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# THE MERCENARIES BUILD

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#### Description

The Mercernaries Guild has responded to the many requests of its members. There was a need for a standard thieves kit so that a thief would know exactly what tools he carried and a system for quickly locating each tool.

Now every member of the Guild that has thief abilities can own one of the standard Mercernaries Guild thief tool kits. The kit is housed in a folder the size of a small book. It measures 7" by 9" by 1" thick. Yet it contains everything that a well equiped thief could need. This is accomplished by incorporating the magic in a bag of holding into the folder so that it holds much more than it appears to. This is advantageous to all thieves because the kit would almost never be recognized as a thieves kit because it is too small. Yet the amount of tools it holds will boggle the ordinary thievers mind.

The kit is constructed like a book with many pages. Each page contains pockets and loops that hold the tools. As each page is turned the new page reveals more and more tools. At first glance it

would appear that the folder would hold only one of these pages but through the magic of the bag of holding, the kit actually contains over one hundred pages. In addition after the last page is turned, the kit will unfold several times to reveal the large tools that a thief will need. For example, you will find long pry bars, a folding ladder, a small collapsable table, etc....

Although nothing but thieves tools can be carried in the kit, all the tools and supplies in the kit are easily replacable through the Build.

## Tools

- Screwdrivers -- several sizes of all types of normal screwdrivers and micro-screwdrivers.
- Pliers -- including locking pliers, wire pliers, nippers, grippers, clamping, neddle nose, cutting and probing.
- Hammers -- including wooden mallets, sledge hammers (in the last section for large tools), mountaineering hammers, gem cutting hammers, stone cutting hammers, tack hammers, and carpentry hammers.
- Chisels -- including rock chisels, wood chisels, metal chisels, and rock drills.

Punches -- including probes and drifts.

- Wrenches -- normal sizes to very small sizes. Including pipe wrenches, sockets, ratchets, nut drivers, adjustable wrenches, and flexible extentions.
- Measuring devices -- including yardsticks, rulers, micrometers, calipers, and squares.
- Saws -- including metal cutting, wood cutting, stone cutting, razor saws, hack saws, and wire saws.
- Knives -- including knives of all shapes and sizes (non-weapon), butcher, fish fileting, skinning, wood carving, meat cutting and all with sharpening stones.

Files -- all sizes and shapes (i.e. round, flat, square, triangle).

# Tools (Continued)

Shears -- for metal, wood, and paper.

- Wedges -- for holding doors and other uses. Made of steel, lead. wood, rubber, and stone.
- "E" Clamps -- useful for holding things in place while working on them or while glue sets. Many other obvious uses.
- Pulleys -- used with ropes to move heavy loads.
- Springs -- various types of coils of different lengths and sizes. Useful in setting traps and repairing damaged machanisms.

# Materials

- Wire -- including thin copper wire, silver wire, gold wire, steel wire of several guages, very rigid wire of all sizes, super strong wire of very small guage, and braided wire of all sizes.
- Marking devices -- including chalk, pencils, pens, various inks, and varoious invisible marking devices.

Cording -- including rope, string, braided leather, and silk.

- Fasteners -- including nails, screws, bolts, nuts, eye bolts, ]-hooks, carriage bolts, tacks, thumb tacks, and washers.
- Adesive tapes including masking tapes, strapping tapes, surgical tapes, and clear tapes.
- Glue and paste -- various types of glue and paste to stick various types of materials together.
- Copy paper -- This paper is used with special fluids and inks to magically copy any non-magical writing, printing, hieroglyphics, symbols, maps, or glyphs. This copy processis usable only by thieves although the process is created by magic users that are members of the Guild. The process makes an exact copy of the same size of the orginal. It will copy colors, and portraits of people done in colored oils are duplicated exactly. In order to copy, the sheets must be placed flat against the orginal. Several sheets can be used to copy very large items. The sheets of special paper and special fluids are available only to members of the Mercernaries Guild. (Continued)

This copy process will not copy magical books, tomes, librams, scrolls, or any magical writing or any type. The copy process requires one turn per sheet and only one sheet can be done at a time. Assassins and monks cannot use this process even though they have thief-like abilities.

- Scrap metal -- small pieces of metal to repair or construct small devices.
- Neddles and pins -- sewing needles and straight pins with thread for sewing and mending.
- Lead slugs -- for screwing into solid stone. To use, a hole is drilled and the slug is placed inside. Then a screw is screwed into the lead.

Sandpaper

Putty, clay, and wax -- used for sealing cracks, making impressions, etc....

Cement -- for patching or sealing stonework.

