Trickster Splitting Steel Build Guide

POE 3.25 | Sheepishly

1a. Pros & Cons

Pros:

- One of the tankiest builds
- One of the highest dmg builds
- Pretty fast / coverage for mapping
- Infinite scaling & good budget options

Cons:

- Very expensive at top end
- Not as fast as bow builds
- Meta abuser

1b. Scaling ES for Defence & Damage



EVASION RATING: 3596

ENERGY SHIELD: 739







1c. Buffs to Chest Armour in 3.25





1d. Splitting Steel with Nimis





Section 2 Gear

2a. Ephemeral Edge

Enables dmg scaling from ES stacking



Ephemeral Edge Dusk Blade

One Handed Sword Ouality: +20%

Physical Damage: 19-54 (48.5 DPS)

Elemental Damage: 1-75 Elemental DPS: 50.5

Total DPS: 99.1

Critical Strike Chance: 5.00% Attacks per Second: 1.33 Weapon Range: 1.1 metres Sockets: B=G=G

Requires Level 32, 57 Str, 57 Dex

Quality does not increase Physical Damage 1% increased Attack Speed per 8% Quality

14% chance to gain Onslaught for 4 seconds on Kill Resolute Technique

+10 to Intelligence

Adds 1 to 75 Lightning Damage

50% increased Global Critical Strike Chance

49% increased maximum Energy Shield

25% reduced maximum Life

Attacks with this Weapon have Added Maximum Lightning Damage equal to 20% of Player's Maximum Energy Shield

Corrupted

Video of my attempts at corruption: https://youtu.be/sasaVclBls

Must have:

• Resolute Technique

- Harvest A Spd Enchant
- Onslaught on Kill
- Attack Speed
- 50% max ES roll

2b. Mageblood

Enables 90% max res & solves resistances



Mageblood Heavy Belt

Requires Level 44

+42 to Strength

+58 to Dexterity

+23% to Fire Resistance

+18% to Cold Resistance

Magic Utility Flasks cannot be Used

Leftmost 4 Magic Utility Flasks constantly apply their Flask Effects to you Magic Utility Flask Effects cannot be removed

Tip: Press Ctrl+D to disable the display of stat differences.

Must have:

- 4 Flasks
- Intrinsic Catalysts (attr %)

- High resistance rolls
- High dex roll (more tattoos)
- Good % int implicit (~2 mirror)

2c. Nimis

Splitting Steel does no dmg without this



Nimis Topaz Ring

Requires Level 48

+30% to Lightning Resistance

+38 to Dexterity 32% increased Projectile Damage Projectiles Return to you

Projectiles are fired in random directions

Must have:

n/a

- High proj dmg roll
- High dex roll (more tattoos)
- Good % int implicit (~3 mirror)

2d. Anathema

Enables quad curses (2x burst dps)



Anathema Moonstone Ring

Requires Level 49

4% increased Strength 7% increased Intelligence

+48 to Intelligence

13% increased Cast Speed

11% chance to gain a Power Charge when you Cast a Curse Spell Your Curse Limit is equal to your maximum Power Charges

Corrupte

Must have:

n/a

- Max int roll
- Good % int implicit (~80 divines)

2e. Body Armour

Enables ES stacking for defence & dmg



Torment Keep Necrotic Armour

Quality: +30%

Evasion Rating: 3596 Energy Shield: 739

Sockets: W=W=B=W=W=W

Requires Level 84, 173 Dex, 173 Int

12% increased Explicit Defence Modifier magnitudes 50% reduced Explicit Resistance Modifier magnitudes

1% less Damage Taken per 180 Intelligence +2% to maximum Lightning Resistance

+22% chance to Suppress Spell Damage

+55 to Intelligence

+415 to Evasion Rating

122% increased Evasion and Energy Shield

+89 to maximum Energy Shield

56% increased Global Defences

6% increased Attributes

Split

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Must have:

- Max spell suppress
- 2% max lightning res
- Less dmg taken per int

Aspirational:

This entire item

2e. Body Armour (Budget)

Enables ES stacking for defence & dmg



Oblivion Keep Necrotic Armour

Searing Exarch Item
Eater of Worlds Item

Quality: +20%

Evasion Rating: 3768
Energy Shield: 792
Sockets: R=R=B=G=B

Requires Level 84, 173 Dex, 173 Int

8% increased Explicit Defence Modifier magnitudes

1% less Damage Taken per 180 Intelligence +2% to maximum Lightning Resistance

+22% chance to Suppress Spell Damage

+53 to Intelligence

+373 to Evasion Rating

163% increased Evasion and Energy Shield

+86 to maximum Energy Shield

17% increased Stun and Block Recovery

6% increased Attributes

Video Crafting Guide: https://youtu.be/1 SMIQidiYY

Must have:

- Max spell suppress
- 2% max lightning res
- Phys taken as chaos

- 30% quality
- Breach global defence mod

2f. Helmet

Video Crafting Guide: https://youtu.be/yhLz4hj8ms4

ES & Curse on hit. Also can use MRE.



