

Chapter 1 : Custom Dungeon Master Screen - Plus 5-in-1 Leather AD&D Tome - GeekDad

Product Blurb: Official Dungeon Master's screen for the 4th Edition Dungeons & Dragons® Roleplaying Game This four-panel cardstock screen features new full-color artwork and allows Dungeon Masters to keep their campaign notes and die rolls private, without blocking their view of the game table.

Related 1 Icosahedrophilia June 19, at I can definitely see both sides of this argument but I am a big proponent of DM screens. I like the convenience they provide in terms of quick reference materials, and I like the air of mystery they lend. But when a momentous die roll is about to occur I roll that in the open. I feel that helps build tension as the die is bouncing about the table and everyone is holding their breath waiting to see where it lands. As for my favorite screen that is easy: That thing is a beast. I started in part because I heard Chris Perkins rarely uses it and the 3. Now DMing 4e, I trust the math more than 3. I always roll in front of the players anyway and let the die fall where they may. It hides rolls enough and I can cover maps with other sheets of paper when I need to. I do all my dice rolling in plain view, so they fall where they may. It removes the temptation for me to fudge, because I know that no one at my table prefers it. It keeps the secret things secret like a creatures HP or AC or weaknesses. I usually run without a screen, unless I have a specific reason to want surprise. I try to get the actual miniatures of any monsters I use, so I can lift the screen to reveal the monster when it finally arrives. I did this with the last season of Encounters, when the strange green elf started to get more lizardlike and I replaced him with a draconian mini€ then he fully polymorphed into a dragon, and I pulled the dragon mini out from behind the screen. Though I will admit that the epic awfulness of rolling 4 crits against my Encounters table was impossible to adjust when I rolled on the open table. And despite all that dislike Ameron has for the DM screen, he has in way sold me on it. Although my DMing does tend to be very laptop-heavy and extremely low-prep. We got after him about it and he removed the screen. And no kidding the next roll a 20 and Now our group rolls in the open and it is actually a lot more fun watching the DM roll for your doom. Wiping your brow when he rolls low and not wanting to watch the damage roll when that 20 shows up. As for the open books thing, he would have them book marked and closed until they were on the board. A majority of the time I use them for quick reference and to hide maps, minis, etc. I use it flat in front of me covering notes most of the time. With kids I also like to keep the spell casters close to me. They are usually the ones tha need more help. I realise all games and players are different so whatever floats your boat: Unless information is vital, the players will get to see the rolls. I particularly was struck by the open attack roll. The author is right, watching the roll in anticipation of a dreaded hit would add to the thrill. So thanks for man ng me think.

Chapter 2 : Dungeon Master's Screen: A 4th Edition D&D Accessory by Wizards RPG Team

The Dungeon Master's best friend. This accessory for the Dungeons & Dragons Fantasy Roleplaying Game is a beautiful addition to any game table and the ultimate aid for Dungeon Masters.

Gamer Bling Dungeon master screens are often talked about, especially customizing them. The potential of the game master screen has also been covered at RoleplayingTips. Published DM screens are great, but unfortunately, one-size does not fit all. Dungeon masters have different tastes. They also have different styles, varying experience levels behind the screen, and unique needs based on their current campaign and character group make-up. Other tables could be too, once you know the rules. Following is my list of the best dungeon master screen hacks. Page protectors glued to cardboard panels From Roleplaying Tips E-Zine Issue 80 a reader suggests gluing plastic page protectors to cardboard to make a customisable DM screen. Folded index cards along the top edge Photos at the Sly Flourish blog demonstrate well how you can place folded index cards on your dungeon master screen. You can also just use folded slips of paper. You can resurrect old screens by gluing new charts or plastic page sleeves over them. You can cut and glue old screens together. Clips along the edges Roleplaying Tips reader Perry Rogers recently wrote in with his tip about using clips on DM screens. Similar to folded index cards, you can get specific clips with surfaces for pasting things onto them, such as PC portraits, to make another easy initiative tool. The dwarf has two ongoing effects: Stunned and -2 to Attack rolls. Note the magnet on the turn indicator. The magnet does a great job holding the marker in place atop the screen. Another hack is to clip things to the screen. Papers, printouts, photos, whatever. You can not only clip things to your side of the screen for reference, you can also clip things on the other side for player reference. Extend your screen with flaps and panels Have you ever seen the Hackmaster GM screen? Why not do the same? Create additional panels and tape or glue them to your screen: Paste notes onto each other. For example, monster powers and feats often come in groups or categories. Do the same with spells, combat actions, and any other groups of rules that you can stack half an inch high on your screen. Take a trip to your local stationery store and check out the whole family of Post-It products and see if organizational inspiration strikes. If you have any Post-It Notes left over from this hack, get a pencil and make a mini page-flip book of PC decapitations. Paste over useless tables with your own Who says you have to settle with the charts the publisher gave you? Make your own charts, print them out, and tape or glue them over useless ones. Measure up the space you will be covering and build your new charts to spec. You might even have a colour printer at home to design awesome charts with, but black and white serve just as well. A dungeon master screen pet peeve of mine is reference printed only on one side. The players get to look at pretty art. Use the hacks in this post to put some useful information on that side of the screen. Maybe print up random insults and post a new one every session to goad your group on. It works on you every time. Use tape and paper or chopped-up index cards to make a pocket on your screen, and then fill it with cards, the face-up one being what you need at the moment. When I first learned I could buy Velcro in a roll for cheap I immediately thought about using it for my dungeon master screen. I was hoping to attached it to charts and props that I could mount on my screen and swap in and out as I pleased. In practice the idea was a flop. Another eureka moment that died a thousand deaths. What could be better than a magnetic strip running along the top of your screen, right? With bits of magnets attached to cards, charts, and props, I could mount and replace items on my screen fast and easy. Actually, I only got to the stage of getting a magnetic strip and cutting it up. Then it dawned on me that someone invented Post-Its. Hey, no one said I was the sharpest tool in the shed. So, those are my top dungeon master screen hacks.

