Generated: 30 January, 2015, 00:38

## Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/19 15:07

This is my first dwarven forge order, and my first order of anything like this. Previously I've only used some Pathfinder game mats, and I use their "Bestiary Box" for monsters. I run games only for my kids (just starting, too!) and so this is guite exciting for us.

I ordered 3 sets of unpainted tiles, plus 4 add-ons. I got a stair pack, a castle walls pack, and two dungeon dressing add-ons.

First, about the tiles themselves... the quality is excellent! Heavier than I expected (My order was 28lbs) and very sturdy. Not flexible at all. Solid is the word for it. I was pleasantly surprised with the Saturday delivery (though they showed up on my wife's birthday, so that was a bit awkward!). Once the box was open and the first pieces came out, my wife & kids got into opening more with me, and we all loved seeing the variety and style of pieces. The kids especially loved them. My wife likes the dungeon dressing pieces a lot (and will have a lot of fun painting them).

I had two doors that were not opening, both the same style. The plastic at the top of the hinge was solid. I pushed anyway, and the plastic gave, and now they open / close just fine. So that was no biggie.

We each toyed around with building random things for a bit, then I pulled out the map for "Crypt of the Everflame", one of the pathfinder adventures we've done, and set out to recreate it. We ran out of pieces eventually - mostly corners and walls, with about 90% of the dungeon able to be completed. I did have to get creative, as this particular one has a lot of narrow halls. (Single square long hallways)

In the end, I think these will encourage me to use the maps for the adventures more as "guidelines" and get creative on my own for dungeon design. If the sets were available for order now, I'd be ordering at least one more set, and a floor pack today.

I'll be participating in the caverns kickstarter for sure!

Here are some pictures of my interpretation of the "Crypt of the Everflame"

Thanks for the great product!

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131019 105146 458.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131019 105146 458-1c7899d23beb03f22 6df124fba7f727d.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG\_20131019\_105156\_398.jpg

## Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/19 15:11

Oops, goofed up and added one picture twice by mistake, can't find a way to fix that. Also, sorry for the low quality, they're from a camera phone.

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG\_20131019\_105133\_783.jpg

Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback

**Dwarven Forge - Dwarven Forge** Generated: 30 January, 2015, 00:38

Thanks Stefan!

Here are a couple shots showing an unpainted table, a single base gray piece, and the one I did my testing with (It's lighter in color than I'm hoping I get for the others, I didn't dry my brush enough!) http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131020 144059 429.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131020 144145 718.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131020 144203 429.jpg

## Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/21 17:43

Some pictures of my wall tiles after step two (highlighting some stones with the earth stone color.) I chose to paint a few less stones than suggested here intentionally. I like the look with fewer stones painted.

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131021 124053 496.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131021 124100 382.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG\_20131021\_124107\_312.jpg

## Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/21 17:44

And here are a few with the "Olive dry brush" - including some next to the ones without it, for comparison. I'm intentionally varying this drybrush, with some having a tad more, some having less. The variation is great! (Making sure none have too much, though!) http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131021 133649 351.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131021 133702 054.jpg

## Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by Stefan - 2013/10/21 17:55

#### looking good!

I personally would apply a little more of the Olive dry brush in order to tone down the color of the earth stone colored stone and so to make the gray and brown colors more uniform...but that is just my personal taste....

another tip: you can also add some gray to your brown stone color if you feel the brown color is too brown and causing too much contrast....

be careful not to apply the final stone edge dry brush to wet! make sure the color is very dried out...and use it very sparingly, or your piece will start to look chalky...

#### Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback

# **Dwarven Forge - Dwarven Forge** Generated: 30 January, 2015, 00:38 Posted by JasonYoung - 2013/10/21 19:46 I really appreciate you sharing your tiles, your painting, and your progress. You have paid it forward... lol now we must do the same when we receive ours! Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/21 20:58 Thanks for the tips Stefan. I just finished the olive dry brush on all the walls, floors, stairs and doorways. I'm going to look over my tiles and see what I think. I think the idea of mixing a gray with the earth stone brown would have been a good idea, it stands out a bit more than I like. I think I'm going to take a tile that I've done as it is, and feather just a little of the final stone dry brush on, and see how it looks all together. If it's not to my liking, I'll add a little more of the olive dry brush to them. Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/21 21:39 Stefan, perhaps you could post pictures of a tile at each step in the painting guide as well? It's hard to see in the video how dark or light you have the paint after each step. I think that would help us get a closer match.

