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Welcome to no. 6 of my Dice Digest! This one's a bit late, apologies for that. This month we had plenty of new Kickstarters, and a whole lot of new releases as well. Let's take a look!

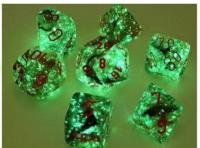
New Releases

Chessex Lab Dice Wave 4

The much anticipated wave 4 of the Chessex Lab Dice is finally coming! They're only revealing two of the six colours each week, the first four have been showcased already. Consumer orders will be sent out by Chessex on July 30, which is likely also the date that retailers can send out pre-orders to customers.

The first two colour reveals were Nebula Copper and Supernova. Nebula Coopper with Luminary effect: Clear dice with black and copper swirls and lumniary particles inside. These come with orange ink. Nebula Supernova: Clear dice with pink and orange swirls and luminary particles, these come with white ink.





30040 Nebula® Polyhedral Copper Matrix/orange Luminary 7-Die Set \$11.98

Designer's notes: We had a Nebula® Copper/black color many years ago. It was a nice color but I always felt it lacked something. The addition of the black pigment gives it more of an industrial look that makes it more interesting. Also, more pigment was added to try to avoid the Nebula® dice looking like translucent dice. We chose orange paint as there wasn't any color that seemed clearly the best and this color looks good.





30041 Nebula® Polyhedral Supernova/white Luminary 7-Die Set \$11.98

The other two sets are Gemini design. Gemini Clear-Pink is expanding on more translucent Gemini colours. These are actually opaque pink material mixed with clear material. They also have luminary particles and glow in the dark. Ink colour is white. The other new design is Gemini Black-White – a twist on the previous similar line that used a pearly mix. These have opaque material, much like the Gemini Red-White Lab set in Wave 3. Ink colour is pink.

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30042 Gemini® Polyhedral Clear-Pink/white Luminary™ 7-Die Set \$11.98

Designer's notes: A very interesting color! It is the first Gemini® opaque and clear mix, though we have looked at samples in the past. This color combination has a nice mix of giving good "windows" into the material as well as simply being an uplifting and pleasant color. In normal light, it is not easy to see the Luminary™ material. The clear material looks clear! That is a huge bonus and makes this color just that much more interesting.



30043 Gemini® Polyhedral Black-White/pink 7-Die Set \$11.98

We'll have to stay tuned for the last two designs in wave 4 to be revealed. Next week we'll know more.

Craftier collectors will also be happy to hear that, for the first time, Chessex will offer the Lab Dice uninked. However, stock of uninked sets is limited, so these might be sold out quickly.

New Chessex Website

It's been a long-time request for Chessex to revamp their website and make it more user friendly. They have now done just that. You can see the new site at chessex.com, the consumer store can be accessed at https://store.chessex.com:11552/IW_Products.m4p.pvx





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New Crystal Caste Website

Not just Chessex redesigned their website, Crystal Caste also did. What's more, you can now order the commemorative 2020 GenCon and Origins sets from there for \$10 each (generic Crystal Caste tin) or \$15 each (GenCon or Origins branded tin) – both include the special pipped d6.

The design of this year's set looks to be a deep blue, almost indigo, with golden swirls.



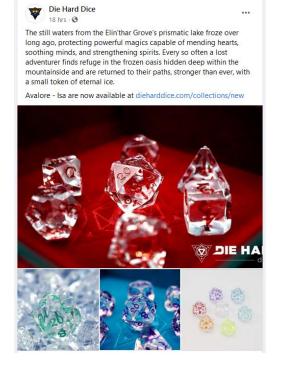


It's also worth looking through their other stock in their online store. Among others, they have Otherworld d30s, hybrid pearl sets and gemstone, metal dice.

They've been teasing these for a while now and included them as freebies in some recent orders, but now they're finally here to be purchased!

Die Hard Dice is now offering their brand new exclusive line called Avalore – super clear and bubble-free acrylic polymer in different ink colour choices.

Look on page 3 of their polymer exclusives pages or filter by 'Avalore Polymer Sets' to find the different colours they currently offer.



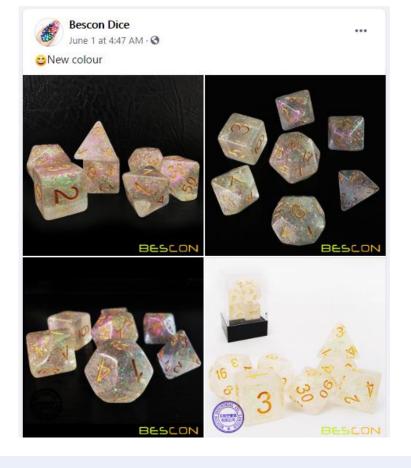
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Latest new designs from Udixi. They've been on a roll recently, with around 20 new resin and acrylic sets coming out, and several other metal, gemstone and glass sets as well.

