

# Tina's Dice Digest

May 2020 Edition (#5)

Welcome to no. 5 of my Dice Digest!

In a time of self-isolation over the last several 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, dice making or other creative endeavours. Unsurprisingly, there's also been a big uptick in online RPG gaming.

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. A number of conventions and trade fairs had to either be fully cancelled (like GenCon or SPIEL), or moved out by several months, leaving many businesses without important selling or promotion opportunities. It remains to be seen what ultimate impact this will have in the longer term.

However, it seems countries are slowly lifting restrictions now, so hopefully shipping and supply delays will lessen, though conventions will likely only be possible towards the later part of the year, if at all in 2020. Fingers crossed that local game stores can reopen their storefront doors in the near future.

It's been lovely to see the sense of community among the dice collectors remaining strong, and I feel lucky to be part of such a nice and supportive group of people.

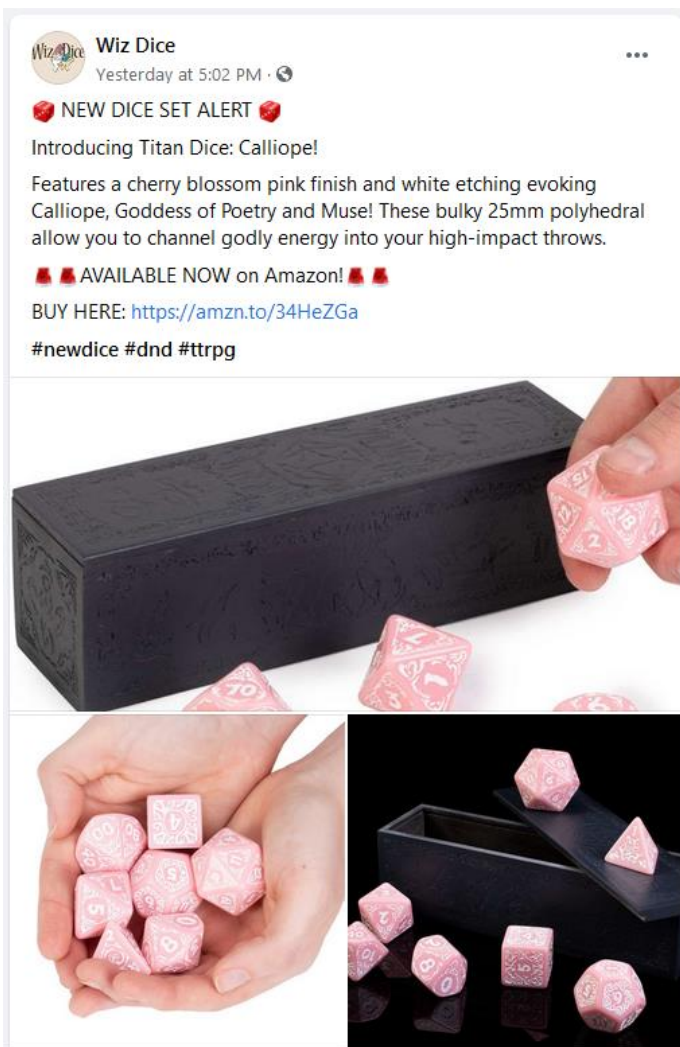
Bryce's Dice has released a new line called Mystic Orchid as an exclusive to his store. The dice are [now available there](#).

If you like this particular aesthetic, Eclipse Dice has similar designs in slightly different colours in her Starstruck series that was kickstarted in 2019 and is now in the delivery phase. Even if you missed the Kickstarter, you can still [late-pledge for the dice](#) and get them that way.



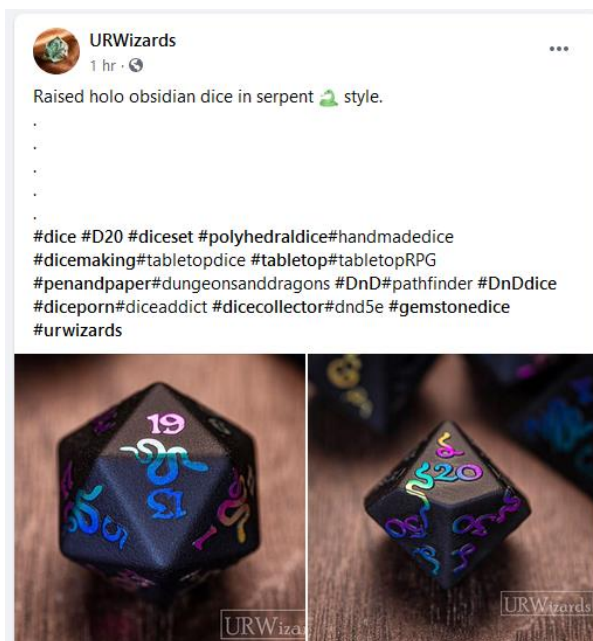
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Wiz Dice put out a new set of pastel pink dice that comes with an engraved wooden box. The dice are larger than standard size, the d6 measures around 25mm. They're currently available from a third party seller on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) for \$14.99.