Gloom Peak Lich's Circlet

Quality: +20% Energy Shield: 558 Sockets: B=B=R=B

Requires Level 84, 224 Int

8% of Physical Damage from Hits taken as Chaos Damage 24% reduced Mana Cost of Attacks

- +58 to Intelligence
- +61 to maximum Energy Shield
- 141% increased Energy Shield
- +47% to Cold Resistance
- 16% increased Stun and Block Recovery

Trigger Socketed Spells when you Focus, with a 0.25 second Cooldown

Tip: Press Ctrl+D to disable the display of stat differences.

Must have:

- Crafted trigger
- Physical dmg taken as chaos

- 30% quality
- T1 resistance vs MRE (mana reservation efficiency)

2g. Shield

ES & max lightning res. Also synth implicit.



Ghoul Anthem Titanium Spirit Shield

Quality: +20%

Chance to Block: 25% Energy Shield: 500 Sockets: G=B=B

Requires Level 68, 159 Int

Socketed Gems have 20% increased Reservation Efficiency

+55 to Intelligence

+89 to maximum Energy Shield

151% increased Energy Shield

+3% to maximum Lightning Resistance

17% increased Stun and Block Recovery

15% chance to deal Double Damage while Focused

Tip: Press Ctrl+D to disable the display of stat differences.

Must have:

• 3% max lightning res

- 30% quality
- Synthesis implicit (alternate passive tree in POB provided)



2h. Boots

Video Crafting Guide: https://youtu.be/BNbiUmb_wlE

ES & chance to avoid ele ailments.



Doom March Warlock Boots

Quality: +20% Energy Shield: 309

Energy Shield: 309 Sockets: R=G=R=B

Requires Level 84, 177 Int

23% chance to Avoid Elemental Ailments

6% increased Action Speed

+53 to Intelligence

+47 to maximum Energy Shield

98% increased Energy Shield

30% increased Movement Speed

31% chance to Avoid Elemental Ailments

+20% to Fire and Cold Resistances

Tip: Press Ctrl+D to disable the display of stat differences.

Must have:

• 50%+ avoid ele ailments

- 30% quality
- 35% movement speed

Video Crafting Guide: https://youtu.be/0uPdNtM0Byl

ES & big source of attack speed for dmg



Behemoth Paw Warlock Gloves

Quality: +20% Energy Shield: 310 Sockets: R=G=B=B

Requires Level 84, 144 Int

While a Unique Enemy is in your Presence, Inflict Lightning Exposure on Hit, applying -16% to Lightning Resistance Gain 2 Rage on Attack Hit

+54 to Intelligence

16% increased Attack Speed

+49 to maximum Energy Shield

97% increased Energy Shield

50% increased Attack and Cast Speed while Focused

43% increased Damage while Leeching

Tip: Press Ctrl+D to disable the display of stat differences.

Must have:

- A speed
- Gain 2 rage on attack hit

Aspirational:

A speed while focussed

2j. Amulet

BIS for int & ES stacking

Video Crafting Guide: https://youtu.be/55FdXDdmYHQ

Carrion Pendant Simplex Amulet

Shaper Item

Crusader Item

Requires Level 64

Allocates Arcane Focus

- -2 Prefix Modifiers allowed
- -1 Suffix Modifier allowed

Implicit Modifiers Cannot Be Changed

100% increased Explicit Modifier magnitudes

19% increased Attributes

26% increased Intelligence

2% increased Damage per 15 Intelligence

Split

Tip: Press Ctrl+D to disable the display of stat differences.

Must have:

Anoint Arcane Focus

Aspirational:

This entire item



2j. Amulet (Budget)

Good option when not int stacking



Voice of the Storm Lapis Amulet

Quality (Attribute Modifiers): +20% (augmented)

Requires Level 69

Allocates Arcane Focus

+36 to Intelligence

+18 to all Attributes

50% increased Lightning Damage

20% increased maximum Mana

Lightning Damage with Non-Critical Strikes is Lucky

Compared to Simplex

 Note 'lucky dmg' is a 17% more dmg mod only

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Equipping this item in Amulet will give you:
(replacing Carrion Pendant, Simplex Amulet)
 64,161.5 Hit DPS (-3.3%)
141.3 Impale DPS (-41.5%)
64,302.8 Total DPS inc. Impale (-3.3%)
+2 Strength
+51 Total Mana (+3.1%)
+5 Unreserved Mana (+3.6%)
+0% Unreserved Mana
+1.0 Mana Regen
+11.5 Mana Leech/On Hit Rate (+3.0%)
Tip: Press Ctrl+D to disable the display of stat differences
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Section 3 Jewels