These have already hit many of the popular dice stores out there, keep an eye out with your favourite FLGS or online retailer for new releases.

Bescon released new glitter dice. They can be purchased in several online stores, as well as Aliexpress and eBay. Look for 'Bescon Shimmery Dice'.



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Metallic Dice Games Exclusives

Some of you may be familiar with Metallic Dice Games and their exclusive sets from their Unicorn Dice Kickstarters. They have since also released a number of other exclusive sets that aren't always showcased in the dice groups. Take a look at a few relatively new ones:



Eternal Purple/Blue



Icy Opal Teal w/purple



Eternal Teal/Black



Icy Opal Purple w/white



Eternal Blue/Black



Icy Opal Red w/white



Eternal Fire



Icy Opal Black w/silver

Other lines worth checking out may be their Pearl dice (clear dice with pearls embedded) in their MDG Exclusives section on their website.

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different angles, bring a new gaming experience for you, green ink

and easy to read. https://www.hengdadice.com/cyberspace-p0504.html

D100 is available too, welcome to grab them.... See More



HD is at it again with a new design, this time a set called Cyberspace – clear dice with fine glitter and green ink. No doubt not the last new release from them we'll see this year.

Comic Lair now has exclusive dice named Horizon. Their first set is a semitranslucent bright orange with fine pink-purple surface glitter. They come either preinked in white or uninked.

These can be ordered via the Comic Lair online store.



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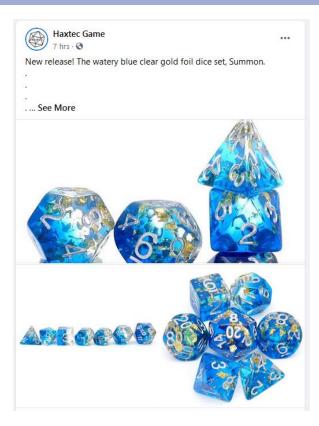


Candy inspired dice by Secret Cat Shop. These are all inspired by popular candy, and can be purchased directly from the Secret Cat Shop website.

Heartbeat Dice not only relaesed a new Kickstarter (more below in the Kickstarter section), but are also offering a Black Lives Matter dice set. All proceeds from these will go to the Okra Project.



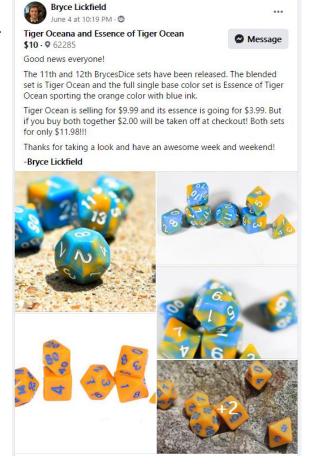
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Haxtec brings us new a new release of a clear and blue translucent set with gold flakes inside. You can order with Haxtec direct or via amazon.com.

Bryce's Dice relased a new exclusive dice line in summery colours. Tiger Ocean and Essence of Tiger comes along in a vibrant mix of blue of orange.

These can now be purchased directly from the Bryce's Dice online store.



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Level Up had previews of a layered stone set in rainbow colours up a while ago. They are now available via their US/International and their Australian store.





Lindorm Dice has big plans for the summer. Two new exclusive designs will be released on July 3rd, while a new Kickstarter is also in the works for July, and more upcoming designs for later in the summer. Preview photos for the new Kickstarter dice definitely look promising!



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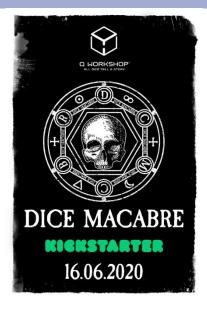
Perhaps slightly controversial, but for the sake of completeness, I shall list this new release from Awesome Dice and let you decide for yourself if cannabis inspired dice are your thing or not.



Not dice in the traditional sense, but fun nevertheless. Dakota Irish newly carries gummy dice in their store. These are edible winegums shaped like polyhedral dice and come in different flavours and colours.

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Kickstarters





New <u>Kickstarter from Q-Workshop</u>, called Dice Macabre. It ends July 7th, so if you still want to pledge, you can. Offered are dice with tiny skulls, and they come in two different sizes – the regular size set and a larger one with a 20mm d6 and matching polyhedrals. There are different choices for ink/number colour.







