Unpacking Sets
Posted by JBM - 2009/08/02 23:24

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Posted by libertondm - 2009/08/03 01:43

Personally, I take all of my little plastic bags and put them underneath the styrofoam. Or, if I use the styrofoam for storage, I just leave them loose in the bottom of the cardboard box.

Obviously, I don't use the original boxes for storage. They're in a stack near or on the bottom shelves of the area in which I store my DF stuff.

I've bought a number of sets off of ebay, and I feel better receiving the second-hand product with plastic bags on it, so if I ever need to exit DF I think I'll deliver a better product. I've been playing D&D for 30 years, and I don't envision a voluntary exit, but it pays to be prepared.

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Posted by Fu-Man Chu - 2009/08/03 03:45

Mine are thrown away - I first got into DF with second hand stuff, and didn't realize there were those bags till I started buying new sets; they were enough work to get them out of each bag the first time! I couldn't image taking them out and putting them back in each time I used them!... then again, I find that I don't even like the time for taking them out of the styrofoam, which is why I LOVED the 7-drawer sterilite things. Quick, VERY convinient, and well protected.

Then again, perhaps its just that I'm getting old and finding time with everyone to game is hard enough - I don't want to spend a lot of that time pulling DF out of the boxes and bags.

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Unpacking Sets
Posted by Harneloot - 2009/08/03 04:18

What he said :D

(LOVE the 7-Drawer Sterlite things!)

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Unpacking Sets
Posted by HeroQuestFrance - 2009/08/03 07:55

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I keep all DF set boxes on a shelve in my garage.
Each box still has its styrofoam case and inside there are the plastic bags.
In fact when I receive my DF box I take all pieces and let the empty plastic bags into their holes.

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Unpacking Sets
Posted by jackattack - 2009/08/03 10:09

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I store everything in the original packaging. Yes, I mean in the little bags, then back in the styrofoam in the box it came in. Some individual pieces are stored loose, although I'll eventually get to a packaging store and make a new box with custom padding for those.

When I see other people bringing their DF to game night at my FLGS, most of them are bringing the original boxes.

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Posted by Shutterbug - 2009/08/03 13:58

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How many DF sets would you say you can you safely/neatly fit into one of those 7-drawer Sterlite carts? Anyone willing to share pictures of their storage solution?

I'd love to put the empty boxes in the attic and condense everything I have into one or two of those carts. I love the protection of the boxes but hate the bulk. Seems like the cart would be the happy medium for home storage. My dungeon sets are all stacked in their boxes and my sci-fi sets are in their boxes, in a series of tubs with about 7 sets per tub. This is all way too bulky!

Sorry didn't mean to hijack the topic of discussion. Back to the original subject, I also got into DF through the second hand market but decided even when buying new that the baggies were more trouble than they were worth. Especially when having other gamers, or my kids help clean up after a game. Nothing ever when back that we it was supposed to, so I dumped the bags.

Geoff

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Unpacking Sets
Posted by Harneloot - 2009/08/03 14:35

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Here is a post from Aracon who originally discovered this new storage marvel:

"I pulled my DF out of the orignal boxes and put them in plastic drawers made for stamper paper (Target has these in the crafts section). The ones I use are perfect for DF and are 12"x13" by a few inches tall. I can get 36 of the 2x2 terrain in each one or 9 of the ROTA chambers (4x4). The tops snap closed and you can put foam across the top to protect in transit.

With these containers I can fit about 36 sets into four containers (thus about 9 sets per container). They each run around $30, but I've seen some for as litle as $19.

In the same about of space that you would store about 12 sets you can have 36 and they are ready to pull out and set up with ease."

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Posted by Myrthe - 2009/08/03 16:37

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That's great !!! I was guestimating one set per drawer but this is better !! I'll be getting 3 or 4 to start ... hope they're on sale soon.

I'm also planning to glue felt down to the bottom of the drawers to prevent pieces sliding around.

Target employee: "Wow, you do a lot of scrap booking !!"

Me: "No, these are for my dungeon accessories."

Target Security: "Please come with me, Sir ..."

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Unpacking Sets
Posted by Harneloot - 2009/08/03 16:53

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I've been having trouble finding them in the Target stores. One store near me (Mt Kisco NY) had 2 only and another had none (Bethel CT)

Myrthe - have you been gobbling them up already?

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Posted by JBM - 2009/08/03 17:53

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Is this the same as the 7 drawer sterilite storage system mentioned earlier in the thread (sounds a bit different)? Anyone have pictures of either/both?

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Unpacking Sets
Posted by Myrthe - 2009/08/03 19:55

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Myrthe - have you been gobbling them up already?
Nope, not yet. But I've only seen one on the shelves at any local Target at any time. Maybe they keep a stock in the back, though.

@ JBM, yes, this is the same storage unit mentioned earlier, and in another thread.

I did find out that these are exclusive to Target so you won't find them on Sterilite's website.

It sounds a few of us will be visiting Target stores soon. Harneloot, I promise to stay in Norhtern CT :D

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Posted by Fu-Man Chu - 2009/08/03 23:42

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I've got pictures of one of my drawers up in the Cool Photos section:
http://www.dwarvenforge.com/dwarvenforums/viewtopic.php?id=3184

Yeah, and I've found that there doesn't tend to be a lot of the drawers in the Target. Of the 5 or 6 Target's I've been to, most have 1, 1 or 2 didn't have any, and only one had 2.

But I think they re-stock them somewhat frequently as I've been back to one where I got one, and it was back on the self a few weeks later.

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