3a. Ancestral Vision

Fix elemental ailments

Ancestral Vision Viridian Jewel

Limited to: 1

Damage Penetrates 1% Lightning Resistance

+8 to Dexterity

Modifiers to Chance to Suppress Spell Damage also apply to Chance to Avoid Elemental Ailments at 50% of their Value

Corrupted



Must have:

• This item

Aspirational:

Useful implicit (pen, reservation efficiency etc)

3b. Melding of the Flesh

Enables 90% max ele res cap

Melding of the Flesh Cobalt Jewel Limited to: 1 -73% to all Elemental Resistances -4% to all maximum Elemental Resistances Elemental Resistances are capped by your highest Maximum Elemental Resistance instead



Must have:

-4% to all max ele res (max roll)

Aspirational:

 Good roll on the negative to all ele resistances (best is -70%)

3c. Light of Meaning

Big source of ES

The Light of Meaning Prismatic Jewel

Limited to: 1 Radius: Large

Passive Skills in Radius also grant 3% increased Energy Shield





Must have:

This item

Aspirational:

Useful implicit (pen, reservation efficiency etc)

3d. Watcher's Eye

Any useful mods here is fine

Watcher's Eye Prismatic Jewel

Limited to: 1

5% increased maximum Energy Shield

6% increased maximum Life

4% increased maximum Mana

Regenerate 2.30% of Energy Shield per Second while affected by Discipline Gain 10% of Maximum Mana as Extra Maximum Energy Shield while affected by Clarity

14% chance to Recover 10% of Mana when you use a Skill while affected by Clarity



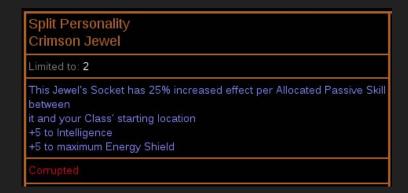
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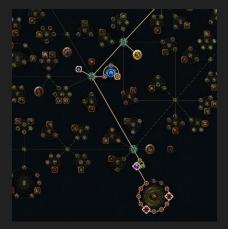
Max mana as extra ES

- Discipline (ES regen, ES on hit)
- Clarity (less mana cost, recover mana when using skill)
- Anything useful really e.g.
 precision, grace are all fine

3e. Split Personalities x2

Good source of int & ES









Must have:

• Get 2 of these

Aspirational:

n/a

3f. Forbidden Flesh / Flame

Any useful notable



Forbidden Flesh Cobalt Jewel

Limited to: 1

Requires Class Shadow

Allocates Opportunistic if you have the matching modifier on Forbidden Flame

Corrupted



Forbidden Flame Crimson Jewel

Limited to: 1

Requires Class Shadow

Allocates Opportunistic if you have the matching modifier on Forbidden Flesh

Corrupted

Must have:

 Any useful mod (born in shadow, one step ahead etc)

Aspirational:

n/a

3g. Emperor's Mastery

Good source of int & ES

Emperor's Mastery Prismatic Jewel

Limited to: 1

7% increased Attributes

4% increased maximum Life

3% increased Character Size

5% increased Global Defences



Must have:

n/a

Aspirational:

Use a good rare jewel if cannot afford

3h. Max Lightning Resistance Rare Jewel x2

Enables 90% max ele res



Brood Eye Cobalt Jewel

- +3% Chance to Block Spell Damage while Dual Wielding
- +16 to Intelligence
- 7% increased maximum Energy Shield
- +2% to maximum Lightning Resistance



Pandemonium Ornament Cobalt Jewel

- +16 to Intelligence
- 3% increased Cast Speed while Dual Wielding
- 8% increased maximum Energy Shield
- +2% to maximum Lightning Resistance

Must have:

- 2% max lightning res
- Max % energy shield

- Int (or Str and Int) roll
- Attack speed roll
- Useful implicit (pen, reservation efficiency etc)

Section 4 Passive Tree

4a. Cluster Jewel Set-up

Build runs 4x Clusters





Behemoth Ruin Large Cluster Jewel

Requires Level 40

Adds 8 Passive Skills

2 Added Passive Skills are Jewel Sockets

Added Small Passive Skills grant: 12% increased Attack Damage while holding

Added Small Passive Skills also grant: +3% to Fire Resistance

- 1 Added Passive Skill is Feed the Fury
- 1 Added Passive Skill is Smite the Weak
- 1 Added Passive Skill is Veteran Defender

Pandemonium Essence Large Cluster Jewel

Requires Level 67

Adds 12 Passive Skills

2 Added Passive Skills are Jewel Sockets

Added Small Passive Skills grant: Axe Attacks deal 12% increased Damage with Hits and Ailments

Added Small Passive Skills grant: Sword Attacks deal 12% increased Damage with Hits and Ailments

Added Small Passive Skills have 35% increased Effect

Added Small Passive Skills also grant: +4% to all Elemental Resistances Added Small Passive Skills also grant: +5 to Intelligence

Added Small Passive Skills also grant: +9 to Maximum Energy Shield

Tip: Press Ctrl+D to disable the display of stat differences.



