

Tina's Dice Digest

August 2020 Edition (#8)

Welcome to no. 8 of my Dice Digest! I should probably call this the September edition, but let's just ignore that it's already mid-September. Time flies!

Let's start this edition off with new tri-colour glitter dice from Udixi, as well as new duck dice and oversized dice they call "Castle Dice" (25mm d6).

Personally, I'm not super fond of the wizardy font on the tri-colours, but the design as such looks pretty good. Will be interesting to see these in person.

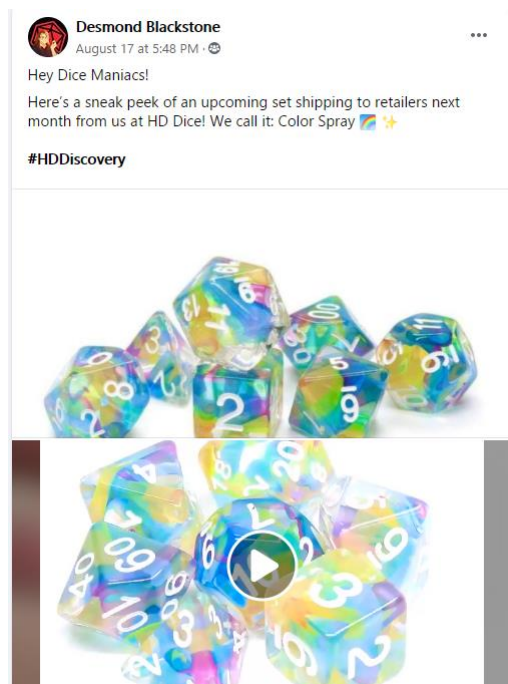
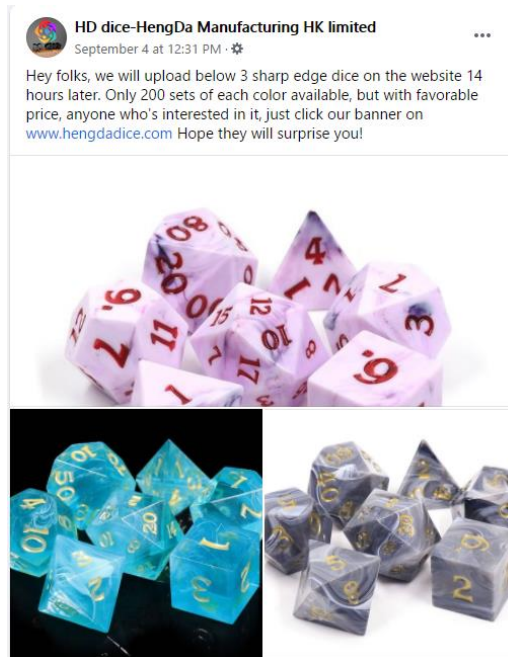
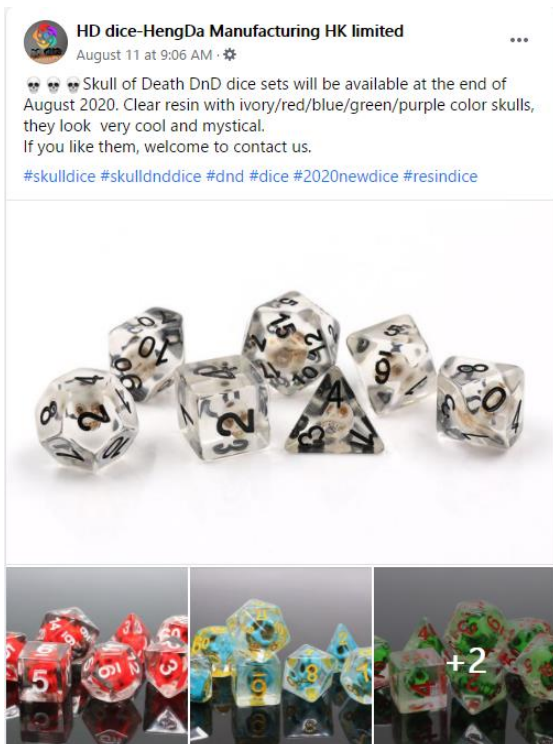


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HD surprised us with three lines of sharp-edged dice. These will be limited release for now, and have so far only been made available to retailers for pre-order. I'm sure we'll see in the next few weeks which of the known retailers managed to snag sets of these limited dice.

