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Tavern set pictorial review Posted by Law - 2013/06/26 02:16

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So... as requested, a review of the tavern set, complete with close-up photos of its contents....

This really is one of my favorite DF sets. Few things are as central to the fantasy genre as the tavern where the adventurers all meet up before setting out on a quest, or where they stop off along the way and a chance encounter with a mysterious stranger... aaand, you get the idea. Taverns and inns are awesome, and DF knocked this out of the park.

This set includes all the basic elements you need for a fantastic tavern (and inn!). Here's a detailed run-down.

Round Table (x2): I admit, I do get more use out of the original rectangular DF tables, but these are pretty nice. The half-barrel that supports the table, the detail in the woodgrain. And a round table is a great centerpiece for an important room. As nice as it is, though, this is the most uninteresting component of the set.

Stools (x6): Ok, maybe these are. They're very nice stools. But, yeah, there's not much to say about them. They're nicely ornate, you can use them in a neat religious setting, like a temple or something. On to....

Wine Kegs: It's not a bar without these, though (despite the official description) I always use these are beer kegs. Either way, they're barrels of alcohol for the top of the bar. They're awesome. There's even a tap!

Candles (x2): These are some of the more useful accessories. You can place them anywhere, they're just great little candles on little platters.

Bowl of bread (x2): I love these -- the bowl looks like a great classic piece of pottery, and the details in the baquettes are very well done.

Plates (group of large and small) (2): A nice way to quickly gather up a bunch of plates at the ready. Along with....

Mug Grouping: A nice lineup of mugs, works on the tavern bar, or on a shelf somewhere, or just on a crate in storage somewhere. There is something very appropriate about a lineup of mugs in a dungeon....

Platters (with jug of wine): I like how this was handled. The only practical drawback of these accessories is that there are so many of them, and they're so small. Setting up a large tavern scene plate by plate and mug by mug would take forever, so it's cool to have a few shortcuts like this. A whole meal, with a roast chicken and potatoes and soup, and a big jug of wine, ready to go in one solid piece.

Mugs (singles) (x2): That said, how cool is it that the set includes two tiny little mugs?

That's it for the accessories. On to the bar! That comes in for pieces:

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Main Bar: The long bar has a nice carved front, looks to be polished rich wood, and is detailed with little rivets and woodgrain and everything. Awesome. Plus, the back of it is spectacular - one half is open, the other has a long shelf, and a set of drawers!

Side Bar: A different carved design in the front, but similar to the larger bar. The back, again, has shelves, and it looks awesome on top of the main bar. I like to take two of these smaller pieces and stack them for a basic shelf -- you can put scrolls on it, books, or the various tavern accessories.

Curved Bar: This is beautiful, and again is divided into shelves in the back. These are some of my favorite little carved designs, too.

All three bars have nice coloration, with a brighter brown in the center and darker around the edges.

Bar Entrance: OK, this last piece I probably use even less than the round tables. It's a cute "working" feature that the top opens up (though it isn't attached, and is prone to falling off) Mainly it's just a bit bland, I'm afraid -- there are no real details here, it's just a solid piece of dark wood. But a nice accent if you want a proper bar.

The beds don't QUITE fit the tavern theme, and on their own I'm not sure they turn this into a proper "inn" set, but they're neat all the same. The website says you get a green bed and a blue bed but I'm not sure that's accurate. I think it's blue and red. In any case, all the beds are identical but for the color, and I really like them. The quilt, with the little stitched details, the bedframe... it's really a very nice bed design.

I'm afraid I'm not able to come up with much other than "they look awesome and are wonderfully detailed," but pictures speak louder than words in this case. The set is a great design, great assortment of useful pieces, many of which can be used in settings other than a tavern -- as decorative contents of a dungeon, things in storage, etc. Great stuff...

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Thanks, guys!

These are some pics from prior setups I've posted that show off the various tavern accessories. I really like putting books and scrolls on the shelves -- I probably use this set for bookshelves as often as I do for beer!

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Re:Tavern set pictorial review Posted by Stefan - 2013/06/26 20:05

Thanks Law!

The Tavern Set is my personal favorite accessory Set...other than the sci-fi console thingy...that was the most fun to design...

Re:Tavern set pictorial review Posted by Law - 2013/06/26 21:03

Also an awesome set! Shame the SF line died when it did, but the KS seems to have brought SF fans out of the woodwork, so.. who knows!

I will say, the tavern accessory set sometimes prompts the following internal dialogue in my head:

[&]quot;Just admit you want to play with a doll's house. It's okay. No judging. Just admit it."

[&]quot;No! This is a scary dungeon with blood and skulls and grr... argh!"

[&]quot;Mmmhmmm. So what are you putting there?"

[&]quot;This? Nothing."

[&]quot;Really? You aren't laying out plates and cups for people next to their beds?"

[&]quot;No! Dungeon! Scary! Not playing with a doll's house at all!"

[&]quot;So you weren't just putting a candle next to the fireplace and a cup next to the bed?"

[&]quot;No. *cough* Scary dungeon bloody skull time."

[&]quot;I'll leave you to your dolls."

"Fantasy miniatures! Blood quest knight scary dungeon skull time!"			
Re:Tavern set pictorial review Posted by ^RIGOR^ - 2013/06/26 22:56			
Law, thank you for the reviewI like this set, and your pics are awesome! I want it, and I'll buy it asap!			
Re:Tavern set pictorial review Posted by granpappy77 - 2013/06/27 16:47			
My wife calls DF "Dollhouses for Dragons." I feel your pain, Law.			
Re:Tavern set pictorial review Posted by Stefan - 2013/06/27 16:54			
I want to add that for gaming purposes If you don't want to deal with all the individual plates and mugs etcthere is no reason why you can't just glue the small pieces down in whatever arrangement you preferyou can even glue them down to the floor tileswhy not? You would then have ready, customized tavern pieces, created the way you wanted them, arranged in your way, but not loosethat way, things won't go flying when you move your mini's around			
If you can't stand that thought of never being able to change it, well, this is selfish, but you can always buy 2 sets, one for gaming glued down, and one unfixed ready for whatever scenario you might need? When I have time, I am going to create a different bar arrangement for the top several tavern's in my city of Valor:)			
Re:Tavern set pictorial review Posted by Kronos - 2013/06/29 11:04			
Great review, Law! I love the tavern set, it's so detailed and atmospheric, just fantastic!			

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Re:Tavern set	pictorial review
Posted by ^RIGOR^ - 20	13/07/23 18:28

I've received mine today! Everything is awesome, but the blue bed that came with the blanket broken..! But never mind...I can consider it as cut by the innkeeper! :D Anyway, I love this set!