How to match the colors for all sets ?

Posted by HeroQuestFrance - 2012/09/03 11:27

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Hello everybody.

The last DOE set hasn't the same colours than the 3 previous ones.
It's more clear and I can't bear it. See the photo just below :
http://www.dwarvenforge.info/forums/uploads/post-29-1346365067.jpg
Guess where are parts of DOE 4 ...

It's also the case for all the basic dungeon line without the bow-tie (wicked 3, ruin set etc) and they are darker than the old set with the bow-ties.

What I have to buy and do exactly to get the same colours ?
If someone has the answer please drop me a line here.
(with photo should be better)
We're talking about this in some french fansites and it's true that u can't hide a such problem when u have started to collect sets from the begining.
We don't know why DF has changed the colour suddenly so everyone here tried to hide the bow-ties on old sets (half bow ties, mliilput etc) and now we are searching for the right colors to corrige the difference for the latest sets and ... unfortunately the forthcoming ones !

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Re:How to match the colors for all sets ?

Posted by Lordannilhus - 2012/09/03 11:45

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Hello all,

I join me to my HeroQuest friend . I know that here, there are excellents painters (without to mention Stefan, who is a legend as a master painter). I have many friends who ask me why the colors are differents between the differents set.

Thank you to everyone to your great help

Soon

Lord

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Re:How to match the colors for all sets ?

Posted by David Wasilewski - 2012/09/03 12:07

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I suppose although its a factory process, staff change (new guy dry brushes too heavy and so on...)and the actual colours used may change slightly with each batch done. If there are new runs of DF made,

several months later, this won't help either?

I try to buy all of the same set type in one go, if I can afford it. This might help? But of course, not everyone wants to spend a fortune all at one go.

You could try experimenting with a wash to darken down the brighter pieces?

Dave

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Re:How to match the colors for all sets ?

Posted by Thod - 2012/09/03 14:18

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I don't think the underlying problem for colour differences is the paint. It is the resin

I've cast my own pieces. I'm using the same colours to paint them. Still - sometimes I have problems matching the colour of an earlier piece - even using the same colour to paint.

The reason I have trouble to match colours normally is the resin.

Let me explain:

I tried two different versions of resin. One was much more smooth. This meant that dry brush didn't stick as well. So it wouldn't match.

Using filler and you have a similar problem. It alters the surface a lot. This means that dry brush or ink will look surprisingly different - even using the same paint.

I just looked as some DoE pieces - the floor. One is more brown while the other is more grey. Using the same paint on both pieces means that both will look different.

Are there solutions?

You could coat every single piece first. This would make it easier to get the same final colour. But coating each piece would likely be a very expensive extra step in production.

You would need to ensure that resin and filler and colour stay the same over several years for the same set. I tend to mix very small amounts - (500g at a time) and that leads to variations. But this should be easier with larger amounts.

But I think the focus needs to be on the resin - no the paint - to ensure a reproducible colour.

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Re:How to match the colors for all sets ?

Posted by jls304 - 2012/09/03 23:41

That's pretty bad. There are definately paint and color variations over
the years. The bow tie sets have some variation. The fantasy starter set is way more green/yellow and the newer non bowtied sets look different still.

I am sure there will be some variation from painter to painter but maybe
you are right about the resin too. I know my 9x9 DOE wicked edition floor
tiles were darker than any previous DOE set I had. I don't think my DOE
expansion sets are anywhere near as dark as yours HQF but I did notice
a large number of warped or distorted pieces in my sets.

I know the DOE walls tend to be thinner and seem to be more prone to warping
but this last expansion was the worst. In previous sets the only thing
that was really warped was the passages and even those werent too bad.
They just didnt always want to line up completely flush with each other.

Jeff has been a champ and took care of all the major problems. I certainly
feel your pain but I guess this can happen when these items are crafted and not made in a machine.

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Re:How to match the colors for all sets ?

Posted by Kronos - 2012/09/05 17:10

Yeah that is bad. I now this problem well too and was a bit displeased with opening my new DoE expansion set today to not only see that there are some color differences between previous sets but also between pieces of this set.
I was prepared for the possibility that the were color differences with older sets because that happened before but it's quite frustrating to open a new set and take two pieces out and see that the colors don't match with each other.
But after initially complaining about it here in a different thread I build a few setups and at least the color changes are consistent and not too bad. And (even though it should not be necessary) colors can be corrected. I'm more concerned about the fact that there are some pieces that don't fit with other pieces without leaving gaps that are quite noticeable and that there are (at least in my latest set) a few height differences between the same pieces.

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