New design from URWizards, raised obsidian with serpents on the die faces in holo colours. Interesting!



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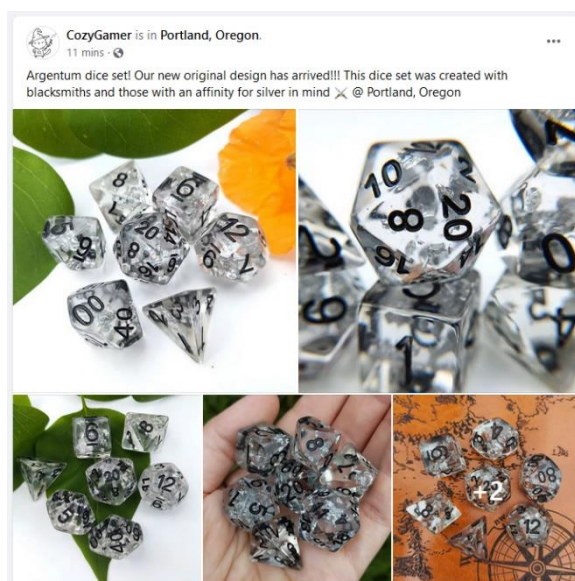
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New Starfinder themed set now available from Q-Workshop, this time in a grey and yellow colour scheme with a symbol on the d6.

CozyGamer announced another design that will be exclusive to them – silver flakes in a clear die base and black ink, called Argentum.

They're available in the webstore at a price point of \$12.99 per set.



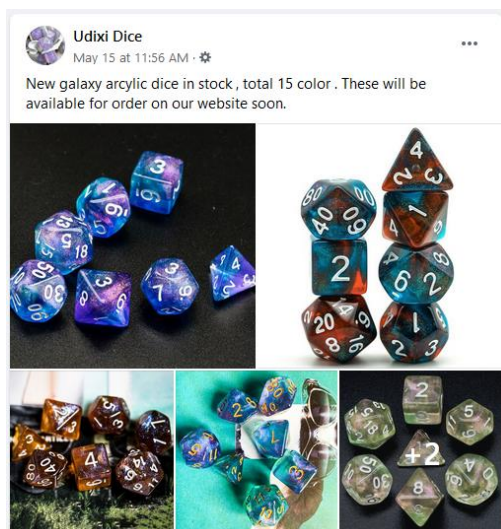
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New design from Haomeja – hollow metal and resin dice in different colours. Seems that this is direct resale from the manufacturer, it's likely that they will also be available from other sellers in the near future.

Udixi is expanding the range of Borealis look-alikes. Here's a first look at some of their new designs. A number of stores have started carrying them, among them Beholder's Gaze, Lindorm Dice, The Dice Shop Online, Yvis Nerd and Geek Shop and Bryce's Dice.



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Fans of Critit's 'Spirit of' lines have reason to rejoice.

They're releasing a new line called 'Spirit Of' Deadly Flora & Fauna. There's going to be several designs in differing colour schemes, among them Boomslang, Dart Frog, Deadly Nightshade, Fly Agaric, Pufferfish and Ricin (not pictured).

All dice have a skull logo on the 6 face of the d6.

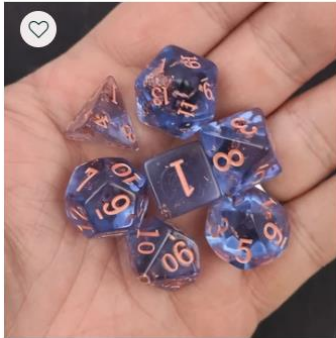
The dice are currently available for pre-order in their store at a price point of £12 per set (or £60 for the whole bundle).

Wuerfel from Würfelschmiede is working on a new design and mould with larger numbers in a more futuristic font. Stay tuned for these to become available to buy.

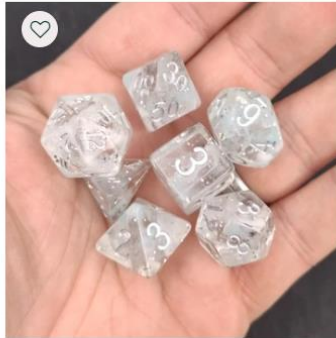


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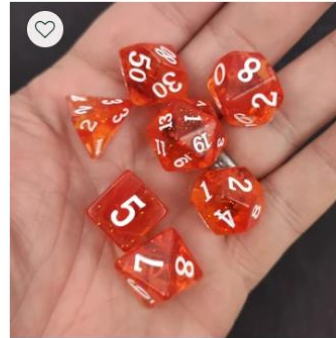
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COPPER DRAGON'S FIRE  
€11,99



WHITE DRAGON'S FIRE  
€11,99



RED DRAGON'S FIRE  
€11,99

Dakota Irish released a new exclusive line called Dragon's Fire. They come in three different colour schemes – Copper Dragon's Fire, White Dragon's Fire and Red Dragon's Fire. Price point is 11.99 EUR per 7-piece set. Please note that the d6 has the Dakota Irish horseshoe logo on the 6 face of the d6.