Chapter 3 : Top 9 Dungeon Master Screen Hacks

The 4th edition D&D Dungeon Master's screen is perfect for any GM. The artwork on the player's side is very good and the information provided on the DM's side helps speed gameplay along. One of the biggest problems I have as a DM is remembering what modifiers conditions apply and what the effects of a certain action is.

This week, we cover a related topic – do-it-yourself screens. Have you ever made your own dungeon master screen? If so, how did you do it, and what materials did you use? Roleplaying Tips readers have also written in with their homebrew dungeon master screen recipes. Duct tape extravaganza I had this one for years until I threw it out because the tape was peeling back, leaving sticky residue that transferred to my other stuff. I cut three chunks of cardboard from boxes and taped them together. So, I had to take a knife and make incisions along the outside seams just to get the thing to bend. On the panels I used glue stick to post up my tables. Restaurant menus This tip appeared in Issue Use restaurant menus or covers for your DM screen. The ones with the plastic sleeves for inserting the latest menu into are perfect. Just whip up your own charts and slide into the menu. The Menu Shoppe sells them online, and specialty print shops might have them as well. Tiny chunk of cardboard As you might know, I use a double dog dish for my dice while DMing. Dice go in one side and I roll in the other. This works great and corrals my dice well. I wanted a small screen around this for one campaign just to keep prying eyes away from my rolls. So, I found a thin cardboard box and trimmed it down to be about 4 inches tall, and wide enough to fit around two sides of my dice dish. I got a rubber band, looped it around the dish, and slipped the cardboard into it. This worked perfectly for many moons. Cardboard and page sleeves Another Roleplaying Tips reader wrote in with the excellent idea of gluing plastic page sleeves to cardboard or to old screens. Binder with sleeves I bought a binder with plastic page sleeves bound into it specifically to use as a dungeon master screen. This worked well, though it was too tall to see over so I kept it to the side. With all the interior pages it felt like I had a ton of information at my finger tips. The pages would sometimes flip over on their own while standing up, so I just a paper clipped to keep the binder open to the pages I needed at any given time. One of my best tools was my folding GM screen. I clipped my charts and tables to the inside of the panels and then used the base to make quick notes on what was going on. For the encounters I would make a quick chart of the monsters each with their own ID , their level, total hit points, damage taken, and initiative. This saved me from messing up or misplacing the sheet once the encounter got under way AND since I was writing in grease pencil it was easy to change and erase after the encounter. The castle wall screen Another time, for another campaign, I made a huge screen with five panels and a hole in the bottom of the middle panel. I cut it in there so players could cast their dice through to behind the screen for secret rolls. As expected, the players loved the skill test of trying to get their dice through the hole. No one lost an eye, mom. Laminated pages Jay suggested in Roleplaying Tips Issue 76 to get two or three pages of charts built and then laminate them. Use a thick laminate so the pages are stiff enough to not curl. Tape the pages together at their edges and you have a great dungeon master screen. For awhile I was making DM screens from cereal boxes. Cut down, they worked well, but only for a short period of time. Am I getting smarter, or just catching up? It has all my information on it, and it doubles nicely as my DM screen. I use Google Docs to record session notes and manage combat. I saw a TV show that demonstrated how to make a periscope from a cardboard milk carton and small glass mirrors taped to the inside. I made the periscope, it worked, and it amused me for five minutes. Then I realized the periscope had a better use! I cut out the bottom a little more and taped a cardboard fenced corral around the base. That sucker lasted for more than five minutes and was a ton of fun. My players loved that thing. What are your best, favourite, and fondest dungeon master screen recipes?