June is a big month for dice Kickstarters this year. Little Dragon Corp also opened their latest Kickstarter.

The II-piece polyhedral dice are designed after imaginary dragons, with three stretch goals currently unlocked.

The Kickstarter ends July 15th. Sets start at \$12.

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Gatekeeper Gaming ran a mystery countdown for 20 days, with lots of people joining and reposting. They revealed on day 12 that it was for an upcoming Kickstarter.

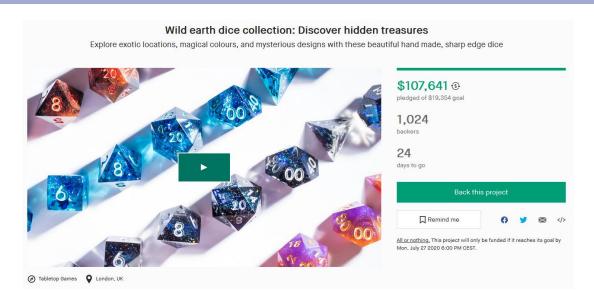
The <u>Kickstarter</u> turned out to be as much of a mystery as the countdown itself, since all backers will receive mystery sets and designs will only be revealed upon delivery to backers.

There are currently 33 unlocked designs and other "weird stuff", which we'll only see, once the Kickstarter starts fulfilling. A bit of a new concept, but Kickstarter funding numbers suggest enough popularity.

The Kickstarter ends on July 8th. 7-piece sets start at \$9 and will be considerably cheaper than anticipated retail price in the Gate Keeper Gaming store later. Not all designs will be available for purchase after the Kickstarter, only the most popular ones are said to be coming, as judged by social media reactions.

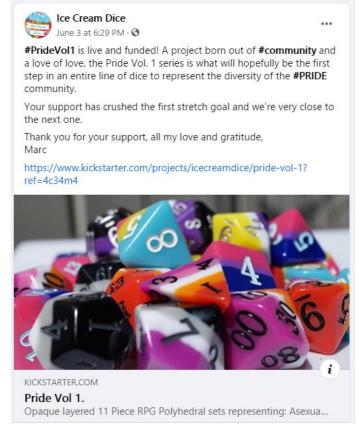


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Flaming Flamingoz is back with a sharp-edged dice <u>Kickstarter called Wild Earth Dice</u>. The designs are inspired by nature and the elements, and are pretty much in line with recent similar Kickstarted or handmade sharp-edged dice sets.

The Kickstarter is fully funded, three stretch goals have been unlocked, and it ends on July 27th. Price per set is around the \$58 mark.



Apologies for being late with listing this one, as the new Ice Cream Dice layered pride dice Kickstarter has already been closed for backing. It was fully funded, and backers can look forward to opaque layered dice in several pride dice flag designs, namely Asexual, Bisexual, Lesbian, Non-Binary and Pansexual. Four stretch goals were unlocked in total.

If you missed it and would have wanted to back, keep an eye out for updates since many Kickstarters later allow pre-orders through Backerkit, even if you didn't initially back the project.

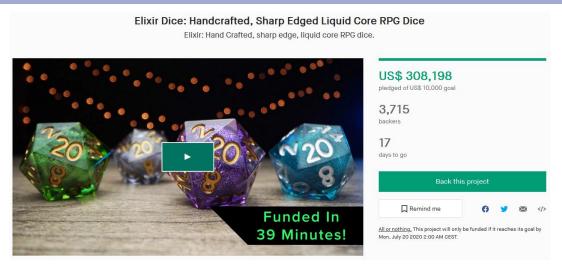
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June being Pride Month, there's more pride related dice coming our way! HeartBeat Dice opened their Kickstarter for different pride colour sets. Included is a sharp-edged design with dice in the colours of the rainbow, an aluminum rainbow colour set, and several metal sets with pride flag coloured enamel surfaces.

In addition, they partnered with Q-Workshop to also offer a custom Rainbow Price set with a heart design. There's several other options and add-ons that you can see on their campaign page.

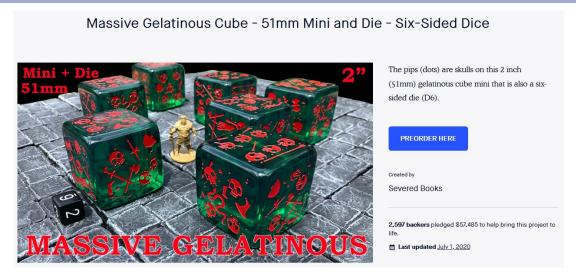
The Kickstarter ends on July 9th, with the sharp-edged plastic set and the aluminum set being \$60 and the metal sets \$50 each. The Q-Workshop set is \$13.