-----

## Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/21 22:54

Here are a couple shots of my first few finished pieces. I did some more playing around with the olive dry brush, but decided this was the look I wanted. I'm quite pleased with how it came out, and will continue on with my other pieces from here. Anyone who's read this far, it's worth me saying DRY YOUR BRUSH! It was very easy to get too much of the stone edge dry brush. Once you get it dry enough, though, I was able to paint a few pieces without needing more paint.

Thanks Stefan for all your help, and the great product. I'll do another update later when I've finished my main tile set, and perhaps another with my dungeon dressing pieces if people are interested. Painting these takes a lot of time, but is also a lot of fun!

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG\_20131021\_184755\_242.jpg

## **Dwarven Forge - Dwarven Forge** Generated: 30 January, 2015, 00:38

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_20131021_184802_016.jpg
http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_20131021_184820_953.jpg
Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/22 22:57
I'm nearly done now. Just some doors to finish up, and the beds to finish (need to get some good colors for the blankets), and the pillars to finish (need to find my #12 brush - where is it?!)
Here's a shot of my walls & floors in their container, with some of the gold, doors and dungeon dressing pieces with them. I did do some mixing to find a better brown for the barrels & tables, and used a darker brown for the doors. Once I finish up the other doors, I'll set up a dungeon and see how it all looks now! http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_20131022_185254_184.jpg
Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback  Posted by LegoRick - 2013/10/23 01:02
Wow, Kraegar, all of your pieces really look great. You're doing an awesome job!
Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by LordTentacle - 2013/10/23 06:48
Impressive. Can you say why the pieces in the most recent posted photo appear so different from the first pics?
Also, container? What are you using.
A fantastic pianist job. Thanks for posting.
Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/23 15:08
Thanks!

Generated: 30 January, 2015, 00:38

The container is just a Hefty brand plastic storage container from Target... purchased because it will fit under our bed with the other containers I keep my Pathfinder materials in. Weird place to store it, I know.

Which pics are you comparing that look different to you? Obviously each painting step has gradually changed the look, but if you're talking my "finished pieces" it's probably lighting. I'm taking my pics with my cell phone's camera, and the lighting in our house isn't the best. The tiles themselves do actually look different depending on the room lighting, too. In brighter lighting the colors look pretty light, but in a darker room they have a nice gray look to them. Kind of interesting.

Also, I did touch up the colors on my tables, chairs & benches. For some I did a second coat of a mixed brown that I like better, for others I simply dry brushed some of the dungeon stone pokorny color over the original. Both looks came out pretty nice. I have a lot of color variation going on intentionally.

#### Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by LordTentacle - 2013/10/24 04:19

You answered mt question - thank you. For some reason I didn't realize the other pictures were of intermediate steps.

My bad. They do look great - you're a great painter in addition to your pianist skills.;)

### Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/24 20:24

I'm finally "done" painting (with the exception of 3x demon doors and 2x locked doors... not sure how I want to paint those yet). No idea how many hours I've spent painting, but it's well over 20. Somewhere in the 30's, probably.

Here are some pictures of a dungeon I tossed together. This is not using all of my pieces. Can't wait to

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131024 160426 353.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131024 160543 380.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG\_20131024\_160413\_145.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG\_20131024\_160532\_011.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131024 160556 362.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG\_20131024\_160614\_457.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131024 160515 871.jpg

http://www.dwarvenforge.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG 20131024 160506 853.jpg

## **Dwarven Forge - Dwarven Forge** Generated: 30 January, 2015, 00:38

Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by Null - 2013/10/24 21:32
Twenty to thirty hours? Ouch. Looks fantastic, though.
Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/24 23:38
I'm sure it could have been less time, but some things weighed against me. I'd never painted anything like this before. I had to do a lot of learning and experimenting as I went. I was watching movies while I painted, so occasionally I did more watching than painting. And I got two dungeon dressing packs, which took a lot of attention and detail. I'm really pleased with how it all came out, though, and don't regret the time it took at all! (I did get really lucky that I had vacation scheduled for this week already, too)
Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by Stefan - 2013/10/25 21:29
That's a Really Great Paint job! fantasticvery beautiful! You have mastered the final stone edge phase i seeit's so slight but definitely can be seen on some edges, that's exactly how to do it!
A nice dark dungeon color, better than my painting i think:)I tip my hat!
Re:Recieved my tiles today - some initial feedback Posted by kraegar - 2013/10/26 03:28
Wow, thanks so much Stefan! I know I could still learn a lot from you, but I'm glad you approve of the end result I got. Couldn't have begun without your great videos & tips!
Thank you!
=======================================