Also new from HD are skull dice in different colours, and a teaser for upcoming colour spray set that will likely be popular, once it hits stores (release date not known at this point).



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Haxtec has released new metal dice they call "Real Scene Dice". They are metal dice with pictures of actual RPG themes on the faces below the numbers.

The dice are said to be zinc alloy, and it's not clear how the images are applied. They are most likely stickers that are adhered to the die faces, so it's not clear just how good these will look in person, and how durable the glue on the stickers will be.



Haxtec Game

August 15 at 6:07 AM · 🌐

Comparison of the Real Scene Dice with ordinary metal dice. Last 3 hours for 30% off on www.haxtec.com. Happy weekend!

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Haxtec Real Scene Dice

Size Weight Chart



21mm	18.5mm	16mm	16mm	15mm	16mm	18mm
34.5g	24g	19.2g	19.2g	16.5g	22.5g	10g
Inch 0.83"	0.73"	0.63"	0.63"	0.59"	0.63"	0.71"
oz 1.21	0.85	0.68	0.68	0.58	0.79	0.35

Comparison with Ordinary Metal Dice



16mm

148.5g

Round corners

High definition real scene dice

14mm

105g

Sharp corners

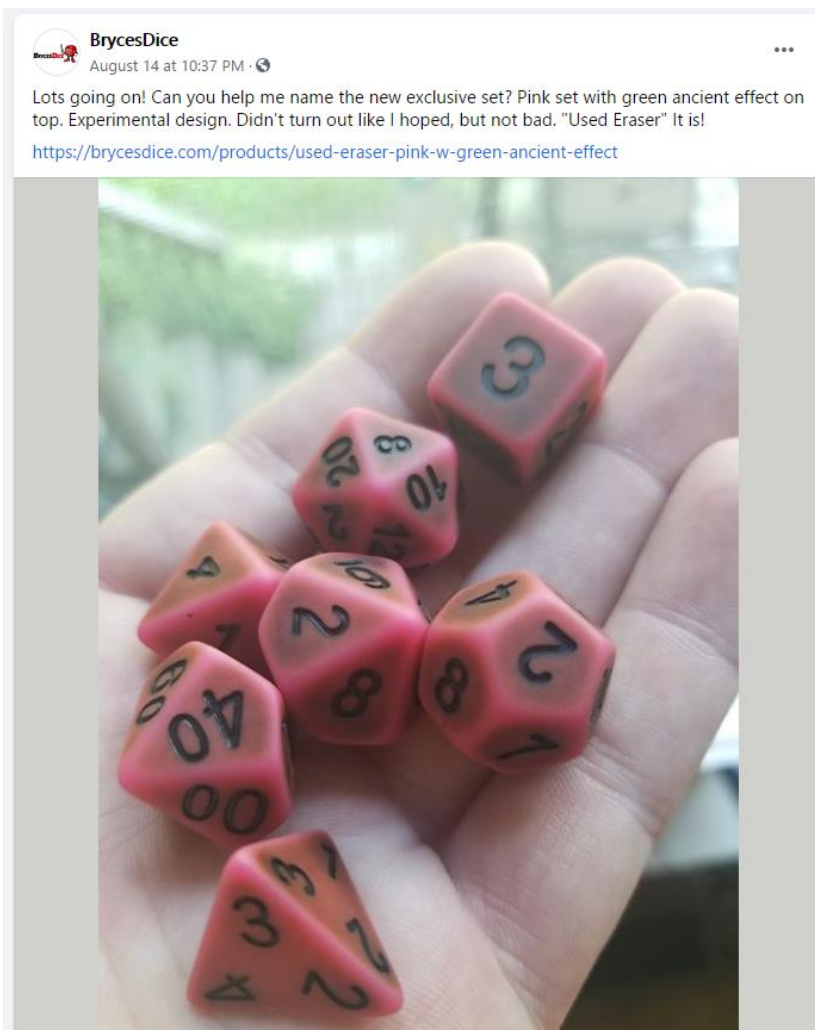
Ordinary metal dice

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Yusun also has new metal dice. They've been doing a lot of metal designs lately, including their striped ones in several colours.



Bryce's Dice is back with a new exclusive design, this time a twist on HD's Ancient line.

These are Ancient-style pink dice with an olive green used look, evoking a "used eraser" feel that gave these their name.

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Metallic Dice Games now has some of their exclusive Stardust sets available as mini versions. I think they look great.

