

Tina's Dice Digest

Apr 2020 Edition (#4)

Welcome to no. 4 of my Dice Digest!

In a time of self-isolation over the last few weeks, activities in the dice groups have been very varied. People have taken the opportunity to re-sort or catalogue or photograph their collections, some used the extra at-home time for reinking or dice making. Due to the COVID-19 situation, a number of retailers had to temporarily close down their shops or online stores, while some family-run ones remained open.

But the sense of community among the dice collectors remains strong, and I feel lucky to be part of such a nice and supportive group of people.

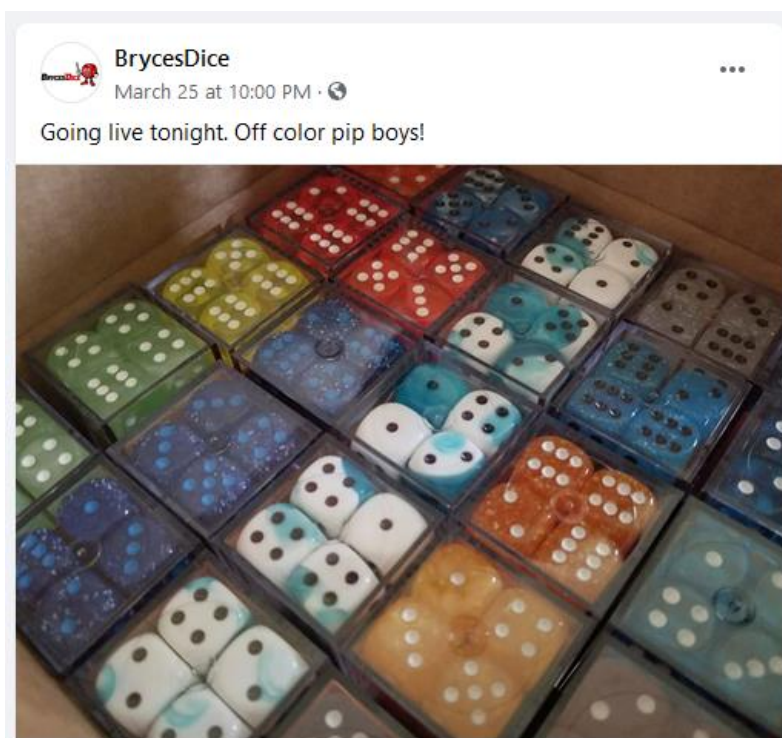


Marc Schubert from Ice Cream Dice announced the availability of pre-orders for a new line of exclusive dice called 'Elusive'. Initial production run is 200 sets. They can now be pre-ordered in his store: <https://icecreamdice.com/products/elusive>

Read the full post with more updates on future Kickstarters and further Ice Cream Dice plans here: <https://www.facebook.com/IceCreamPolyhedrals/posts/2531726983733656>

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A bit of an unusual release from Chessex, who made limited 16mm pips available to retailers that you'd normally only be able to purchase at conventions. Bryce's Dice still has them in stock as *Off Color Chessex 16mm Sets* if you're interested in purchasing.



Blue Beach Conch Dice (silver font)

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Every dice has a real couch inside.

★★★★★ (37) [Write a review](#) [Have a question?](#)

Quantity: (419 available)

MOQ: 20

Shipping Cost: \$36.80 to United States via DHL ▾

Estimated Delivery Time: **United States**

The Udixi conch dice are getting an upgrade. Now available with a sandy golden layer to emulate a beachy sea setting. Look out in stores carrying Udixi dice for these.

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Secret Cat Shop is working with Cerberus Supplies to work on a new line of dice called Fire Demon. No date given yet when these will become available.

Level Up released a new semi precious gemstone set with a spider theme. Made out of ivory jade, they say about the material, "Ivory Jade is a Nephrite Jade and is a calcium magnesium silicate mineral. Ranging from white, off white or cream in colour, rarely it can also have a translucent effect."



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And not just that, they also came out with an exclusive for Gary Con Online: Shadow Masque Purple Cat's Eye, made from the synthetic purple stone.

There's a few more exclusive releases up on their website, so check out their New Releases section on the website.



