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Tired of your dungeons lacking in verisimilitude? Want to add cool little features of interest to your creations but don't have the time to come up with non-essential details? Want to make your dungeons feel more realistic? Then Dungeon Dressing is for you! Each instalment focuses on a common dungeon fixture such as stairs, pillars or pools and gives the harried GM the tools to bring such features to life with interesting and cool noteworthy features.

This instalment of Dungeon Dressing presents loads of great contents to add to the chests in your dungeon. Designed to be used both during preparation or actual play, Dungeon Dressing: Mundane Chest Contents is an invaluable addition to any GM's armoury!

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Use these tables to add flavour and detail to otherwise unremarkable, boring chests. Even villains, for example, must have clothes or favourite foods and these tables can generate such details. Such small items may spark the characters' interest and could lead to interesting role-playing opportunities or could even give insights into the NPC's personality and interests.

While each entry in these tables mainly deal with just one or two items, roll several times on one or more of the tables to generate an interesting, thought-provoking chest.

Of course, the entries on these tables may need to be tweaked slightly–either to make them relevant to the villain owning the chest or to better fit your personal style and/or campaign world. Such tweaks should take seconds to complete, and represent design time well spent.

CLOTHES & POSSESSIONS

Chests aren't always about treasure! Dungeon denizens need places to stash their clothes, tools and personal accoutrements.

01	This chest contains piles of neatly folded white linens.
02	This chest holds grey and black burial shrouds.
03	A handful of dirty loincloths fill this chest.
04	Cult members have stashed red and black robes inside this chest.
05	This chest is crammed full of multi-coloured dresses sized for a variety of ladies.
06	A selection of lacy undergarments lie within this chest.
07	This chest holds layers of folded stockings and five pairs of shoes.
08	Worn, sweat-stained leather hoods are strewn about the bottom of this chest.
09	This chest holds a selection of fine gloves, like those worn to a theatre performance or high society event.
10	The gloves inside this chest look like they're used to distribute pig slop.
11	This chest holds several sets of dirty gloves, all smelling of musty earth.
12	This chest contains five sets of black silk leggings.
13	The colourful leggings in this chest look like they belong to a theatrical troupe.
14	Several old cloth bags are dumped inside this chest. One holds a forgotten gold coin, which only a careful search reveals.
15	This chest contains a dozen empty satchels.
16	The empty wine sacks in this chest now serve as a rats' nest. The faint smell of wine and faeces fills the chest.
17	The single coin purse inside this dusty chest is, unfortunately, empty.

18	Sets of matching crimson robes, caps and slippers in a variety of sizes are stashed inside this chest.
19	Moth-eaten shirts lie within this chest.
20	This chest contains burnt clothes that crumble to ash at the slightest touch.
21	Cobwebs cover the riding boots in this chest.
22	Auburn and blonde wigs hang from small hooks inside this chest.
23	The numerous velvet gloves in this chest are worn through on the fingertips.
24	A single pair of lady's lace gloves lies within this chest, on a pristine red velvet cushion.
25	The hat in this chest is covered with painted goose feathers. A matching scarf lies beneath the hat.
26	This chest contains a bright green ball gown that shimmers in the light.
27	The leather scraps in this chest look like they were once stitched together as armour. Some are bloodstained.
28	This chest holds rusty chainmail scraps.
29	A set of dented pauldrons rest within this chest.
30	This chest contains a pair of grey robes with dozens of pockets sewn into each.
31	The vest in this chest holds two throwing daggers tucked into the hem.
32	A pile of vests, cravats and other gentlemanly garb is packed tightly and carefully into this chest.
33	Woollen scarves and mittens drape over one another in this chest.
34	The shapeless cloth hats in this chest are filled with dried mouse droppings.
35	Leather skullcaps are set on rounded wooden blocks in this chest. All are the same size.
36	Simple working hats have been tossed into this chest.
37	This chest holds a single black veil of the sort worn to funerals and the like by a grieving widow.
38	A rainbow of soft silken sarongs and scarves are packed into this chest.
39	This chest holds eight 50 ft. long lengths of rope.
40	Hairpins and other beauty paraphernalia fill the cheesecloth bags in this chest.
41	Rotted cloth scraps suggest the remains of long- forgotten clothing in this chest.
42	A selection of poetry books is stacked in this chest.
43	This chest contains half-a-dozen blank books, some blood-spattered.
44	The robe in this chest must've been made for a very obese person.

