

HERO SHEET OVERLAY FOR SHADOWS OF BRIMSTONE

BERNICE WESTBROOK

Agility: 2, Cunning: 4, Spirit: 2, Initiative: 4, Move: +0, Level: 2

Strength: 3, Lore: 2, Luck: 3, Initiative: 480, Move: 125, Level: 2

ABILITIES

Laying Down the Law - Once per Attack, you may Re-roll one of your *To Hit* rolls.

STARTING ITEMS: ♦ Peacekeeper Pistol ♦ Sheriff's Badge

To Hit: Ranged: 2, Melee: 4+
Combat: 2, Max Crit: 2

Health: 14, Defense: 4+

Sanity: 12, Willpower: 4+

Corruption: 1 / 5

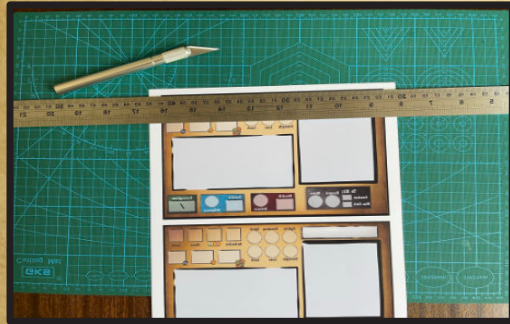
Ok partner, let's cut to the chase and I'll show you how to make one of these things using foam core boards, a printed template, some lamination sheets, and a few simple tools. Your basic shopping list is:

- Adhesive Photo Label Paper (US Letter)
- Black Foam Core Boards
- Razor blade, cutting surface, straight edge
- Adhesive Lamination Sheets
- Black electrical tape
- Transparent packing tape
- Superglue

1. Print the template.

The template is in a separate PDF over on <https://boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/146791/shadows-brimstone-city-ancients/files>

You'll want to print this on glossy photo label paper if possible. Use Letter sized paper. I find photo "sticky" or "stickey label" paper easier to work with since you can just peel the back off and stick it to foam boards. But you can use regular photo paper if you'd rather attach it to the foam boards using spray glue. But spray glue is messy and I don't have time for that nonsense!



When you print the file, also make sure your print settings are set to use 100% actual size of the document. If you leave it on "fit to page" the template will not be the correct size. Before you waste all that expensive ink, you have been warned. :P

2. Laminate

Before you go cutting the template out that you just printed, laminate the sheets first. I made the mistake of getting ahead of myself and cutting the template out, which made applying the lamination sheets more annoying than it needed to be. Use *adhesive* lamination sheets. Don't by those "pouches" or use a cold laminator because we need the lamination to be only on one side of the template if we want the adhesive on the other side to stick to the foam board you dummy! Adhesive lamination sheets are not difficult to apply. Just go slow and then smooth out the air pockets using the handle of your x-acto blade from the center out toward the edges.

3. Apply Entire Sheet to Foam Board

This is one of those "do as I say, not as I do" situations. Don't bother cutting the templates out before sticking to the foam board. Just stick the entire page on there and then use the template to guide where to cut the foam boards. Trust me, it will be less time consuming than the stupid, dumb-idiot way I did it. But hey, I was in a rush trying to get this done so I can get the social credit and virtue-signal points on BGG for "contributing to the community", what's your excuse?

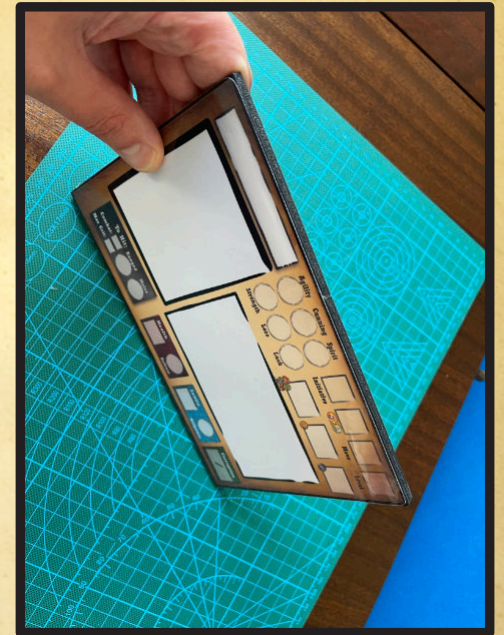


4. Cut Template From Foam Boards

Nooooowwww it's time to cut the templates out. Just do the outer edges of each template. Make sure your blade is sharp, cut on a safe surface, don't slice an artery and bleed to death all over my beautiful templates- you know the drill.