BOXED 7-PIECE SET



PURPLE AND PINK

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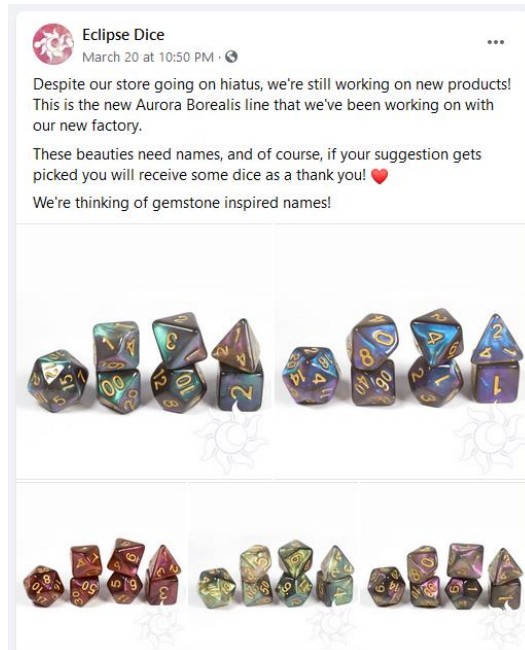
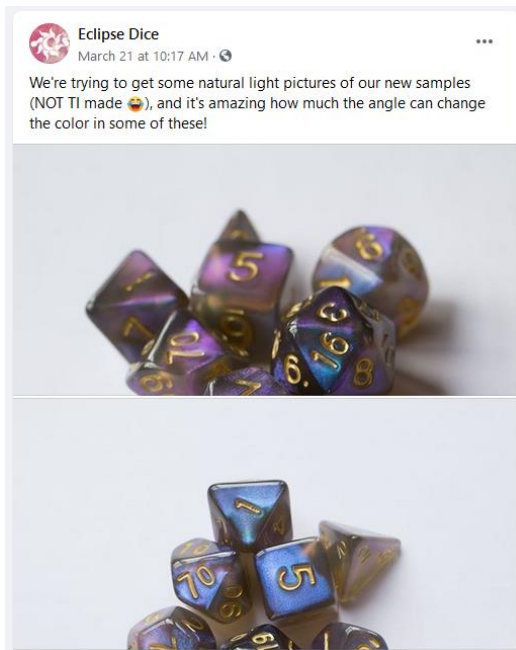


GLOW-IN-THE-DARK

I'm not sure if these dice are new, but it's the first time I've consciously noticed them, so hopefully that warrants getting a mention. These look like fun Divination dice that were designed by Doug Out Crafts and manufactured by Q-Workshop. You can buy them in a number of different colours in the Doug Out Crafts Etsy store at etsy.com/listing/766939657/divination-dice-set-designed-by-doug.

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New designs coming soon in another Kickstarter from Eclipse Dice. The two-tone shimmer in these looks really nice. If I recall correctly, the d20s will have the Eclipse Dice logo as the 20, just like the other Eclipse exclusive lines that are already available.

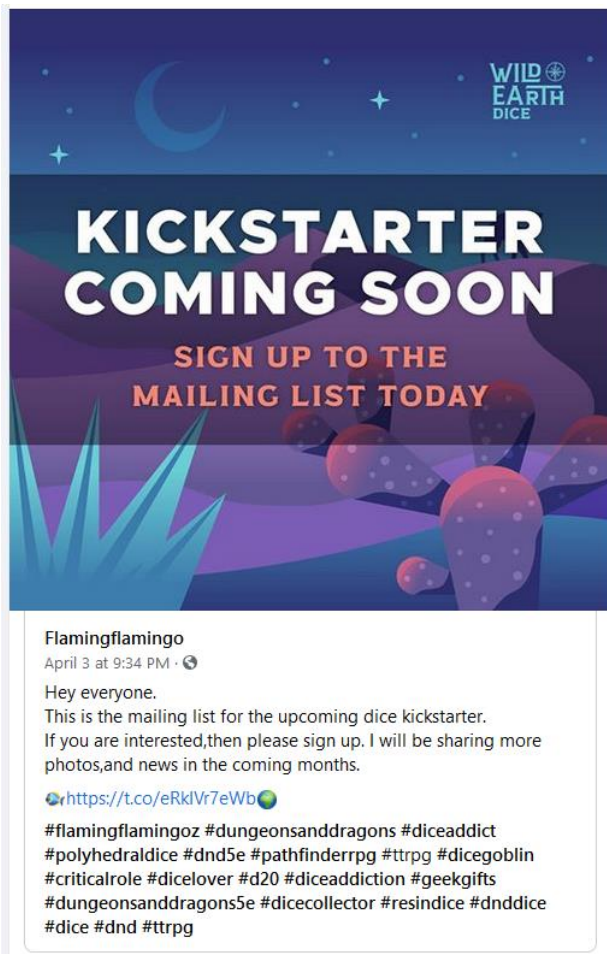


I am ridiculously excited for the upcoming Fathom Dice space themed Kickstarter. The samples look awesome, and the only concern I have is that the actual dice will end up not looking as cool, but fingers crossed! You can sign up for updates about the Kickstarter at [fathomdice.com](https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/fathomdice/fathom-dice).

