encounters one room at a time. I don't really need to build out entire areas, I'd rather just build the room the group is currently battling in.

I am mainly looking for these sets to build out the rooms and encounters in the D&D 4th edition "King of the Trollhaunt Warrens" adventure. Here's a look at the layout and rooms:

http://www.wizards.com/default.asp?x=dnd/4map/20081022b

And an overall map:

http://www.wizards.com/dnd/images/P1_Gallery/800_116887.jpg

Right now I am considering one Cavern set, one Cavernous Passage set, one Cavernous Chasms set, and one Rivers and Walls set.

Any thoughts?

Thanks,

Mike Shea

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Posted by Harneloot - 2008/11/09 09:56

Hey Mike....

Those sound like great choices given the maps of the adventure. The pieces you may find yourself lacking are the ones that transition cavernous chambers to passageways. As long as you are willing to slightly modify the layout of the rooms you should be fine for most, though a second Cavern set would be very helpful (as would a second River/Walls set for some of those rooms with slightly longer river sections).

You might want to try (if you don't already have it) downloading the TileMapping program CRasterImage created (with Image assistance from LoneStar and pfworks I believe) and use it to map out the rooms to your liking and then count how many pieces of each type you need. Then you'd know exactly what sets to buy.

Look in this thread if you need the program:

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/dwarvenforums/viewtopic.php?id=1912

Enjoy!

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How Many Cavern sets?
Posted by mshea - 2008/11/09 10:03

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Well, just minutes after my post, I turned around and my wife had already ordered all four sets. Did I mention I have the greatest wife in the world?

I'm willing to modify the room layouts and I really can't justify more than four sets at the moment. Maybe next year!

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How Many Cavern sets?
Posted by mshea - 2008/11/22 17:18

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How quickly we justify. I bought one more set of the caverns. I love that basic set.

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How Many Cavern sets?
Posted by Harneloot - 2008/11/22 21:17

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How Many Cavern sets?
Posted by Aracon - 2008/11/23 13:29

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The basic cavern set (*buy*) is one of my favorite (*more*) sets.

Subliminal (*DF*) hints anyone?

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How Many Cavern sets?
Posted by mshea - 2008/11/23 17:01

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yeah, I found the basic cavern set to be the most usable right out of the box. It can make a variety of cool single rooms. I love it.

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Posted by Kradlo - 2008/11/23 20:53

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The cavern sets are great, and work equally well for fantasy and sci-fi gaming. I've used all the cavern sets with great success in my D&D games. The Chasm Set in particular sets up awesome scenarios for fights on a narrow causeway over a dark abyss.

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Posted by rustyblade - 2008/11/23 23:07

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I completely agree the basic cavern set is awesome. I just wish it had about 2-3 more flat floor pieces.
Oh well, I am ordering more sets next weekend.

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Posted by Aracon - 2008/11/23 23:44

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Some day, I'd like to see one foot square cavern pieces to make 100' x100' caverns quickly. Setting up sixteen squares is time consuming and a larger piece could be used for 3-D layouts easier.

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Posted by jackattack - 2008/11/24 06:04

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An 8"x8" cavern floor piece would be a nice addition to the line.

In my opinion, every line could do with a micro-set of five or six plain floor tiles, though.

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Posted by Harneloot - 2008/11/24 08:47

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Yes to both above suggestions!

They did have the grouping of 10X large Dungeon floor tiles & 5x MBS floor tiles for awhile though.....

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Posted by brvheart - 2008/11/25 17:20

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I have 3 Cavern sets and the equivalent of 3 cavernous Passage Sets with extra long passages. Can never have too many of those. Still debatingabout the Chasm set. As far as rooms, 2 Room sets and 2 Deluxe room sets along with the Designer one they had out for a short while.

To be honest though, I would just use the maps that come with the module under a sheet of plexy. That is what I use for Shawdowfells except for the Keep. Dwarvenforge works nicely for it.

Total sets, I lost track around 30 plus 2 crates of extras.

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