MERCHANT Handbook

MOONSTRUCK

MARKET

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It's time for a change...

A transformation, in fact.

As the unnatural emerald moon rises above the haunted forest, the infamous Madame Moonstruck and her traveling caravan emerge, eager to sell their wares in **Arcane Alley**.

Her merchants are full of wolfish charm, bringing the ghastliest of goods: objects said to be eerily unspeakable, fiendishly frightful, and—most importantly—profitable.

Each piece of merchandise has been magically moon-chanted by the power of the mysterious emerald moon—it's rumored that these items are twisted, transformed, and possibly even... alive.

Others might fear such things, but an experienced wizard merchant such as yourself recognizes an opportunity when it presents itself: unusual goods always yield unusually high profits.

So bare your teeth and join the pack. The emerald moon is fickle, yes, but so are fortunes, and there's always one to be made in **Arcane Alley**, especially during the **Moonstruck Market**.

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Components



What's New?

Here's a quick summary of everything new in Moonstruck Market and what it does. The following sections will explain in more detail.

New Wizards

There are two new wizards to choose from.

New Items and the Combined Item Deck

There are new moon items to be added in with the base game items (about half of each game's items will be used) for a combined item deck.

The Market

The market board is added to the play area and populated with items. Players can spend o to buy a market item as their turn's draw action, instead of drawing from the deck or discard.

The Moon Die

There's a moon die that advances during the game. If the moon die matches an item's moon icon $(\bigcirc, \bigcirc, \circ, \circ)$, that item is moonstruck (its effect is modified and it can be sold in a moon set).

New Ways to Sell Sets

There are two new subtypes of **sets** that can be sold:

- Moon Set: a stack of three revealed moonstruck items. A moon set sells for the lowest value of all items in the sold **moon set**.
- Mixed Set: a stack of three revealed items of the same item type (such as Older Wands + Automated Wands, or Dragon's Eggs + Emerald Eggs).

New Item Effects

There are two new item effects (see Page 11 for full details):



(R)? When Moonstruck: modifies a moon item's effect when (its) that effect activates while that item is **moonstruck** (its) matches the **moon die**).



When Expended (Optional): when discarding an item with this effect from your stash (as your turn's play/discard action), you can choose to activate the effect by placing the item sideways in the **discard** to show it has been expended.

An expended item can be drawn from the discard with a draw action as normal, but can't be expended again on the same turn it was drawn.



Creating the Item Deck

During **Setup**, create the item **deck** by adding items from both the base **Arcane Alley** game and the **Moonstruck Market** expansion. The final deck will include cards with two different card backs to help players narrow down what possible items any hidden card could be.

Following is the recommended deck list for a normal game. See Page 12 for additional deck list recipes, or feel free to create your own!

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	ne Alley				ket items	12
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Item name # for	2-4 r players	5-6 players		Item name # fo	2-4 or players	5-6 players
Cursed Mirror	3	4				
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Hypnotic Toad	2	3 4		Talking Toad	3	3
Invisible Ring		12.		Decryptor Ring	3	4
Three-Headed Coin	7	9			~	7
Older Wand	5	6		Automated Wand	6	7
Magic Boomerang	5	6		Hexed Boomerang	5	6
Floating Carpet	4	5		Werefur Carpet	5	6
Crystal Ball	5	6		Gelatinous Ball	5	6
Bottled Fairy	4	5		Toothed Fairy	5	6
Bubbling Cauldron	8	10				
Dragon's Egg	4	5		Emerald Egg	4	5
Sovereign Sword	3	4		Skeletal Sword	4	5
Dark Lotus	5	6		Fool's Moon	2	3
Skeletomicon	5	6				
Haunted Doll	4	5				
Facsimilous Feline	2	3				
Wizard's Watch	1	1		Spectral Spectacles	1	1
Pandora's Lockbox	1	1				
Mystical Lamp	1	1				
Sacred Chalice	1	1				
Total items:	73	91		Total items:	43	52
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Combined **deck** for 2-4 players: **116** items Combined **deck** for 5-6 players: **143** items

The player aid card list is based on this combined deck

Setting Up



Using the Market

The **market** adds another option for drawing items. Instead of using your turn's draw action to draw from the **deck** or **discard**, you can instead spend \bigcirc to draw one of three revealed **market** items.