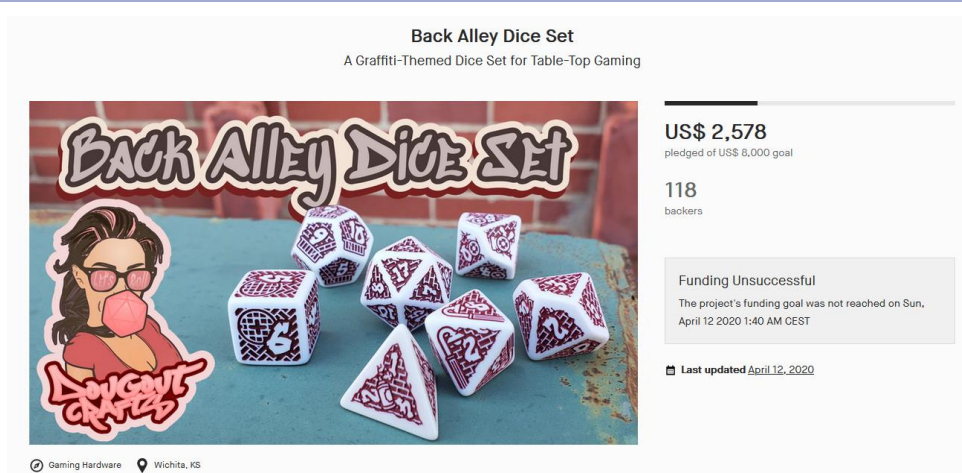


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Flaming Flamingo has another Kickstarter in the works for Wild Earth Dice. You can sign up to a mailing list to get updates: wildearthdice.com



With not even half of the funding goal reached, looks like the Dougout Crafts Back Alley Dice Set Kickstarter isn't going into production.



Episode 26 of Season 3 of Wyrmylfe unveils some of the upcoming custom Wyrmylfe Kickstart dice. You can watch it on YouTube if you wanna get a sneak peek: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCFPgJIWvOs>

Busting Dice Myths

Speckled Blueberry vs. Speckled Water



Anyone on the hunt for Speckled Blueberry dice has probably felt the frustration of thinking they found their missing piece, only to realize that it was Speckled Water.

In photos and maybe also at first glance, the two can look very similar, but if you put them next to each other, it becomes quickly apparent that the two blue tones in Water are fairly similar, while

Blueberry has a lot more contrast in the blue tones. The darker speckles are almost purple, and a lot darker than the dark speckles of Water.

Interesting to note is also the disintegrating ink on this particular specimen of Blueberry. It seems that Chessex used ink on the older Speckled sets that faded or decayed over time, which sometimes leads to effects such as this, or in metallic ink fading from gold to silver.

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Percentile Die or Not?

Do you have an older dice set and you just can't find the percentile die for it? There may be a simple explanation for it: It doesn't exist.

Percentile dice are a thing of the future, or at least they were twenty or so years ago. Many dice sets of old didn't have a d%, and a differently coloured d10 was used instead.

For some sets, a d% was never made (e.g. Crystal Caste Satin Yellow), for some sets they were produced later, and thus less of them are still around (e.g. Crystal Caste Ice Cream lines). Interestingly, both Gamescience and Chessex came out with them roughly at the same time (early 90's), independently of each other.

Lines I know of that never had a d% made are:

- Crystal Caste Satin Honey (white d10 instead)
- Crystal Caste Satin Yellow (white d10 instead)
- Chessex Marbleized Cocoa (white d10 instead)

Lines where d%s were only made in later production runs:

- Crystal Caste Ice Cream (yellow d10 instead)
- Crystal Caste Porcelain (yellow d10 instead)
- Crystal Caste Silk (Jade d10 instead)
- Crystal Caste Satin/King Cards Tutti Frutti other than Yellow and Honey (white d10 instead)
- Chessex Glo-Dice (differently coloured d10 instead)
- Chessex Sparkle/Koplow Glitter (no second d10 at all in older sets)
- King Cards Pearl (no second d10 at all in older sets)



D20 is King

I'm not sure this is really a dice myth, but it's something that I'd personally like to question. I very often seen in sales or valuation posts that collectors say the d20 is always automatically worth more than the other dice.

Why is that?

Stores that sell loose dice don't price the d20s higher than the other dice. Who came up with this rule?

Of course I understand that, in some out-of-print sets, the d20 is the hard-to-find die, and thus may warrant a higher price. But in oop sets where the d20s aren't particularly rare, why are they priced higher? Because they're larger than the others? Is that a valid reason to increase the price by \$5 or \$10 or even more?

What's your own take on this? Happy to talk about it if you want to leave me a comment on my Facebook post. 😊