 Metallic Dice Games
September 4 at 3:00 PM · 🌐

Happy Labor Day weekend!

Check out our new MINI Stardust dice! Perfect for gaming on the go, our Stardust mini sets are infused with a beautiful color shifting glitter. Enjoy 20% off our entire website for Labor Day weekend!

<https://metallicdicegames.com/store/?swof=1&orderby=date>



Quick reminder that the D&D 5e *Icewind Dale: Rime of the Frost Maiden* dice set is being released on Sep 29, 2020. MRSP for this package is \$29.99, and it contains

- Eleven dice (two d20s, one d12, two d10s, one d8, four d6s, one d4)
- Player-friendly foldout map of Icewind Dale and Ten-Towns (10.5" × 15.75")
- Durable, felt-lined box that functions as two dice trays
- Twenty double-sided cards with descriptions and illustrations of characters and creatures one might encounter in Icewind Dale

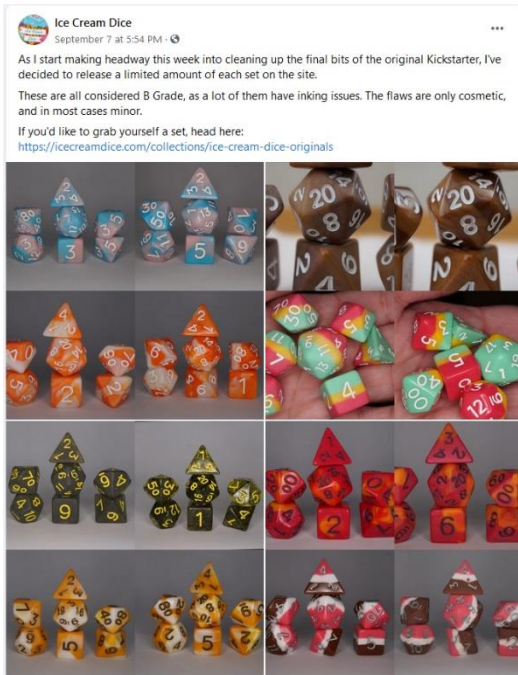


Please note: It looks like the set will contain two d10s and no percentile die, unless this is an error in the product photos.



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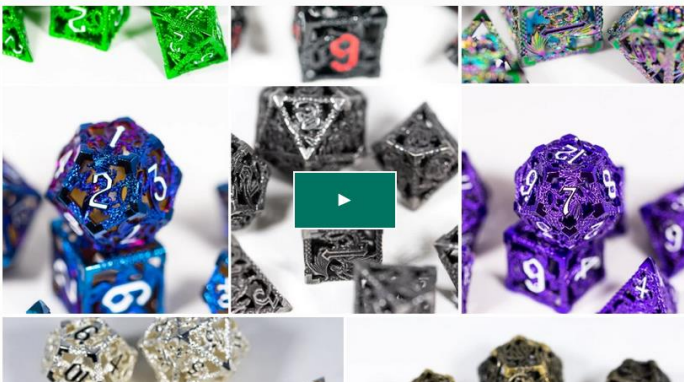


If you missed the original Ice Cream Dice Kickstarter, some of the sets from the Kickstarter have now been put up in the [Ice Cream Dice online store](https://icecreamdice.com/collections/ice-cream-dice-originals) as B-grade versions for \$12.95 per set.

Kickstarters & News

Deadly Dragon Dice: Shards from Oblivion

High End Hollow Metal RPG Gaming Dice with Flowing Dragons Ready for Your Next DND Campaign!



US\$ 69,209
pledged of US\$ 2,700 goal

696
backers

27
hours to go

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All or nothing. This project will only be funded if it reaches its goal by Sun, September 13 2020 6:13 PM CEST.


New [Kickstarter from Bryce's Dice](#). Named *Shards from Oblivion*, they are copper dice with different colour finishes.




The Kickstarter has just over a day to go and is fully funded with several additional colours unlocked. These run \$65 per set.


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Endless Dice, Endless Possibilities, Endless Adventures!
Table Breaking Metal Polyhedral Designer Dice Set for DND, Pathfinder, Call of Cthulu and Tabletop RPGs. Extra Large & Extra Heavy!







  

\$121,023 
pledged of \$6,997 goal

1,710
backers

8
days to go

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These Celtic Knot metal dice are now on [Kickstarter under the name Endless Dice](#). You have 8 days to still join this fully funded Kickstarter for dice in different metal colours, including an anodized rainbow version.