Setting Up the Market

During **Setup**, add the **market board** to the play area.



Stocking the Market

After creating the **discard** in each **1** Stock phase, reveal three items from the **deck** and place them in **market** slots 1, 2, and 3, in order.



Drawing an Item from the Market

During the **2** *Sell* phase, instead of using your turn's draw action to draw from the **deck** or **discard**, you can buy a **market** item:

- Spend O equal to the cost listed above the desired item's slot (1, 2, or 3 O). If you don't have enough O, you can't buy it.
- **2.** Add the purchased item to your **stash**. This is your draw action.
- **3.** Slide remaining **market** items one slot towards the discard (*if necessary*) so that slots 1 and 2 are filled and slot 3 is empty, then reveal the top item of the **deck** and place it in slot 3, faceup.

There must always be 3 revealed items in the **market**! If any effect leaves an empty **market** slot, fill it immediately as detailed in Step 3,

Example: Using the Market Here's an example of drawing an item from the market. 1. Spend – for the item you want to draw. Deck Slot 3 Slot 2 Slot 1 Discard You need to spend Let's say you want this SOVEREIGN SWORD 1 as shown here 2. Add that item to your stash. 2 1 Deck Slot 3 Slot 2 Slot 1 Discard This leaves Take the item into your stash (this is your draw) slot 1 empty 3. Fill the empty market slot. Then flip over the top item of the Slide remaining items to the right so that slot 3 is the empty slot deck and place it faceup in slot 3 Deck Slot 3 Deck Slot 3 Slot 2 Slot 1 Discard Slot 2 Slot 1 Discard

Using the Moon Die

The moon die will always show one of \bigcirc , \bigcirc , or \bigcirc . When a moon item's moon icon matches the moon die, that item is moonstruck (its effect is modified and it can be sold in a moon set).

Setting the Moon Die

When each **2**Sell phase begins, the starting player rolls the moon die at the beginning of their first turn to set the initial side.

Here, moon items with the icon are **moonstruck**



Advancing the Moon Die

Then, during the **2***Sell* phase, advance the **moon die** each time either of the following occurs (it *can advance multiple times on a turn*):

- The starting player's turn begins, or
- A moon set is sold.

To advance the **moon die**, turn it once so that the side pointed to by the ▶ becomes the new faceup side. For example:



Locking the Moon Die

When the **3***Inspection* phase begins, the **moon die** is locked for the rest of the round and can no longer be set, rolled, or advanced (*moon sets* matching the *moon die* still sell in an inspection, but do not advance it).

The **moon die** remains locked until the next **2***Sell* phase begins, when the new starting player rolls the **moon die** to set its initial side.

Selling Moon Sets and Mixed Sets

Moon sets and mixed sets offer new ways to sell stacks of items.

Both count as "sets" for effects and powers, and as with normal sets, if your storehouse contains a moon set or mixed set on your turn, you must sell it (if starting your turn with a completed set: sell it, then draw).

Selling a Moon Set

A moon set is a stack containing three revealed *moonstruck* items (they have the same moon icon,),), or), which matches the moon die), and follows all other normal set rules with the following exceptions:

- A moon set sells for the lowest 🔵 value of all items in the set.
- Activate 🐨 effects as normal. If there are multiple unique 🖤 effects, activate them in the order of your choice.
- If you have a stack of three identical revealed moon items on your turn, but they are not moonstruck, you must still sell them, but as a normal set (three identical moonstruck items must be sold as a moon set).







This is not a set!

The Facsimilous Feline

only completes a set

for identical items

Selling a Mixed Set

A **mixed set** is a **stack** containing three revealed items which are not all the same item, but are all the same item type (*all Swords, all EGGs, all WANDs, etc.*). Items in a **mixed set** will have the same color frame and same value. **Mixed sets** follow all other normal **set** rules.





