

Chessex Borealis

old and new glitter comparison

new glitter (NG) on the left, old glitter (OG) on the right

Borealis Sky Blue

please note that the NG die was reinked from white to gold



by TeeJay (Tina Manneborn)

new glitter colour:
gold

old glitter colour:
gold with green tint

die colour is the same or very similar, somewhat translucent with darker swirls

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Borealis Purple



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new glitter colour:
gold

old glitter colour:
gold with green tint

die colour is the same or very similar, somewhat translucent with darker swirls

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Borealis Royal Purple



NG

OG



NG

OG

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new glitter colour:
blue

old glitter colour:
blue with teal tint

die colour is the same or very similar, some OG dice can be more translucent than others

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Borealis Light Green

please note that the NG die was reinked from gold to dark blue



NG

OG



NG

OG

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new glitter colour:
light blue

old glitter colour:
deep blue

die colour is the same or very similar, sometimes described as an oily look

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Borealis Teal



NG

OG



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OG

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new glitter colour:
blue

die material has an oily look

old glitter colour:
turquoise

die material is almost translucent

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Borealis Smoke



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new glitter colour:
silver, turquoise and purple
(no yellow or red tones)

old glitter colour:
full rainbow spectrum

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Borealis Pink



NG

OG



NG

OG

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new glitter colour:
light blue

die material has an oily look

old glitter colour:
turquoise blue with a green tint

die material is almost translucent

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Borealis Magenta



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new glitter colour:
gold – fine glitter

old glitter colour:
gold – more coarse glitter

die colour is the same or very similar, some OG dice can be more translucent than others

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Aquerple



Clear



Confetti



Green

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Orange



Red

these Borealis lines were never made with new glitter

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General Information

- Chessex was forced to change the glitter for the Borealis lines because the material was starting to be used in European currency and thus became a controlled substance they no longer had access to.
- The change from the old to the new glitter occurred some time around 2016, but there is no fixed cut-off date as the change was gradual.
- Borealis Aquerple, Clear, Confetti, Green, Orange and Red were only made with old glitter. There are no new glitter versions of these.
- Borealis Confetti, Green, Orange and Red were limited runs, and thus are now very hard to find (and expensive to acquire).
- Pipped Borealis Magenta dice were never produced with new glitter. All pipped Magenta dice are OG.
- Borealis Maple Green was a line newly released in spring 2019 with Chessex' last remaining stock of the old glitter that had been found in a warehouse.
- Sometimes old glitter dice are labeled OOG (old old glitter), which is a misnomer because it implies there is a third type of glitter, which there is not. OOG usually indicates that the die is more translucent, which Chessex has confirmed to be an unintentional production variance. This is especially prominent in the Smoke and Magenta lines. OOG dice have the same type of glitter as OG dice.