45	Oddly, the shirt in this chest was made with more than one pair of sleeves.
46	The neatly pressed shirts in this chest smell of roses.
47	This chest holds a dozen dirty socks smelling of fetid cheese and sweat.
48	A multi-coloured cloak is tucked into this chest. It contains three concealed (but sadly empty) pockets.
49	A single, extremely long strip of golden cloth (worth 50 gp) lies coiled in this chest.
50	Sheers, trowels and other gardening tools fill the chest.
51	This chest contains a well-used lockpick set.
52	Needles, thread and pincushions as well as off cuts of fabric and several damaged pieces of clothing awaiting mending fill this chest.
53	An abacus is neatly stored in this chest.
54	Writing quills and inkpots are stored in this chest.
55	This chest is empty, except for what looks like water stains in the corners.
56	A boot and armour polishing kit fills this small chest.
57	This chest contains shaving razors and scissors.
58	This chest holds tiny shelves full of makeup and face paint, along with two wigs and a false beard.
59	This chest holds nothing but a knotted mass of frayed, faded ribbons.
60	This chest holds several pairs of common boots, made for walking. Two pairs are mud stained.
61	Mismatched leather sandals dumped in a haphazard pile lie within this chest.
62	This chest contains five pairs of bed slippers, all lined with black wool.
63	This chest holds three pairs of spike-toed boots.
64	The cracked leather boots in this chest have holes in the toes.
65	Pink and blue dancing shoes are carefully laid out inside this chest.
66	A set of white, half-face masks stare out from this chest.
67	This chest contains a handful of blank leather masks with eye, nose and mouth holes.
68	The masks in this chest are designed to look like a variety of humanoid monsters.
69	The theatre masks in this chest evoke both hilarity and tragedy in their expressions.
70	Black cloth masks fill this chest.
71	This chest contains four smaller boxes, each painted a different colour. All are empty.
72	This chest contains a hammer, chisel and wood planer as well as several lengths of seasoned oak along with sketches for an ornate chair.
73	The worn and stained used pliers, needles and hooks in this chest suggest the owner enjoys torture.

74	Several bronze masks lie within this chest, each showing a different emotion.
75	This chest holds a crowbar, hammer, nails and other construction materials and tools.
76	This chest holds what might've been a journal or diary, but most of its pages are missing.
77	This chest is empty, but velvet-lined like a large jewellery box.
78	This chest holds a jumble of leather straps and metal buckles clearly harvested from many different sources.
79	Woollen blankets are stacked within this chest. All are clean, but obviously well-used.
80	Drapery and curtains fill this chest to capacity.
81	Cloth table runners, embroidered with thorny flowers fill the chest.
82	A dozen dented mugs fill this chest. Each has a different coat of arms emblazoned upon it.
83	Pewter silverware is neatly lined up inside this chest.
84	This chest contains a once-fine gentleman's suit which is now ragged and stained.
85	This chest holds a set of common garb, like any
	peasant might wear.
86	Tanned animal pelts are stacked within this chest. The chest smells slightly musty.
87	Hammers and tongs as well as several iron ingots fill this chest.
88	Crumpled straw hats are stuffed inside this chest.
89	This chest contains homemade candles, some unused, others barely a nub of wax and wick.
90	Nothing but simple underclothes and clothes fit for a traveller fill this chest.
91	The pair of trousers this chest holds fit an incredibly tall person. They are worn at the knees and mud-stained.
92	An array of fine women's shoes and one pair of boots are stacked in this chest.
93	This chest holds paints, unused canvas and brushes.
94	This chest holds a jumble of cloth and leather patches for repairing clothes.
95	A jumble of mismatched socks and other miscellaneous pieces of clothing in a variety of sizes fill this chest to bursting.
96	This chest holds a single, enormous down pillow stuffed with owlbear feathers.
97	Clean washcloths and towels fill this chest.
98	This chest holds used, but clean, kitchen utensils and cooking gear.
99	This chest contains spiked chokers and leather collars as well as manacles.
100	Yards of fine colourful lace are rolled up carefully inside this chest.