Reading Moon Items

Here's a breakdown of a moon item (see Page 17 for full item reference):

Moon icon: one of either , , , , , or . If it matches the moon die, this item is moonstruck (an item with all 3 moon icons is always moonstruck).

When Expended: new effect that you can choose to activate when discarding this item as as your play/discard action.

When Moonstruck: modifies the item's effect if it activates while the item is **moonstruck**.



Item type:

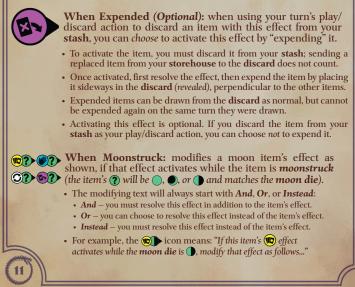
the second word of the name here is the item type. WEREFUR CARPET and FLOATING CARPET are both the "carpet" type.

The
[⊕] value of moon items is always higher than their non-moon item type counterpart.

For WEREFUR CARPET, if you expend this item while it is moonstruck (the moon die is), then you can instead take the top item of the deck to place in your stash.

Resolving Item Effects

There are two new item effects:



Alternate Item Deck Recipes

Here are some alternative combined item deck reci	pes to try out.
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Recipe 1: Moonstruck Madness

This recipe includes all of the *Moonstruck Market* items. Note that any wizards with moon-based powers will have a larger advantage.

-		1	B arrow	0	0
K CON	nclude these items from Arcane Alley			Include these Moonstruck Market items	
Item name	2-4 # for players	5-6 players	Item name	2-4 # for players	5-6 players
Cursed Mirror	3	4			
Hypnotic Toad			Talking Toad	5	6
Invisible Ring			Decryptor Ring	6	8
Three-Headed (Coin 7	9			
Older Wand			Automated Wa	nd 11	13
Magic Boomera	ing		Hexed Boomer	ing 10	12
Floating Carpet	t		Werefur Carpet	9	11
Crystal Ball			Gelatinous Ball	10	12
Bottled Fairy			Toothed Fairy	9	11
Bubbling Cauld	Iron 8	10			
Dragon's Egg			Emerald Egg	8	10
Sovereign Swor	d		Skeletal Sword	7	9
Dark Lotus	5	6	Fool's Moon	2	3
Skeletomicon	5	6			
Haunted Doll	4	5			
Facsimilous Feli	ine 2	3			
Wizard's Watch	h 1	1	Spectral Specta	cles 1	1
Pandora's Lock	box 1	1			
Mystical Lamp	1	1			
Sacred Chalice	1	1			
Total items:	38	47	Total items:	78	96

Combined **deck** for 2-4 players: **116** items Combined **deck** for 5-6 players: **143** items

Recipe 2: You Boomerang?

This recipe maximizes the craziness that comes with playing, replaying, and forcing other players to play *MAGIC* and *HEXED* BOOMERANGS. Most of the items included let you peek, flip, and play additional items. The **deck** is smaller than usual—reshuffle it if it runs out!

items	e these s from e Alley		Include thes Moonstruck Market item	
Item name # for	2-4 players	5-6 players	Item name # for players	5-6 players
Cursed Mirror	3	4		
Hypnotic Toad			Talking Toad	
Invisible Ring	6	8	Decryptor Ring 6	8
Three-Headed Coin				
Older Wand	11	13	Automated Wand 11	13
Magic Boomerang	10	12	Hexed Boomerang 10	12
Floating Carpet	9	11	Werefur Carpet 9	11
Crystal Ball	10	12	Gelatinous Ball 10	12
Bottled Fairy			Toothed Fairy	
Bubbling Cauldron				
Dragon's Egg			Emerald Egg	
Sovereign Sword			Skeletal Sword	
Dark Lotus			Fool's Moon	
Skeletomicon				
Haunted Doll				
Facsimilous Feline	2	3		
Wizard's Watch	1	1	Spectral Spectacles 1	1
Pandora's Lockbox	1	1		
Mystical Lamp	1	1		
Sacred Chalice	1	1		
Total items:	55	67	Total items: 47	57
	32 21			

