Potion Generation Tables

Over the course of their adventuring career, characters come across dozens, if not hundreds, of potions. All too often the Dungeon Master or Game Master simply waves it off and tells the players what the potion is, without going into more details. The Potion Description Generator has been provided to not only give the players a rich and full description of the concoctions they find, but also to provide an air of mystery to those characters that have no method of rapidly determining the capabilities of the mysterious liquids they have found.

Containers

Roll 1d12 to determine the type

1-3. Glass
4-6. Small Gourd
7. Metal
8-10. Clay
11. Horn
12. Unusual

Glass

Bottle Shape (roll 1d6)
1. Square bottle, flat base
2. Spherical bottle, flat base
3. Spherical bottle with metal base
4. Oblong sphere with flat base
5. Oblong sphere with metal base
6. Cylinder

Glass Transparency (roll 1d4)
1. Clear and Transparent
2. Transluscent (roll for glass color)
3. Barely Transluscent (roll for glass color)
4. Opaque (roll for glass color)

Glass Color (Roll 1d6)
1. Blue
2. Red
3. Green
4. Brown
5. Yellow
6. Purple

Unusual Features (roll 1d6)
1-3. None
4. Artistic Etching
5. Painted Glass
6. Paper Label

Small Gourd

Roll 1d6 for coloration
1. Yellow
2. Green
3. Orange
4. Purple
5. Brown
6. Two color stripes (roll twice again, ignore 6's)

Metal

Container Shape (roll 1d6)
1-2. Flask
3-4. Cylinder bottle
5-6. Tube

Metal Type (roll 1d6)
1. Brass
2. Bronze
3. Silver
4. Pewter
5. Tin
6. Copper

Clay

Bottle Shape (roll 1d6)
1. Square bottle, flat base
2. Spherical bottle, flat base
3. Spherical bottle with metal base
4. Oblong sphere with flat base
5. Oblong sphere with metal base
6. Cylinder

Color (roll 1d6)
1. Light Brown
2. Dark Brown
3. Orange
4. Yellow
5. Red
6. Light Grey
7. Dark Grey
8. Blue-Grey

Unusual Features
1. Handle
2. Broken Handle
3. Artistic Etching
4. Painted Scene
5. Potters Stamp
6. None

Horn

> Roll 1d20 to determine creature of origin
> 1-6. Cow
> 7-10. Goat
> 11-13. Buffalo
> 14-16. Ram
> 17. Unicorn
> 18. Dragon
> 19. Minotaur
> 20. Devil
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> Additional Features (roll 1d4)
> 1-2. None
> 3. Artistic Etching
> 4. Metal Inlays (roll 1d6)
> > 1. Silver
> > 2. Brass
> > 3. Copper
> > 4. Gold
> > 5. Platinum
> > 6. Bronze

Unusual

> Roll 1d6 for such oddities
> 1. Carved from bone
> 2. Skull of a small animal
> 3. Crystaline (roll features as per glass)
> 4. Ivory
> 5. Large animal tooth
> 6. Bamboo

The Potion Properties

This section deals with all the various properties of the actual liquid itself, including viscosity, color, smell, and even taste.

Viscosity

> Roll 1d6 to determine the thickness of the liquid
> 1. Thin and watery
> 2. Milky
> 3. Oily
> 4. Thick and syrupy
> 5. Thin and sticky
> 6. Extra thick (honey)

Color

> Roll 2d8 to determine the color of the liquid
> 2. White
> 3. Light Blue
> 4. Turquoise
> 5. Blue
> 6. Dark Blue
> 7. Purple
> 8. Lavender
> 9. Pink
> 10. Red
> 11. Dark Red
> 12. Orange
> 13. Yellow
> 14. Light Green
> 15. Dark Green
> 16. Black

Smell

> Roll 3d10 to determine the aroma
> 3. Acrid and bitter
> 4. Brine
> 5. Citrus
> 6. Corky
> 7. Dank
> 8. Fishy
> 9. Flowery
> 10. Fresh
> 11. Fruity
> > (roll on the Fruit Subtable)
> 12. Heavy
> 13. Metallic
> 14. Minty
> 15. Moldy
> 16. Musky
> 17. Odorless
> 18. Peppery
> 19. Piny
> 20. Putrid and rotten
> 21. Skunky
> 22. Smoky
> 23. Sour
> 24. Spicy
> 25. Stench
> 26. Sulphur
> 27. Sweat
> 28. Sweet
> 29. Vinegar
> 30. Woody

Taste

Once the character has reached the point where they are brave enough to drink the potion, roll 3d10 to determine the taste...

3. Bitter
4. Bittersweet
5. Bland
6. Burnt
7. Chalky
8. Creamy
9. Dry
10. Fishy
11. Fizzy
12. Fruit
    (roll on the Fruit Subtable)
13. Gingery
14. Greasy
15. Gritty
16. Heavy
17. Minty
18. Peppery
19. Pickled
20. Salty
21. Sharp
22. Silky
23. Sour
24. Spicy
25. Sweet
26. Tangy
27. Tart
28. Tasteless
29. Vinegar
30. Watery

Fruit Subtable

Roll 2d12 to determine type
2. Apple
3. Banana
4. Blackberry
5. Blueberry
6. Cantaloupe
7. Cherry
8. Coconut
9. Cranberry
10. Fig
11. Grape
12. Raisin
13. Grapefruit
14. Kiwi
15. Lemon
16. Lime
17. Olive
18. Orange
19. Peach
20. Pear
21. Plum
22. Pineapple
23. Raspberry
24. Watermelon