FOOD & DRINK

Dungeon dwellers do not survive on the meat and marrow of dead adventurers alone. They like to indulge and imbibe just like anyone else, and they're not about to leave precious food and drink just scattered about where the rats (or worse their minions) can get at it.

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01-05	Wax-sealed wheels of cheese are tightly packed into this chest.
06-10	Cheesecloth bags of dried fruit are neatly packed into this chest.
11-12	Slabs of salted meat fill this chest.
13-14	The chest holds a variety of jerky.
15-16	The bagged white powder within this chest is salt.
17-18	Salt and pepper have been divided into individual compartments, in this chest.
19-20	This chest contains gnawed ears, labelled and sorted by different seasonings and race.
21-22	Flies buzz up from the rotting mutton in this chest.
23-24	The rock-hard loaves of bread in this chest could double as a bludgeoning weapon.
25-26	Oozing honeycomb has been sealed in wax clumps and placed in this chest.
27-28	The chest holds flasks of clear liquor so potent it stings the eyes.
29-30	Once-full waterskins now sag in this chest as their contents slowly evaporate.
31-32	The wineskins in this chest slosh promisingly, when picked up.
33-34	This chest contains a small keg of beer marked with the sigil of a famous brewer.
35-36	Sift through the dried oats in this chest, if you must, but it's all that's there.
37-38	The covered jugs in this chest hold goat milk.
39-40	This chest holds several hemp sacks of onions, carrots and other vegetables.
41-42	This watertight chest has several inches of foul- smelling liquid sloshing about within it.
43-44	Crumbly cracker wafers puff crumbs everywhere when this chest is opened.
45-46	The chest contains mouldy bread.
47-48	This chest holds stacks of meat pies and pasties.
49-50	The chest holds an assortment of fresh vegetables.
51-52	The chest holds a selection of fresh, wrinkly apples.
53-54	Blocks of ice keep the slabs of meat in this chest fresh.
55-56	The charred offering of this chest look uncomfortably like to rat-kebobs.
57-58	While a delicacy to some, the honeyed lizards-on-a- stick in this chest don't appeal to every palate.

59-60	The chest contains bowls of a stew that's mostly turned to gelatine.
61-62	A delightful assortment of fruit pies is stacked within this chest.
63-64	This chest holds a wooden ladle to scoop out the flour contained in several large sacks also found within.
65-66	A dozen blocks of hardtack are stacked in this chest.
67-68	A pile of loose flour sends up a white cloud when this chest is opened.
69-70	This chest holds dozens of ears of corn.
71-72	The chest contains several pounds of rice.
73-74	Potatoes tumble out of this chest when it's opened.
75-76	If the slimy, black mass this chest now holds was once food it's now inedible.
77-78	Vials of oil glisten within this chest.
79-80	The chest contains a jug of frothy, but unidentifiable, brew that's definitely fermented.
81-82	Several skinned hares are laid out in this chest, on a wooden board.
83-84	Steam rises from the recently-roasted venison haunch in this chest.
85-86	The chest holds jellied intestines that look like mounds of grey pudding.
87-88	This chest glistens with fistfuls of candied fruit slices.
89-90	Neat cloth bags of herbs and spices sit in this chest. Each is labelled; in total they are worth 120 gp.
91-92	This chest contains what would best be described as piles of "giblets."
93-94	Roasted chicken and turkey legs are stacked inside this chest, on a bed of feathers.
95-99	The chest holds rows of eggs. Some fresh, some not so fresh. Some are clearly from chickens; others are from something much bigger.
100	Chopped fish heads have been tossed into this chest; their stink bursts forth, when the chest is opened.