You did buy *black* foam boards, right? These may look kinda silly on white ones. But you do you.

Oh, and if you are not using a steel ruler to guide your cuts then I can't even deal with you right now...



5. Cut Template Backs

Do you like cutting? I hope you enjoy cutting. You are going to do a lot of cutting. Let's cut!

Just use the front of the templates to trace and cut the backs to be the same size. The backs are literally just blank boards, one and done.

6. Cut Windows

Ok so this is the first slightly tricky part of this. You need to cut those white windows out. Now you *can* use a regular razor blade but if you have one of these flat tipped razors that I used, you'll have a lot more control and can just "punch" small cuts in the middle from the top. It was time consuming, but I didn't have to worry about slipping or cutting too far with the blade, ruining all my efforts so far. If you don't have one of these blades then I guess you'll just have to do your best. Good luck.

Oh and, don't destroy or throw away the windows once you cut them out. Those are useful!



6. Optional - Round the Edges

If the square edges bother you like they do me, you can try rounding them to look nicer. I used one of these roundy corny-punchy-thingies (that's the official term for them) that I found at the corny-punchy-thingy store (that's the official name of the store) after I cut the templates out. Since you were smart and slapped your templates directly onto the boards before cutting, you can just freehand it. It's not that hard.



6. Optional - Tape Window Edges

Unless you are the champion of cutting (there's a Bobbit joke in here somewhere), the foam core edges inside the windows will probably look a bit...janky. If you want to go the extra mile and make your overlay worth of a million Twitter likes (I guess it's "X" now huh? *Ugh...*) then you can make that look better by wrapping black electrical tape around the edges. If you are gonna do this, it's time consuming, but here are some tips:

- The electrical tape is real...*stretchy*... so take that into account when you are measuring how long the strip is you are going to cut, and don't pull it very tight/taught (taut? tot? *Whatever*) when you wrap it around.

- The electrical tape doesn't stick very well to the laminated surface of the template, or to the inner foam bits of the windows. I dabbed a *very small amount of super glue* on these edges to help give it extra "stick". Super glue can be

damn messy if you over do it so just...don't over do it.

7. Cut Window Inserts

Remember why I told you to save the windows you cut out? You did that right? Nice job. I'm very proud of you.

Since you are now a blade-master, use your blade and metal ruler to shave of a small sliver of each side on the two windows you cut out. This will make slightly smaller and easier to socket in/out of the windows.

You may not want to do this because you'll lose a bit of surface to write on, but I also used that flat razor of mine (I'm just bragging that I have a flat tipped razor and you don't at this point) to notch out a section for my finger to easily pull it back out of the template.

Oh, and if you want to go the extra-extra mile, you can line the edges of those windows with more electrical tape to hide the foam-core jank. But maybe you are really into foam core jank. Maybe that is the name of your band. I would absolutely go see a band named "Foam Core Jank". You're welcome.



8. Attach Hinge

Now for another tricky part. It's easy to screw this up so if you do, don't panic because you can try again without starting from scratch.

You are going to space the front and back boards apart a bit and then use clear packing tape to attach them, leaving about 1.5 "ish" centimeters of a gap between them. If you don't leave a gap and just tape them together, then you obviously don't know how hinges work and I guess you are going to learn your lesson the hard way.