Combined **deck** for 2-4 players: **102** items Combined **deck** for 5-6 players: **124** items

Recipe 3: Most Infamous

This recipe uses the most high infamy items possible, excluding the *FAIRES* and any other item that allows you to reduce your infamy. It'll be slightly easier to make **sets**, but anyone with items in their **storehouse** during an inspection will be hit hard. Expect a lot of fines!

Include items Arcan			Moe	ude these onstruck ket items	
Item name # for	2-4 players	5-6 players	Item name # fe	2-4 or players	5-6 players
Cursed Mirror					
Hypnotic Toad			Talking Toad		
Invisible Ring			Decryptor Ring		
Three-Headed Coin					
Older Wand			Automated Wand		
Magic Boomerang	10	12	Hexed Boomerang	10	12
Floating Carpet	9	11	Werefur Carpet	9	11
Crystal Ball	10	12	Gelatinous Ball	10	12
Bottled Fairy			Toothed Fairy		
Bubbling Cauldron	8	10			
Dragon's Egg	8	10	Emerald Egg	8	10
Sovereign Sword	7	9	Skeletal Sword	7	9
Dark Lotus			Fool's Moon	2	3
Skeletomicon	5	6			
Haunted Doll	4	5			
Facsimilous Feline	2	3			
Wizard's Watch	1	1	Spectral Spectacles	1	1
Pandora's Lockbox	1	1			
Mystical Lamp	1	1			
Sacred Chalice	1	1			
Total items:	67	82	Total items:	47	58

Combined **deck** for 2-4 players: **114** items Combined **deck** for 5-6 players: **140** items

Recipe: Best Friends Forever

This recipe removes all attacking from the game by omitting items which let you affect another player negatively. Players can no longer affect another player's **storehouse** or **stash**, or cause another player to lose gold or gain infamy. Not as interactive, but it's much friendlier!

Include items Arcan				Include these Moonstruck Market items	
Item name # for	2-4 players	5-6 players	Item name	2-4 # for players	5-6 players
Cursed Mirror	3	4			
Hypnotic Toad			Talking Toad	5	6
Invisible Ring	3	4	Decryptor Ring	3 3	4
Three-Headed Coin	7	9			
Older Wand	5	6	Automated Wa	and 6	7
Magic Boomerang	10	12	Hexed Boomer	ang	
Floating Carpet	9	11	Werefur Carpe	t 9	11
Crystal Ball	5	6	Gelatinous Bal	1 5	6
Bottled Fairy	4	5	Toothed Fairy	5	6
Bubbling Cauldron					
Dragon's Egg	4	5	Emerald Egg	4	5
Sovereign Sword	7	9	Skeletal Sword	7	9
Dark Lotus	5	6	Fool's Moon	2	3
Skeletomicon					
Haunted Doll					
Facsimilous Feline	2	3			
Wizard's Watch	1	1	Spectral Specto	acles 1	1
Pandora's Lockbox					
Mystical Lamp	1	1			
Sacred Chalice					
Total items:	66	82	Total items:	47	58
	32				

Combined **deck** for 2-4 players: **113** items Combined **deck** for 5-6 players: **140** items

Recipe: Taking it Easy

This recipe removes items with high infamy penalties so that inspections aren't as dangerous. Hidden items left in **storehouses** are no longer a liability as the highest possible infamy on an item is 4. You won't make much gold, but sets are easier and fines are less common.