Odds & Ends

As excited as the characters may be to peer into an unknown chest, hoping for valuable baubles, they might wind up quite sorry to have peeked after they see the strange and occasionally disturbing things others stash away.

01-05	A cleaned and polished skull on a small velvet pillow stares out from within this chest.
06-10	Half-a-dozen lockets hang from hooks embedded in this chest's lid; each has an etching of a different woman's face.
11-12	A variety of severed cat tails are coiled within this chest; each has a unique fur pattern.
13-14	Clumps of dried dung are-bizarrely-set into neat piles inside this chest.
15-16	Over a dozen glass eyes, all different sizes and colours, are nestled within this cushioned chest.
17-18	A circle of severed fingers (from different species) lies within this chest.
19-20	This chest holds a mass of worn, mouldering papers. None are legible.
21-22	This chest has a selection of hard biscuits with eyes and mouths carved into them.
23-24	Bent pewter spoons, broken bowls and plates and so on fill this chest.
25-26	Fresh, moist earth is packed into this chest, almost up up to the brim. Small mushrooms grow in the earth.
27-28	Dozens of colourful, shiny buttons are scattered within this chest.
29-30	This chest holds nothing but rusted scrap metal.
31-32	The worms and flies indicate the mouldering pile this chest contains is some sort of compost.
33-34	This chest contains a great mound of shiny ribbons, flecks of coloured glass, bent and broken coins and so on; none have any value except as scrap.
35-36	This chest holds a pair of very worn horseshoes.
37-38	Scraps of half-carved wooden blocks and sticks are jumbled up within this chest.
39-40	This chest contains a pile of rusted keys.
41-42	This chest contains a pile of rusted locks.
43-44	This chest holds a small piece of yellowed parchment with an obscure insult scrawled on it.
45-46	The severed, rotting hand in this chest is posed in a rude gesture.
47-48	The jars in this chest contain captured caterpillars, some have spun cocoons.
49-50	Slim fish bones fill this chest, along with the odour of rotted fish.
51-52	The small book within this chest contains erotic poetry written in a guttural language.

53-54	Three rows of dainty glass figurines, each of a different animal, are displayed in this chest.
55-56	This chest holds a variety of wooden combs, several with wiry hairs still sticking to them.
57-58	The hooks, rolls of twine and jar of grubs indicates this chest holds fishing gear.
59-60	This chest contains nothing but dull, grey rocks of varying sizes.
61-62	Rotting vegetables and crushed fruit splatter the insides of this chest.
63-64	Broken bottles of perfume are strewn across the bottom of this chest; their mingled scents remain powerful and pungent.
65-66	A broken lute, flute and torn drum are secured within this chest.
67-68	Several bloody razors and knives are dumped in the bottom of this chest.
69-70	This chest contains a lovely, if amateur, painting of a wildflower field.
71-72	A bar of soap lies beside a pile of mouldy grey rags, inside this chest.
73-74	This chest holds a journal that is filled with only a single word, "Help," written over and over again in increasingly bad handwriting.
75-76	This chest holds four burial copper and fired clay urns filled with ash.
77-78	This chest is packed with brass and iron chamberpots, and not all of them are empty. Several of the pots feature lurid designs of demons and devils. The stench in the chest is impressive.
79-80	This chest holds moulded clay figurines that depict humanoids of various races.
81-82	A chessboard awaits within this chest; both sets of pieces miss the king.
83-84	Bags of marbles and caltrops fill this chest.
85-86	A set of marked knucklebones is stored within this chest along with three pairs of weighted dice.
87-88	A solitary chipped teacup painted with ornate images of birds sits in the corner of this chest.
89-90	Small straw dolls, bound by twine, are piled high inside this chest.
91-92	Several containers of boot polish and moustache wax fill this chest.
93-94	This chest holds over a dozen broken daggers, each snapped in half.
95-99	This chest contains a charcoal drawing of the face of whoever opened the chest.
100	This chest holds a collection of bird nests and broken eggs, all laid out as if on display.