Lubricating oil and grease

Rust penetrating oil -- to free stuck hinges and locks so that doors will open silently.

#### Soap

- Fabric and leather -- pieces for patching clothing, aiding in creating desquises or any other use.
- Writing materials -- part of a thieves abilities is forgery and these materials are of the best quality to aid in forgery.

#### <u>Testing Equipment</u>

- Acids -- including several types for testing purity of gold, silver, platinum, electrum, and copper. Some magical spells can fool even the most carefull examination by touch and eye but nothing can fool these acids. Also, includes acids to test the types of non-precious metals and various types of stone. These acids will identify the magical metals also (mithral, adamantite, etc...).
- Scales -- a small balance scale and weights for measuring small quanitites. This scale is very accurate but limited in the capacity that it can weigh. It can only weigh items of one pound or less. It is invaluable in determining the size of gem stones.
- Magnifying glasses several sizes for examining small items and investigating cracks, etc....
- Jewelers loupe -- used to determine the approximate value of gem stones. This item is useless without the proor training by a competent jeweler or gem cutter.
- Microscope -- useful in analysing powders, compounds, and crystals.
- Containers -- various glass and metal containers with closing and sealing devices for storing itrems discovered in dungeons.

Magnets -- could conceivably have many uses.

Litmus paper -- used to determine the presence of acid.

# Testing Equipment (Continued)

- Distilled water -- useful in mixing with various compounds when you don't want any chemicals or minerals added to the mixture.
- Small bunsen burner -- for heating compounds to aid in dissolving and mixing.

Mortar and pestal -- for grinding powders and other materials.

Tongs -- for holding hot containers.

Crucibles, retorts, and other glassware with glass tubing and connectors.

Chemicals for detecting and developing secret or concealed writing.

Powders to detect for supface poisions and powders to dissolve in liquids to detect for liquid poisons.

#### Specialty Items

- Periscope -- useful for looking over walls and around corners, and peering into chests without triggering traps.
- Mirrors -- made of both glass and metal. Also useful for looking around corners and into containers without tripping traps.
- Telescope -- although non-magical and not nearly as good as Eyes of the Eagle, this item is obviously very useful.
- Stethoscope -- increases a thieves chance to hear noises behind a closed door. Also can be used to hear tumblers in a combination lock. Obviously has many potential uses.
- Continual Light lantern -- This device appears to be a normal lantern although much smaller than usual. It has the spell continual light cast on the inside of the mantel. It can be used as a normal lantern with wick and oil for situations that require more light or as a continual light lantern to conserve fuel. The lantern has shutters so that the light can be made to shine in any manner desired. For example, it can be only a pencil beam to the front or it can shine in all directions to illuminate an entire room. It also has lenses to focus the light into the desired beam. The lantern was made small so that a thief could use the attached head band to user it like a miners helmet. The use of the lantern will always interfere with the use of infravision either in the continual light mode or in the normal mode.
- Disquise and make-up kit -- a necessity for every thief who uses disquises.
- Mountaineering gear -- all the equipment that is needed to climb mountains (i.e. pitons, carribiniers, repelling brakes, etc....)

## Lock Equipment

- Lock picks -- these lock picks are made of the finest spring steel and magically treated to be rust proof. Included in the set are lock picks for every known type of lock. The set also includes tension bars and depressers for all locks. Because of the advances in technowledgy there may be a new type of lock that is not included in this set. Also there were some very good locks made in the past that we can't duplicate on which these picks may not work.
- Master keys -- the set includes a master key for all thrity-one known types of locks.
- Skeleton keys -- these are used for the very old locks for which there are no more keys made. These locks are usually very easy to open.
- Key making machine -- often after opening a lock you can make a key from the internal patterns. This is done so that a non thief can open the lock later. Or for the thief who thinks he might want to open the lock in a hurry.
- Micro manipulators -- this device is used to work on very small machanisms. It is very useful in duplicating the small parts of a lock.

#### Large Tools

- Pry bars -- several bars of several sizes designed to fit into, onto, and under every conceivable surface.
- Collapsable ladder -- a twenty foot tall ladder folded into a very small size.
- Folding table and chair -- table and chair fold out to make a work surface for lock repair, trap building, or almost any prupose.
- Digging tools -- includes shovels, picks, mattocks, hoes, axes, post hole diggers, buckets, etc...
- Hammock this is a net hammock that can be strung almost anywhere. It is very comfortable to sleep in.
- Inflatable life ring -- this is a small life preserver that can be used in emergency situations to keep a person afloat.

Block and tackle -- used to move very heavy and large objects.



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