Crafting Guide:

https://youtu.be/alGFBtk0MuE

Armageddon Creed Large Cluster Jewel

Requires Level 67

Adds 12 Passive Skills

2 Added Passive Skills are Jewel Sockets

Added Small Passive Skills grant: Axe Attacks deal 12% increased Damage with Hits and Ailments

Added Small Passive Skills grant: Sword Attacks deal 12% increased Damage with Hits and Ailments

+3 to maximum Life

Added Small Passive Skills also grant: 2% increased Attack Speed

Added Small Passive Skills also grant: +4 to Intelligence

Added Small Passive Skills also grant: +9 to Maximum Energy Shield

Added Small Passive Skills have 35% increased Effect

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4b. Tattoos

Replace all dexterity nodes on tree

Best Tattoos

- 10-11x Tasalio Scout
- 1-2 x Tasalio Warrior





4c. Passive Tree Pathing

Go through pathing in game.

Section 5 Flasks

5a. Prismatic Tincture

Ele pen and increased effect



Must have:

Can also use increased effect & more mana burn

5b. Quartz Flask

Cap spell suppression & give phasing



Must have:

- Classic magebood package (i.e. increased effect implicit, increased effect explicit)
- Suffix is either 1 of 3 (reduced curse effect, avoid stun, elemental resistance during effect)

5c. Topaz Flask

Enables 90% all ele resistances



Must have:

- Classic magebood package (i.e. increased effect implicit, increased effect explicit)
- Suffix is either 1 of 3 (reduced curse effect, avoid stun, elemental resistance during effect)
- Swap in immune to bleed / CB for bosses that needs it

5d. Bismuth Flask

Cap resistances



Must have:

- Classic magebood package (i.e. increased effect implicit, increased effect explicit)
- Suffix is either 1 of 3 (reduced curse effect, avoid stun, elemental resistance during effect)

5e. Quicksilver / Silver / Gold

For general use / bossing / farming respectively. Any suffix is fine here.







Section 6 Gems

6a. Splitting Steel

Main attack skill





Main Link

- Splitting Steel
- Volatility
- A. Elemental Dmg with Attacks
- A. Lightning Penetration
- Energy Leech
- Dmg on full life

Swap:

A. Fork for mapping (replace dmg on full life)

6b. Curse Set-up Helmet

Quad Curses









Main Link

- Conductivity
- Elemental Weakness
- Enfeeble
- Inspiration

Swap:

- Punishment for bosses (over enfeeble)
- Empower over inspiration (if mana allows)

6c. Sniper Mark

Quad Curses



Main Link

- Sniper's Mark
- Enhance
- Mark on Hit

Swap:

• n/a

6d. Auras

Flexible but focus on defence









Main Link (Shield)

- Haste
- Discipline
- Enlighten 4

Swap:

- Grace for Haste (tankier)
- Flesh and Stone can be flexed for anything else

Main Link (Gloves)

- Flesh and Stone
- Arctic Armour
- Clarity (lv1)
- Enlighten 4

6d. Flex Slots

Movement skill, guard skill, war cries, etc

Options (mix & match for content you want to farm)

- Shield Charge + Faster Attacks
- Flame Dash / Frost Blink (get over walls)
- CwDT + Immortal Call (best guard skill)
- Enduring Cry + Urgent Orders (endurance charge generation)
- etc

Section 7 Final Tips

7a. Final Tips

- Suppress Cap
 - Spell breaker (20%) + Inveterate (39%) + Quartz Flask (19%) + Body Armour (22%)
 - Alternate: Resourcefulness (8%), Watcher's Eye Mod (14%), Entrench (27%)
- Resistance Cap
 - o 35% cluster jewel with 5% all res + Bimusth Flask + Flask Suffix All Res
 - Alternate: T1 resistance mods on gear, resistance mods on rare jewel
 - Alternate 2: purity of elements (don't do this please)
- Physical Damage Mitigation
 - Physical damage taken as chaos on Helmet (8%) & Chest (12%) + Arctic Armour (21% when standing still) + Soul of Tukohama (9% when standing still) + Soul of Solaris (6% when only 1 unique enemy)