Chapter 4 : 11 Homebrew Dungeon Master Screens

For example, I reviewed the 4th Edition Dungeons and Dragons Dungeon Master screen at calendrierdelascience.com and thought it was great for DMs new to 4E, but eventually the EXP and Food Prices tables will be wasted space. Other tables could be too, once you know the rules.

A few weeks ago, I posted an article about 2D terrain products , both old and new. I was very curious to know more about both the DM screen and the leather bound book, so I reached out with some questions and OldSchoolDM was kind enough to provide some great responses: Bound the books up into one volume and introduced my kids to the game young now they say that volume is a prized heirloom and will be hotly contested when I fail my last saving throw. When the kids grew up, I resumed playing " but now with 4e. I have a long running 4e campaign currently suspended while my daughter and another player get married IRL. I make a lot of papercraft terrain for my games. That means a lot of storage space for what amounts mostly to stylized empty sealed boxes. This is a problem, so I developed fold-flat building techniques. So, I still need to store those somewhere, so recently I started making storage for the parts " using decorated cigar boxes, or even making custom boxes. I can now store buildings in the place I used to store one or two. The moment he gave it to me I had a flash of inspiration, which was to turn it into a multi-function gaming box: About hours of work later, it turned out pretty much as I expected, with the support ribbons being inspired via a Facebook comment after I posted initial pictures of the project on the OldSchoolDM page. My random dice rolls make my players nervous which is the point, I guess , and I do enjoy my own little bit of private real estate. That said, your DM screen looks a bit tall. Do you stand as a DM? Do you find the lid is just a little to tall or are the pictures a little misleading? It is very tall. Great for the backdrop-support feature, but, as you surmise " a bit too high for a standard seating like a gaming store. The players can only see my eyes over the top. I do like to stand when I run a game, especially if there are minis on the table, so no problem in those situations. At home, I just sit in my high office chair. I ran a role-playing intense session that way, and it worked well but requires a large table space. You and I are both fans of Lord Zsezse Works " some great resources there. Why this particular cover? There are dozens and dozens to choose! do you like red? There are lots of great gaming papercraft designers all around the world! The reason I chose this one was: I wanted this to look like a giant antique book when I stored it on a shelf, so the spine needed to look good. Since the templates only contained the cover and recently they added support for backs, yay! I needed to find a use a photo of a real antique book spine to blow up. Now my grandkids will have something to fight over. You and I are also fans of Fat Dragon Games. What are some of your favorite FDG products? My favorite paper terrain pieces fall into two categories: Most of my favorite Fat Dragon Games pieces are versatile " like the cliffs I used in the Velkynvelve encounter and the cave walls I used for the Silken Paths, or market stalls in a plaza. I use them over and over. Set-pieces are the centerpieces of encounters and usually get used once or twice only, I find those all over the place for sale and free. Recently I built an amazingly cool medieval church that was designed for free! What was your reasoning for doing this? My new wife had some leather working tools, so I did the decoration myself. You told me your children all want that book " I can see why. I know I found it in each of their rooms at least once. Hopefully by then my grandkids will be interested in it and they can all share! GeekDad: You call yourself OldSchoolDM " what are your thoughts on what that means? Do you see new 5e DMs doing anything differently that we grognards maybe ignore or shy away from? When I got into papercraft for my 4e games, I realized I would be sharing a lot of photos online. So, it was time to create a persona, to allow me to sort-of separate my professional status I was a CEO of a silicon-valley gaming startup at the time from my new hobby. Not really wanting investors to see that I had a passion other than my company when pitching for venture money. Rule gets in the way? Player staring at power-cards as the only choices? I found 4e was just fine for that, just like every other edition. Now I also run 5e. You have a gaming group, so what do you do to keep them on their toes? Finish my Out of the Abyss run at Game of Berkeley. My number one way to keep my players engaged is both old-school and now considered standard DM advice " engage the characters in the story through backgrounds and relationships. This is one of my very favorite

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features of 5e character generation. From creation, every character has a story bond, motivation, flaw, etc. Thanks so much featuring my projects at GeekDad.

Chapter 5 : DIY Custom D&D 5th Edition DM Screen "osdgeek

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Chapter 7 : Dungeon Master's Screen (4e) - D&D Wiki

Dungeon master's screen Posted on September 8, by David Hartlage At the big conventions like GEN CON, I always like to walk the Dungeons & Dragons play area to see how some of the other dungeon masters run their tables.

Chapter 8 : Publication:Dungeon Masters Guide (1e) - Dungeons and Dragons Wiki

Custom Dungeon Master Screen - Plus 5-in-1 Leather AD&D Tome. Posted on February 29, When the kids grew up, I resumed playing - but now with 4e. I skipped all.

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