WIZARD'S CHESTS

Beware the wizard's cache, as it could be guarded by deadly spells and filled with ghastly spirits or demons set to devour an intruder's soul. Or it could just be his toenail clippings. Beware those too. This table provides a variety of discovery options for when adventurers meddle in the affairs of wizards.

01-05	This chest holds dozens types of hair, each named and tied with a tiny string.
06-10	Books of foreign languages are neatly filed alphabetically in this chest.
11-12	Scrolls of astronomy charts fill this chest.
13-14	Labelled feathers from a hundred bird species are pinned to the sides of this chest.
15-16	This chest holds bottles of spiders and their webs.
17-18	A dead insect collection is pinned to removeable wooden slats in this chest.
19-20	This chest contains nothing but blank parchment.
21-22	The miniature shelves in this chest are stacked with numerous inks bottles of various colours and viscosities. Some sparkle in the light with motes of clearly magical dust suspended within.
23-24	An assortment of teeth from various creatures is scattered about this chest.
25-26	This chest contains sketches of cave-dwelling creatures and insects bound with twine.
27-28	Pairs of severed bird claws stand upright in this chest. All have been removed expertly.
29-30	Talons and teeth, some as small as a little finger, others over six inches long, are slotted into small display cases in this chest. The provenance of each set is meticulously labelled.
31-32	Small boxes of dust and ash fill this chest.
33-34	Large glass lenses are stacked inside this chest.
35-36	Metal tubes are strapped down to the bottom of this chest. Otherwise, it's empty.
37-38	Metallic-looking silver, gold and bronze threads are spooled within this chest.
39-40	This chest contains a tiny hammer and miniature anvil, for some unknown, esoteric, purpose.
41-42	This chest holds three mortar and pestle sets: small, medium and large.
43-44	Beakers and glass tubes are nestled in this chest's cushioned interior.
45-46	History books, chronologically arranged, are stacked inside this chest.
47-48	This chest contains strips of tanned skin–some are of human origin while others are monstrous in origin.
49-50	Despite their gleam, the shiny, polished rocks in this chest sadly are not gems.

53-54A pair of reading glasses and several unremarkable books fill this chest.55-56This chest holds vials of water of varying degrees of clarity and filth.57-58Desiccated reptiles and amphibians are pinned and laid out in the bottom of this chest.59-60The chest holds rows of pale candles, wick trimmers and lighting sticks.61-62The crumpled, blotted notes in this chest apparently come from failed experiments.63-64Parchments with odd biological and mechanical sketches have been tossed into this chest.65-65Faded, water-stained maps of the surrounding area lie within this chest.67-68names and notations that look like a list of financial debts and other obligations.69-70Potted flowers and plants have somehow flourished inside this chest's musty, dark interior.71-72Moss, mould and herbs grow on the thin, rocky layer of earth laid in the base of this chest.75-76This chest contains sheaves of anatomical diagrams, depicting a variety of humanoid races.77-78A hundred eyes, each kept bobbing in its own liquid- filled bottle, fill this chest.78-80Blank books fill this chest.81-82The coiled skeleton of a large snake fills this chest. It is threaded onto thin silver wire meaning the whole thing can be pulled out intact.85-86Metal, wooden and glass rods in a variety of lengths and thicknesses lie jumbled in this chest.89-90Expensive-looking soapstone pipes lie in slots alongside expensive-smelling tobacco pouches.91-92The thin glass vials in this chest look to, alarmingly, contain fresh blood.	51-52	Vials containing different types of sand and earth from around the land fill this chest.
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CLERIC'S CHESTS

Even those called to a higher order of religious devotion need somewhere to store their precious holy icons when not immersed in prayer...as well as a place to stash certain unmentionables they don't want their fellows to discover among their possession.