Include items Arcane	from			Moo	de these nstruck ket items	
Item name # for	2-4 players	5-6 players		Item name # fo	2-4 or players	5-6 players
Cursed Mirror	3	4				
Hypnotic Toad	5	6		Talking Toad	5	6
Invisible Ring	6	8		Decryptor Ring	6	8
Three-Headed Coin	7	9				
Older Wand	11	13		Automated Wand	11	13
Magic Boomerang	10	12		Hexed Boomerang	10	12
Floating Carpet	9	11		Werefur Carpet	9	11
Crystal Ball	10	12		Gelatinous Ball	10	12
Bottled Fairy				Toothed Fairy		
Bubbling Cauldron						
Dragon's Egg				Emerald Egg		
Sovereign Sword				Skeletal Sword		
Dark Lotus	5	6		Fool's Moon		
Skeletomicon						
Haunted Doll						
Facsimilous Feline						
Wizard's Watch				Spectral Spectacles		
Pandora's Lockbox						
Mystical Lamp						
Sacred Chalice						
Total items:	66	81		Total items:	51	62
Combined deck for 2-4 players: 117 items Combined deck for 5-6 players: 143 items						

Item and Wizard Reference

Read on for details and clarifications on items and wizards.

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Frekah Fangtooth	
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MADAME MOONSTRUCK	
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AUTOMATED WAND

Comes with a full non-user guide and a series of exceptionally thorough how-not-to tutorials.

• Effect's order of operations:

- Play AUTOMATED WAND into your storehouse.
 Activate the effect: advance the moon die.
- 3. If the effect creates a moon set, or if AUTOMATED WAND creates a set, sell the set(s).



DECRYPTOR RING

One of several unethically-sourced prizes that can be found in every box of Wizard-O's.

- Diagonal items count as adjacent.
- You must activate the effect, if possible (for example, if there is only one adjacent item which is hidden, you must reveal it).



EMERALD EGG

Lazily laid by a ruby robin, atop a topaz tree, in a crystal cavern, under a sapphire sky.

- When expended, both players *must* gain .
- You can't choose yourself as "another player".



FOOL'S MOON

Though it appears to be glowing, any light you see is simply reflected from the FOOL'S SUN.

• FOOL'S MOON has all three moon icons (and as a result is always **moonstruck**).

Effect's order of operations:

- 1. Play FOOL'S MOON into your storehouse.
- 2. Activate the () effect: roll the moon die.
- **3.** If the effect creates a **moon set**, or if FOOL'S MOON creates a **set**, sell the **set**(s).



GELATINOUS BALL

Regulation size and weight; the official brand used by all top players in the NGBA.

- The item must be played in your storehouse; you can't discard it or place it in your stash.
- If your **storehouse** is empty, ignore the effect.

• Effect's order of operations:

- 1. Play GELATINOUS BALL into your storehouse; set the replaced item aside (until everything resolves).
- 2. If GELATINOUS BALL creates a set, sell it:
- 3. Gain , remove the **set** items, resolve the **w** effect and play the chosen item in your **storehouse**.
- 4. If that item has any (effects, resolve them, then sell any created **sets** (and resolve any resulting (effects).
- 5. Send the replaced item from Step 1 to the discard.

HEXED BOOMERANG

Research shows that it returns to the thrower precisely 33.3% more than the WIDE BOOMERANG.

- You can't give a sold HEXED BOOMERANG to a player with an empty storehouse. If all other players have empty storehouses, ignore the effect (and the moonstruck effect as well).
- Effect's order of operations:
 - 1. Play HEXED BOOMERANG into your storehouse; set the replaced item aside (until everything resolves).
 - 2. If HEXED BOOMERANG creates a set, sell it:
 - 3. Gain , remove the **set** items, resolve the **(19)** effect and give one sold HEXED BOOMERANG to another player.
 - They play it in their storehouse. If it creates a set, do not sell it (players can only sell sets on their turn or during inspection).
 - 5. Send the replaced item from Step 1 to the discard.

Skeletal Sword

For maximum longevity and to avoid fractures, soak in milk for at least an hour every other day.

• Players must still use their turn's draw action to draw this item from the **discard**.







SPECTRAL SPECTACLES

Customers often ask if these belong to ghosts or let the wearer see ghosts—what a great question!

