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Pathfinder Flip-Mat: Basic Terrain Multi-Pack



Customer Reviews

Let me get the big con out of the way first, as others have mentioned it: because it folds up, not rolls up, this map does end up with some creases in it. As others have pointed out here, you can lie a heavy book (such as most RPG handbooks, from the Pathfinder Core Rules to the D&D Player's Handbook) on the creases to flatten it out pretty quickly, and I've found just pressing it flat works too - but the crease can get annoying when wiping it down as sometimes ink gets caught in it. That said, this still gets 5 stars from me - I initially was going to give it 4, but that would be unfair as this is one of my best purchases as a Dungeon Master/Game Master. Full disclosure: prior to this mat, I never really used a battle grid when playing RPGs - most combat was very "in your head." At a certain point I decided to try out combat with the paper grid found in the back of the D&D DM's Handbook, and while I found it to have many advantages (notably that things like flanking were easier to keep track of), the paper grid was not something I necessarily trusted to hold up well to significant use, so I ordered this map as it was one of the more inexpensive and well-reviewed options I could find. I have thus far not been disappointed: once you get past the creases as mentioned above, this map is great: it's large, hold up very well to play, is easy to write on and wipe off, and, thanks to its two sides, lets you easily prepare, say, the forested area around and dungeon entrance on one side, and the actual layout for inside the dungeon on the other (or any combination of two areas ready to go at once - obviously, your imagination comes into play). While it's nothing super fancy, it looks good too, so that's a plus. I recommend this without any reservation to any DM/GM/player/etc. looking for a good battle grid. It looks good, is sturdy, and gives you a good amount of room to play. My only other suggestion is to get a pack of fine-tip WET-ERASE markers to go with it. Dry erase works, as does permanent (though it's a bit more annoying to clean), but wet erase goes and comes off so easily (and stays on during play) that I'd never use anything else if I could avoid it. Short form: this is one of my favorite tools in my DM arsenal, and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend you add it to yours.

I already owned one mat before purchasing these and it worked well enough, but once I started having more campaigns and those campaigns would be higher level campaigns where the players would write down more stats like spells, hp, etc. or we had to leave off in the middle of a battle, it became rather tedious to have to erase and re-write everything each time we would come back to a campaign. Having multiple mats allowed me to save our immediate progress and things the players wanted to remember on each mat. Also the different terrain textures on the mats allow for the setting to be a little more visual and match the terrain the players are in to help remind me of certain

terrain speeds and whatnot. Also, when the players have long ranged weapons/abilities or there is a huge area for battles, putting multiple maps together allows for more space to use

This is a descent product that gets the job done. I do have some complaints however. The edges where the maps are folded are impossible to erase. Also, that don't let flat well. If you have a setup where you can lay this map out and keep it pressed down without folding it up, I think its perfect. On the other hand, if you constantly have to refold it and put it up after use, you might be better of with a different map.

I bought this map in hopes that it would be useful for my D&D campaigns. I love the design of the mats and the fact that they are reversible. As with the other reviews the only downside is that it has horrible fold lines. I am trying to flatten them out with some books to see if that works. The surface is great for wet erase markers. Although you may want a range of colors. The darker mat is much harder to see. I would imagine those who build their own towns or dungeons out of plastic/cardboard will be able to most take advantage of the darker surfaces. I have found that these mats do help with the immersion when playing D&D and I look forward to using them in all my campaigns. Like if you found this helpful!

If you're looking for a basic battle map that you don't intend to draw on, or if you intend to use extra crafts and structures for terrain elements rather than drawing on the mat itself, then these are fine. The terrain effects look alright, and the price is good value for two mats. However, if you want to draw on these with wet or dry erase markers, you'll find that most of the terrains are too dark to see marker lines very well. Markers are somewhat visible on grass and street terrains, less visible on the stone floor side, and almost completely imperceptible on the water map. They should have used much lighter colors for these terrains. I always prefer to use the Basic Flip-Mat rather than these terrain ones, since I can actually draw on that without having to make Perception checks to see the lines.

I needed a small but good mat for when I play at the local store and this seemed like a good deal to try out. I was worried about laying flat and if the drawn on lines would even show up. Turns out it takes very little effort to get it flat and markers show up clean and crisp even on the darker toned sides. I used wet erase markers, not sure if that made a difference.

This product is very heavy-duty, and with 4 different basic terrain styles it covers nearly everything you could want to do, from grass to stone to water. I started to collect a variety of maps and terrain tile sets, and those could be used in combination with this, but honestly now that I have this one product I'm regretting holding on to anything else. Why spend a ton of money and store a bunch of maps and tiles around when just this one product and a few dry/wet erase pens is all you need?

Works well, easy to erase, good size for large areas (or multiple small areas without having to erase each one). Deducted one star because after a lot of use, the fold points are starting to get holes in them, but for the price, I don't mind just ordering another one.

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