

## How do I make Levels

Posted by rustyblade - 2008/12/08 22:02

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What types of "platforms" for lack of better term do you use for make levels in DF?

Do you use different types of platforms for different DF lines, if so what do you recommend?

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Posted by Harneloot - 2008/12/09 07:59

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Sometimes I use upside-down fantasy corridors (T, 4 way, straight, L) though I'm a "levels" novice compared to others here - I expect they can provide a much more thorough and creative answer.

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Posted by Dead - 2008/12/09 08:49

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You can also use "foam core" pieces to stack DF. It is two pieces of cardboard with some foam sandwiched between, and it is rigid enough to support DF. It should be available at craft stores. Just cut it to fit your 1st level room and then place another room on top of it. "Foam core" is also available in black so it won't be noticeable. Just a thought.

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Posted by crioux - 2008/12/09 09:27

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I used 3 different ways.

1-Like everyone else, use other DF modules to support others, sometimes columns work. Doesn't work well in large setup or large floors, unless you literally fill the bottom layer. Not good if you plan on using the bottom room.

2-Use heavy cardboard pieces, like I used in the MBS levels and roof system:

<http://dwarvenforge.com/dwarvenforums/viewtopic.php?id=1665&p=2>

3-use big plexiglass sheets

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Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2008/12/09 09:48

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It all depends on what the final effect i want is for.

Some times yeah upside down (or right side up) DF passages work great.

Foam core or carboard can work well if you want to pull a layer of and put it back on. I did the foam core when i was making a series of tall buildings for one campaign, it allowed me to put it out as a full building and then pull the floors apart to show the different levels.

Some times 2 inch thick Foam insulation. It's the same height as DF and makes a good stable suport system, works well for larger expansive set ups that need sprawling layers.

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Posted by jkratzer - 2008/12/09 14:25

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Mike the Invincible Overlord designed Lexan shelves with spacers, 8-12 inches apart, for gaming. He glued the spacers to the bottom of the shelves, which were 2' x 2' square.

I took his idea, drilled the Lexan - it's at least 1/4" thick - so I could put a 1/4-20 bolt through it, and used 1" Lexan posts with threaded inserts glued into each end with "all-thread" rod to assemble the tower. It allows me to transport the entire assembly as a flat package, 2'x2'x1" thick, plus a box or bag big enough for the 1" diameter 8" long Lexan rods that separate the levels. Actually, the top and bottom levels have a 1" Lexan ring at each corner over the hole, and one in the center of the bottom piece, as supports where the bolts go and as a center brace. I've used it for games at Shore Leave (a fan Convention each July here in Baltimore, MD) for the past 5 years now, and it works great. I can build my levels, cover them with fabric, and stack them fully-assembled on the game table. As the players work their way down into the dungeon, or up into the tower (whichever way they're going) I remove the fabric cover and surprise the \* out of them!

It makes for a VERY entertaining day - for SOME of us!

I would recommend using thicker than 1/4" Lexan, however; DF is heavy, and Lexan can get flimsy as it gets larger. Or else, go to a smaller size than 2' square; maybe something like 18" square. Also, consider a "smoked" color, instead of totally clear. It would provide better concealment for the levels.

Have Fun!

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Posted by rustyblade - 2008/12/19 16:26

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Thanks for everyone's input!!! I have been playing around with all the ideas except the Lexan which I like, but don't have those materials handy(must make trip to hardware store).

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Posted by jkratzer - 2008/12/21 12:21

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Rusty;

You might not find the Lexan in the hardware store. Check the yellow pages for a plastics supplier.

Good Luck, and Merry Christmas!

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Posted by Aracon - 2008/12/21 18:55

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Hey Jim, do you mind posting some pics on your setup (or a link to it if I missed it in the past). I'm working on a large inn for an upcoming Ptolus game marathon (for those with Ptolus it is the Ghostly Minstrel but I would also like to build out ) and want to build it out 3-D but would like to see your lessons learned and copy your design.

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Posted by Dead - 2008/12/21 19:39

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Thanks!

I will step in for Jim. Here is one of Jim's threads:

<http://www.dwarvenforge.com/dwarvenforums/viewtopic.php?id=904&p=1>

There may be another one.

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