- "Set aside" items include any items sold in a set this round, any special items used this round, or any items set aside by MYSTICAL LAMP.
- If used before any items have been set aside this round, gain 5 and end your turn. Shame.



TALKING TOAD

Has been known to spontaneously greet most babies, honeys, and ragtime, summertime gals.

Effect's order of operations:

- 1. Inspection begins:
- 2. Reveal all hidden storehouse items.
- 3. If TALKING TOAD is revealed this way, activate the O effect and lose 5 (and gain), if *moonstruck*).
- 4. If TALKING TOAD Creates a set, sell it.
- 5. Gain for all items remaining in your storehouse.



TOOTHED FAIRY

Has no interest in purchasing your molars, and is tired of receiving them as a gift every holiday.

 Tip: There are a lot of FAIRIES in the deck, so it's never a bad idea to keep one of these in your stash. If you don't end up making a set, you can always expend it on a turn when you have nothing to play.



WEREFUR CARPET

Less existential than the WHYFUR CARPET but more definable than the WHATFUR CARPET.

- If expended when *moonstruck*, you can't peek at the top item of the deck before you decide to take it.
- Your **stash** size will be increased by 1 for the remainder of the round and will reset to the normal size during the next **1** Stock phase.



FREKAH FANGTOOTH

Her discount is both from knowing people in the industry and threatening people in the industry.

• Taking an item from the **market** by the effects of WEREFUR CARPET or GELATINOUS BALL does not count as "buying" and does not cost 1 .



GERITH GLOOMCLAW

He credits his extra profits to luck of the emerald moon, some choice spells, and intimidation.

• His power activates when *any* player sells a **moon set**, including you.



CLOCKWORK CANINE (PROMOTIONAL ITEM)

Though domesticated now, it's well-known that they descended from vicious WOODWORK WOLVES.

• CLOCKWORK CANINE has all three moon icons (and as a result is always moonstruck).

MADAME MOONSTRUCK (PROMOTIONAL WIZARD)

While her moon magic is impressive, all the changing tides wreak havoc on the coastal towns.

- When your turn begins, you must first sell any sets (if they exist) before using her power.
- You can only use her power to advance the **moon die** during the **2***Sell* phase.

MISTER BONES (PROMOTIONAL WIZARD)

To him, his dad will always be considered the real "Mr. Bones", so just call him "Dusty".

- The gain triggers when you sell any set, including moon sets and mixed sets.
- After selling a *set*, resolve the sale and any **v** effects first, then gain the .







PLAYER TURN REFERENCE

Here's the order of operations for a player's turn during the 2 will phase:

YOUR TURN BEGINS:

1) If you're the starting player, advance the **moon die** (roll on turn 1).

2 If you have any **sets** in your **storehouse**, sell them.

(A) Draw action:

- 1 Draw the top item of the **deck** or the top item of the **discard**, or spend or to draw an item from the **market**.
- 2 Take the drawn item into your **stash**.

B Play/Discard action (choose one of the following):

- ▶ Discard an item from your **stash**, or
- Discard an item from your stash and activate its select, or
- Set aside and activate a special item () from your stash, or
- > Play an item from your **stash** into your **storehouse** as follows:
 - 1) Set aside the item you're replacing (don't reveal it, if hidden).
 - 2 Put an item from your **stash** in the **storehouse** slot, faceup.
 - 3 If the item has a (?) effect, resolve it.
 - 4 If you created a **set**, sell it:
 - Gain for the set Remove set items Resolve 🔞 in full*
 - If the sold set was a moon set, advance the moon die.

5 Send the replaced item from **Step 1** to the **discard**, faceup.

YOUR TURN ENDS:

▶ If you have no hidden items left in your **storehouse**, you triggered the inspection (if it had not already been triggered by another player).

*Remember, a player can't sell sets on another player's turn. If an effect on your turn creates a **set** in another player's **storehouse**, they must wait until their next turn before selling it.

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