01-05	This chest holds a set of pewter candle stands, dribbled with red wax.
06-10	A brass incense mitre fills this chest.
11-12	The chest holds several well-worn prayer books.
13-14	The scroll in this chest contains a jotted schedule of holy days.
15-16	This chest holds a single, unused song and prayer book, intended for worship.
17-18	This tiny chest holds an equally tiny icon of its owner's patron's symbol.
19-20	This little chest holds an ordainment icon, meant to be pinned to a robe or outer vestment.
21-22	A purple robe is neatly folded inside this chest.
23-24	This chest holds a coiled bloody whip for self- punishment. It has seen a lot of use.
25-26	Blessed vials of water crowd this chest.
27-28	This chest holds painted wooden etchings of grave- looking saints.
29-30	This padded chest contains several sets of polished bells and cymbals.
31-32	This chest holds an elaborate sash woven from human hair along with a matching bone pin.
33-34	The book in this chest is a of holy teachings, prayers and stories.
35-36	The journal in this chest holds a detailed recording of personal sins, and their punishments.
37-38	Ceremonial garb of splendid appearance is folded neatly within this chest.
39-40	This chest holds an indecipherable notebook written in cryptic church code.
41-42	An array of ointments and salves sit within this chest.
43-44	The ceremonial mask in this chest is adorned with hooks and barbs.
45-46	A ring of salt bounds an empty space in the base of this chest.
47-48	This chest has a set of brass rings intended for fingers and toes.
49-50	This chest contains a small box that holds chalk and charcoal used for ceremonial purposes.
51-52	The thick notepad in this chest details a variety of religious symbols.
53-54	This chest conceals a collection of bloody cords, whips and chains.

55-56	The brazier nestled in this chest holds cold ash.
57-58	This chest reveals a collection of oddly demonic face carvings set in stone and wood.
59-60	The cloak folded in this chest is emblazoned with a sun, and has a jagged gash in its rear.
61-62	Thorny vines are coiled inside this chest; the tips of the thorns are stained with blood.
63-64	A blue-green embroidered dress with extensive veil fills this chest.
65-66	Bronze sleeve and cloak clasps are set in plush rows inside this chest.
67-68	Golden threaded altar linens lie inside this chest.
69-70	This chest offers a set of wine cups and empty flagon.
71-72	A leather-bound flask and a bag of odd-smelling herbs sit in this chest.
73-74	The parchments in this chest contain notations of other sanctuary locations, and the faith's hoarded wealth kept (or hidden) at each location.
75-76	This chest holds a brown robe with a hood deep enough to hide any wearer's face.
77-78	The miniature altar in this chest has a sprinkling of ash about it.
79-80	A simple bowl of murky water sits in this chest.
81-82	Demon horns and talons are lined up in this chest, pointing towards the opener.
83-84	This chest holds a gleaming mirror etched with arcane symbols around the edges.
85-86	This chest contains a weapon oiling kit.
87-88	Grass and twigs are woven into a replica of a local order of nature worshippers' holy symbol.
89-90	The chest holds two set of three tiny pyramids that stack inside one another. The pyramids are intricately decorated with lavish paintings of angels and demons fighting one another.
91-92	Several sets of chimes harshly jangle when this chest is opened or moved.
93-94	The donation box in this chest rattles when shaken. It holds 4d6 sp worth of mixed coinage.
95-99	The chest holds half-a-dozen wooden and metal puzzles, interlocked or broken apart.
100	The array of polished amber blocks in this chest each contains a different insect.



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