Many of the stretch goals have already been unlocked. Price points are £9 for a single d20, £6 for any single non-d20 and £45 for a full polyhedral set.

Sweet Shop Dice Collection
8 delicious looking dice sets inspired by classic sweets



The Sweet Shop Dice Collection



\$41,041 
pledged of \$23,031 goal

955
backers

25
days to go

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All or nothing. This project will only be funded if it reaches its goal by Thu, October 8 2020 1:59 PM CEST.

Gummy sweets inspired dice ahoi! The [Sweet Shop Dice Collection Kickstarter](#) is fully funded and has several sets of dice that are modeled after popular candy.

The Kickstarter has 25 days to go, and includes not just regular rounded edge polyhedrals but also a sharp-edged set you can pledge for, and you can pick and mix sets as well if you'd rather have more variety.


Full sets (excl. sharp-edged) cost £10, a Pick 'n Mix set £12, and the sharp-edged set £35.

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The Expanse RPG Dice Sets

Custom Dice for Earth, Mars, and the Belt



THE EXPANSE
ROLEPLAYING GAME
DICE SETS

FUNDED IN 6 HOURS!

US\$ 27,385
pledged of US\$ 10,000 goal

705
backers

3
days to go

Back this project

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All or nothing. This project will only be funded if it reaches its goal by Wed, September 16 2020 3:00 AM CEST.

Fans of the Expanse RPG can rejoice, you can now back for [Expanse dice sets](#). In a partnership with Q-Workshop, these are sets of six 6-sided dice to go with the RPG system. The protogen dice stretch goal is close to being unlocked, there's 3 days to go.

Each set runs you \$15, and it has six d6s in two different colour schemes.

Polyhedral Dice Set: 7 Egyptian Dice



RPG POLYHEDRAL SET

FULLY FUNDED! IN 1 HRS

A beautifully crafted set of 7 Egyptian themed polyhedral dice for Egyptian themed tabletop games.

Created by
Triple Ace Games Ltd

474 backers pledged £10,416 to help bring this project to life.

Last updated September 9, 2020

DICE DUDES

TRIPLE ACE GAMES

EGYPTIAN DICE

I came in too late this time to recommend the [Egyptian Dice by Triple Ace Games](#), as the Kickstarter is already closed. It was fully funded, and perhaps we'll see these dice being offered later on if you missed it.

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Lindorm dice

September 4 at 4:18 PM · 🌐

Norse mythology dice - Viking saga Kickstarter trailer
Kickstarter : Sep 15 2020

Oh boy we finally finished it! Hurrayyy! And with Music Licensed from The longest Johns, we are thrilled!



Lindorm's next
Kickstarter goes live on
Sep 15, 2020.

I know I mentioned these in the past, but I'm just ridiculously excited for this one. All the samples look great. I hope a few of the stretch goals get unlocked, because there's some great designs in there.

Scam Warning!

I'd like to repeat this warning from my last Dice Digest, because I've seen several posts about it in the last few days.

Beware of fake Facebook ads and online stores that are trying to advertise dice that aren't theirs, and will not deliver what they promise. Many of them are using photos from current unfulfilled Kickstarters (such as the MDG liquid core dice, Dispel Dice) or unique handmade dice from independent makers (such as dice with objects inside).

These stores advertise under different names, some of which are **RuthlessRolling**, **Godbuy Store**, **Orfilaa Store**, **Xindeqqu**, **Gamers Night**, **Lospoco shop**, **Tayloke**, **Benjamine-shop**, **Pg-monsta shop**, **Hb-gladyse shop**, **Rou sep**.

If you see ads like this that use the MDG liquid core Kickstarter dice or other very unique dice (like the one with the sailboat inside), caution is advised. What happens very often is that, if you order there, they do send you dice, but they will be cheap pearl or other mass-produced dice that look nothing like what you thought you ordered.



RuthlessRolling

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🕒 Only 30 galaxy dice will be made 🕒

Your own personal limited edition galaxy dice

Secure yours now before they're all gone



Handcrafted Galaxy Blue

Only 30 made

Shop Now

Handcrafted Galaxy Dark

Your personal handmade dice



Busting Dice Myths

A spotlight on community-used dice names

If you've been in the dice groups and collecting community long enough, you've probably picked up on a lot of regularly used terms and dice names that collectors like to use. Many of them have become second nature to us, and we know immediately what people are talking about. But how official are these names, actually?