It can be hard to figure out the correct size gap, so a method that worked pretty well for me is to take about 4 Hero Sheets (extra thickness in case I want to also store a few sheets of paper inside the overlay with more character/campaign info on them) and sandwich them in the middle to add thickness. If you slide the hero sheets up a bit so they stick out at the top, it they are out of the way when applying the tape on the bottom and wrapping it around to the back.

If you apply the tape this way, *do not pull the tape tight, leave it loose*. Again, if you make it too tight, the hinge won't work and the damn thing won't close.

If you screw it up then you can just cut the tape that's in the gap, shave off the excess tape with your blade, and try again, taping over the previous attempt.

Also, *make sure you don't cover the Max Grit and other boxes with tape because dry erase does not work on it*.



9. Tape the Tape

Ok so once you have a working hinge, you may notice that the inside of the hinge is still a bit sticky because you know, it's tape. This may cause the edge of your hero sheet to slightly stick on the bottom or other issues when you close the hinge. I had zero issues with the first one of these that I made, and then the 2nd one gave me trouble.



My solution was to fully open the hinge so the two boards are flat on the table, and then apply a thin strip of the black electrical tape on the inner/sticky side of the packing tape. I also found this slightly tricky because you don't want the electrical tape to stick to any part of the foam board, just the packing tape. Otherwise it can ruin your sweet hinge. But if that happens, you should be able to just use your blade to flatten it out again, no biggie. But this seems like a step worth doing because it makes the hinge a little stronger

But Dry Erase Comes Off Too Easy!

Obviously if throw all this dry erase stuff in a pile and it slides around in the game box things are gonna get wiped off.

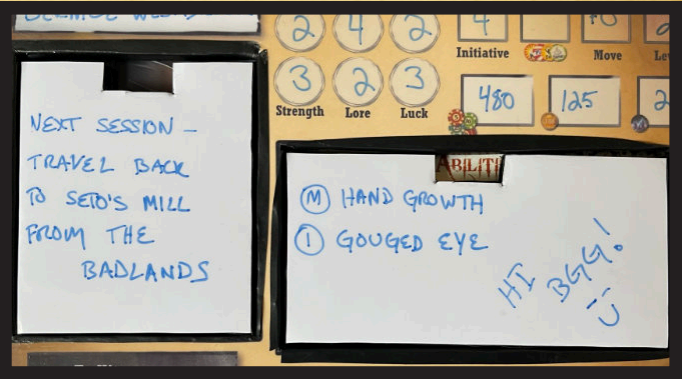
Before you go over-engineering some crazy storage solution, how about trying the "Keep It Simple, Dumb Idiot" (KISDI) method. Other method? I have no idea what you're talking about and keep your lips to yourself.



Seriously though, we should be using our phones more. Just take a damn picture. Can you really write all this stuff down faster than taking a picture? I've starting using my camera to save campaign info for a lot of things, like if there is some long paragraph of text from a travel event that I need to reference later. Just snap a photo and be done with it. The same thing applies to the dry erase boards. If it gets messed up, it's easily restored, and it took you all of 5 seconds to "save your game".

Using the Windows

The dry erase windows can obviously be used to store character notes or whatever you are into. Now you have something to doodle



Custom Character Portraits

If you haven't jumped on the AI image generation bandwagon yet, this is a fun way to do it. I made a quick template so I could print out images of characters. Let's get some diversity up in here!



Tracking Other Game Info

Obviously you can't track everything that comes up in a campaign on these boards. I only added boxes for a handful of things that they didn't have already. Everybody has their dumb way of doing things, but here is the dumb way I do it...



If you don't already know, you don't have to spend tons of money printing custom cards using the Klutz' Card Creator and sending them off to the printer.

Instead, you can buy the blank card templates that

Customizing the Template

Ok, before you ask for a copy of the .psd so that you can ruin my lovely template, just realize I didn't do this in dumb Photoshop or dumb Gimp. I'm using Affinity Publisher and Affinity Designer. No, I cannot convert these to .psd or Gimp files because they have custom fonts and swatches that don't translate. If you Have Affinity Designer and really want the .afdesign files, then sure. Let me know and I'll upload them.