Metallic Dice Games is running a <u>new Kickstarter</u>, this time for liquid core polyhedral dice with sharp edges. The Kickstarter is funded already, with five stretch goals unlocked.

The Kickstarter ends on July 20th. Full polyhedral sets cost \$80, single d20s \$22, and single d6s \$10. Pledges can be scaled to put together extended sets if so desired.

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This Kickstarter has already wrapped up, but pre-orders are open via their Backerkit, which you can access through the <u>Kickstarter page</u>. Offered here are 2-inch 6-sided gelatinous cube dice, with skulls functioning as pips. Available in different ink colours or uninked. A set of four dice runs you \$11.

In Other News



Lucky Hand Dice Update

Latest Update from LHD on the crowdfunding fulfillment and backer only sales:

Phoenix Fire sets are all molded and in the finishing process. The Phoenix Fire D20's are about halfway through molding. The next color we're working on is Layender Gold.

We're aiming for our next backer only sale in June. Expect Goblin Horde extra sets and D20's, singles, and necklaces; along with a few experimental sets and singles that will hit once the site is opened to the public. There was some confusion with our last backers only sale of where the password was. It was in the backers only update, but from now on we'll send a separate email with just the password in it.

Another update was posted later in June:

I had hoped to ship out all of Phoenix Fire this week, but we ran into an unfortunate snag.

I had finished molding and painting all of the Phoenix Fire and was putting the 2nd half through our polishing process. Unfortunately, our equipment broke and damaged the entire batch of dice (about half of the sets and all the individual D20's).

We're working on finding a remedy to repair them, but there is a possibility that they will not be salvageable. If that is the case, we will go ahead and ship out the sets I have ready to go and we'll have to remake the other half. Sincerely hoping this is not the case.

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Awkward Gamescience Update

Some of you may have already come across this, but I think it's important to highlight as it might influence some customers in whether to buy from Gamescience in the future or not.

James Means, the new owner of Gamescience, sent out a newsletter that had a lengthy explanation about an upcoming discount that revolved around the American flag and Independence Day. Most of it was around patriotism and being proud of their country. This particular quote should be highlighted:

I will continue to defend that Flag and the U.S. Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic until they lay me in the ground. I love my country and I am proud to be an American, because even with the socialist trying to destroy her this is in my opinion the greatest place to live in the World, if it weren't so I just don't think we would have so many people trying to get into the country both legally and illegally.



Flag Day to 4th of July we are celebrating with 14% off an order over \$17.76.



Everyone should form their own opinion about whether this is a game changer for them to remain a Gamescience customer. Let me post a screenshot of the full newsletter below, I hope it is readable as the font is quite small.

Celebrating 244 years of Independence

January 1, 1776

Gen. George Washington had the first unofficial national flag raised over what is now Somerville, Massachusetts.

The First official flag of the United States was approved by resolution of the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777.

In 1916, it was President Woodrow Wilson who would proclaim that June 14 would officially be established as Flag Day, and on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Now if you are from one of the 47 countries around the planet Earth that we ship to this may mean nothing to you, but that flag means a lot to me. Although like most countries apathy usually gives way to an invader at some point; perhaps that is exactly what is going on in the United States currently. For centuries people have given up their comfort and in many cases their possessions to come to America and pursue their dreams in the free enterprise system. My family came in 1718 from Londonberry, Ireland, that is why the flag means so much to me. Let me explain what it means to me: the most apparent is probably the 50 stars that are on the flag, one for each state that makes up the union that we call the United States of America. The the next most obvious is the number 13; the number of stripes that are on the flag, one representing each of the original 13 colonies that made up the New World in 1776, 156 years after the Puritans left Holland and landed in modern day Massachusetts. The colors of the flag to me have great meaning as well, Red for the blood of those who have fought and died to maintain the freedom from Monarchy and Anarchy, Blue for the bravery that has been shown both on battlefields and through the last 244 years that we live in a free land and there will always be those who wish to exercise power over others, even in a free land. As long as man exists, some form of evil will exist as well. Men and women have fought either through peaceful protests or on battlefields to stand up for the rights of others who are oppressed by those evil men. Lastly the white, the white stripes on the flag to me represents Freedom, Purity, Honor, Pride, it represents the Distinguished land that we call the United States of America. Now the official meaning behind those three colors red, white and blue are:

- Red symbolizes hardiness and valor
- White symbolizes purity and innocence
- Blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Yes, today I do celebrate Flag day and on July 4th I will celebrate America's Independence and I will continue to defend that Flag and the U.S. Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic until they lay me in the ground. I love my country and I am proud to be an American, because even with the socialist trying to destroy her this is in my opinion the greatest place to live in the World, if it weren't so I just don't think we would have so many people trying to get into the country both legally and illegally. People for decades have put thier children on makeshift rafts and set them afloat off the coast of Cuba in hopes they would be found on the shores of America and have a chance at a better life than Cuba, people die crossing the deserts of Mexico and the river Rio Grande in hopes of a better life in America. If you go about it the legal way, the right way, America receives the weary from the world with open arms. America is about love, but every good parent that loves their child disciplines their child. I can't be everything for everyone, I am who my years of living and the character my parents instilled in me has become. I don't apologize for that I can love everyone and still not agree with you based on what I believe to be noble and honorable, but I do know this; that great dice make for great gaming and great gaming makes for great stress relief and great stress relief leads to a happier life. I wish you all well and leave you with one of my favorite texts that comes from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians somewhere around 55AD "And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is Love" I hope these current times haven't made you lose faith in the good of humanity and I hope your love shines through any hatred in your community.

I am also inviting you to celebrate by making an unprecedented discount available for the next few weeks, I know that with current events money is tight for a lot of people and hopefully things are getting to the point where you can return to work if you haven't already. I know that Monday I will be glad to have those GEM(Translucent) dice running for a change. In the meantime through July 4th weekend I am announcing a 14% discount off your order over \$17.76. Once we have filled the 30+ backorders for GEM dice you will start seeing them available on the website as well. Perhaps you are needing other gaming supplies as well we have losts of things in-house that are not necessarily Gamescience® products but after 46 years you end up with a lot of friendships that lead to having other products to sell as well.

I hope you all are having a great Summer and are staying safe.

Keep Roll'n,

James Means

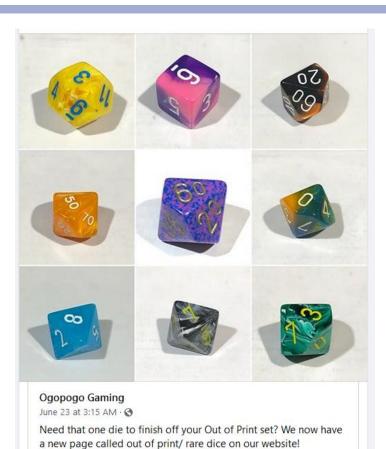
P.S. This newsletter is only going out to our newsletter subscribers approximately only 2,800 people so it is kind of just for those of you who wish to be in the know

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On a more positive note, Dispel Dice posted an update on their progress, and things seem to be going well. Fullfilment is still on track, though there are some changes to how orders are going to be shipped out and a few kinks to work out with the Cloudscape design. The full update can be read here:

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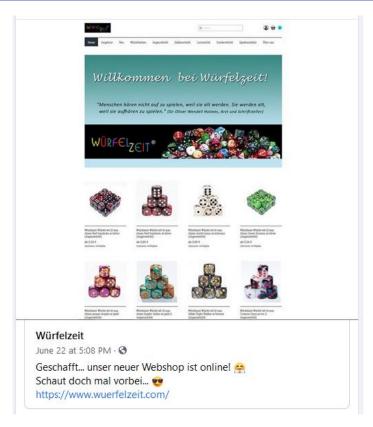




We will update this page as we come across more so bookmark it

and check back periodically. www.ogopogogaming.com Interesting update from Ogopogo Gaming: They are now also offering out of print singles in their online store. If you're looking for something specific, why not check out their website?

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Good news for European dice fans, German company Würfelzeit revamped their online store and now offers both resale dice and original designs at wuerfelzeit.com.

Shipping is only available within Europe:

2.95 EUR Germany (free over 19.99 EUR)

7.95 EUR Rest of Europe (free over 29.99 EUR)

Gravity Dice Update (from Facebook)

Dear Gravity Dice friends,

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All though we are saying goodbye, we do have some exciting news to share with you!

Gravity Dice will be continuing, but it has a new owner! We are very sad to be letting Gravity Dice go, but we are so excited to see it grow and know that the new owner will do their best in continuing to take care of our fans, followers, and customers.

Olivia (she's the one who usually answers your emails and messages) will be continuing to work with the new owner. If you have any questions about any changes happening, you can always reach out to her: sales@gravitydice.com

For now, the rest of us will say our goodbyes, we will miss you, and happy gaming!

Love 🎔 James & Lori