Heartbeat Dice has a Kickstarter in the works for pride themed metal dice. Several new designs are planned in the different pride flag colours.



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Heartbeat Dice is also releasing new layered pride dice (slated for late May, according to their Twitter), and 16mm heart-pipped c6 in translucent and opaque with additional Pride flags colors releasing later this year.



Speaking of layered pride dice... Marc Schubert of Ice Cream Dice is launching his new layered pride dice 11-piece set Kickstarter very soon. You can sign up for updates here: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/icecreamdice/pride-vol-1>

Let it be mentioned that his dice and the layered Heartbeat pride dice look almost identical, with the exception of the font and the heart logo on the Heartbeat Dice d20.

UPCOMING PROJECT

## Pride Vol 1.



Marc Schubert  
Project Creator

Opaque layered 11 Piece RPG Polyhedral sets representing: Asexual, Bisexual, Lesbian, Nonbinary and Pansexual Pride Flags.

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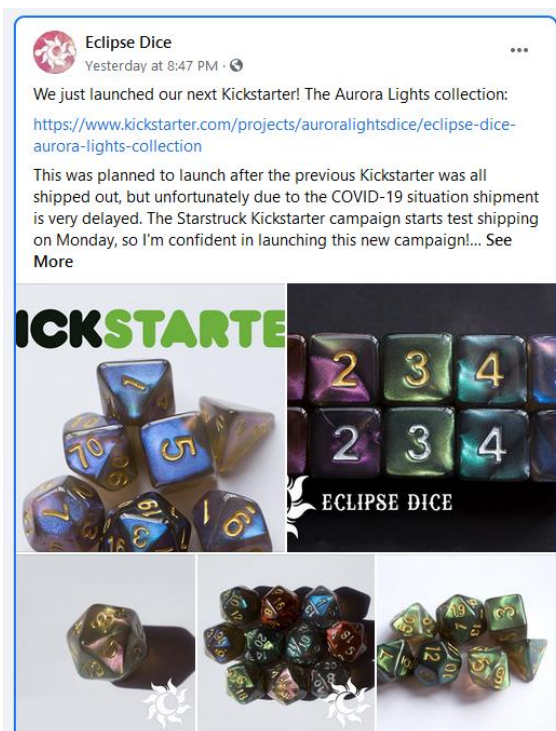
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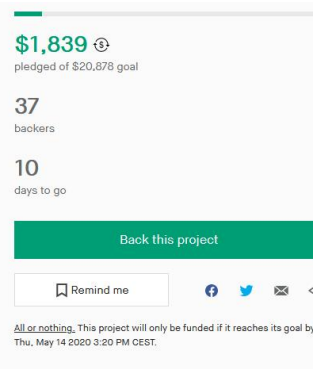


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New [Kickstarter from Eclipse Dice](#), with a 5-sets two-tone glitter design that come in two different ink colours – gold and silver. Early bird pledges are all gone, but the Kickstarter is open until end of May.



Anyone interested in more sustainable options for your gaming supplies, there's now a [Kickstarter up for plant based dice](#), mostly pipped d6s, but some polyhedral options available as well. There's been some chatter about whether these materials would be prone to yellowing over longer periods of time. I'm not sure whether this has been addressed in the Kickstarter, so just be aware that this is a possibility.

If you want to keep an eye out for new and upcoming things, [secretcatshop](#) has a new Kickstarter in the works, as well as Little Dragon Corp. They posted some teasers recently.



## In Other News



No doubt the big topic this month has been the dispute between Dispel Dice and a Chinese factory that started selling their so-called Ice Dice on Wish, which have been confirmed as samples for three designs that Dispel Dice had them make for the Kickstarter before Dispel ceased her collaboration with this factory.

I'm not going to go into the details here, as it has been rehashed elsewhere, and there are many opinions and arguments for or against each side with very little proof available.

It is currently unclear whether the factory is just selling off leftovers that were not going to be used by Dispel, or if they are producing more of this design because the demand increased after the dice were promoted in one of the Facebook dice groups.

Dispel recently released a [Kickstarter update](#) where she outlines her side of events, and reaffirmed they're still on track for the delivery of the Kickstarter.



Pastel Pop dice by Critit, photo © T. Manneborn