I've come across a few instances where it seems that names for older dice lines have been vernacularized which don't match the names that the dice companies or distributors used when they were originally sold. That's an odd phenomenon, right? Who made up these names and spread them in a way that they stuck?

One example for this is Crystal Caste Magma Royal, which many collectors use instead of Magma Purple. Crystal Caste sold these as Magma Red. D&G sold them as Magma Purple. Who started calling them Magma Royal?

These observations are based on what I have witnessed myself and could dig up from the sparse information still available. I'm always happy to learn or be proven wrong, so if you have any documentation that helps shed more light on official dice names, please let me know!



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Magma Dice

Sets of 7 polydice in plastic container

Available in:

- Smoke
- Green
- Blue
- Purple
- Amber

Weight: 36.8g



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Similarly with Crystal Caste's Fire Opal Maple. These are officially called Fire Opal Blue with Maple. By that logic, we should be calling the other two sets Fire Opal Sapphire and Fire Opal Scarabaeus since Maple refers to the glitter colour and not the die colour. Perhaps someone was mixing it up with the Moonstones, which are indeed officially called Jade, Maple and Aquarius?



Fire Opal Dice

Sets of 7 polydice in plastic container

Available in:

- Blue with Maple
- Aqua with Sapphire
- Smoke with Scarabaeus

Weight: 36.8g



The Gold Mist vs. Ancient discussion is a whole other matter. Collectors have made the distinction that the Ancient dice are those that have a less misty quality and are mostly semi-translucent with pronounced golden swirls near the surface, while the Gold Mist dice are those that have the gold material dispersed throughout the dice without clear swirls which gives them more of a misty look.

The D&G website only lists Gold Mist dice in the colours Red, Green, Blue, Purple, Black. There is no mention of a line called Ancient. It's possible that Crystal Caste sold these same dice under the name Ancient, although I don't have actual proof for that.

So are the Gold Mist and Ancient dice different in the official sense? Or were both the same with some production variation in colouring, with different companies using different names for the same dice? And why is it that what collectors call Gold Mist Purple is clearly a lighter shade of brown-purple than what collectors call Ancient Purple? (I hear the answer to this question is that the Gold Mist variants are older than Ancient.) Why does the D&G website not list orange, when an orange die is pictured? We'll probably never get satisfactory answers for these questions.

Gold Mist Dice

- 4 sided, 1.9gm
- 6 sided, 3.0gm
- 8 sided, 2.8gm
- 10 sided 0-9, 3.1gm
- 10 sided 00-90, 3.1gm
- 12 sided, 3.6gm
- 20 sided 1-20, 4.6gm



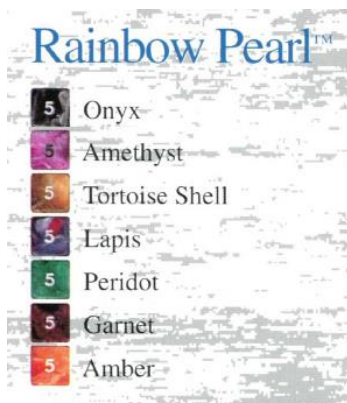
Colours:

Red, Green, Blue, Purple, Black.

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I could probably list a few more instances where frequent use by collectors is starting to elevate made-up names to official name status. Borealis Light Purple doesn't exist in the official sense. There is Borealis Purple and Royal Purple. (Some people say light purple to ensure they are not talking about the darker Royal Purple.)



Interestingly, the Chessex Rainbow line was officially called Rainbow Pearl for a while. I'm not sure when this changed to just Rainbow.

The Crystal Caste Satin are not called Satin-Silkki or anything with Silkki in the name. Silkki is the name that German company Würfelzeit sold these as and that TDSO lists them as. Crystal Caste just called them Satin. (Fun fact: King Cards also sold these under the name Tutti Frutti.)

Gem Blitz vs. Firefly: Crystal Caste sold these as Crystal Caste Firefly. D&G sold them as Gem Blitz. Same dice, though.

It's understandable that collectors want to give the dice names that differentiate clearly between different variants. That's why the community coined terms like OOG for high-clarity old glitter Borealis. Ultimately, it helps in differentiating certain designs or colourways, as long as everyone knows and uses the same terminology for the same dice.

The Weight of Dice

Not so much a dice myth, but I've had someone ask me what the weight of the new Chessex Heavy Dice is, and so I put together some empirical data. Please see below. 😊

