

Base Attribute, Roll, and Flip

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Semi-Random Balanced Attributes

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An alternative attribute rolling method with an arguably disgusting name. It is designed for use in tabletop role-playing games with attribute scores normally based on a roll of three six-sided dice. For ease of use, simply hand one of the worksheets to each of your players during character creation.

This version includes three different worksheets, one for the modern attribute order, one for the classic old-school, and one to customize for other games. Make sure you choose the worksheet that matches the attributes of your current game.

These sheets also include an option for those aiming for a particular Class. To be clear to players, this should get a check in the box if you are using it or be crossed off entirely if not.

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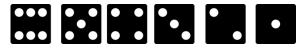
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Attribute Roll Worksheet



MODERN Attribute Order Version

You love yielding to the oracular powers of dice for rolling attributes but hate the hopeless or overpowered characters that often result. You love the choice and fairness of arrays and point buys but hate the decision paralysis and cookie-cutter builds that ensue. Why not take the best of both? Surely you deserve it. The BARFLIP method gives you partly random and partly chosen attributes, with the totals always adding up the same to start each character out on an even playing field. It does this by exploiting the fact that standard dice have opposite faces that add up to seven. You can also think of this method as a play on Nature vs. Nurture – attribute scores will stem partly from talent and partly from effort.

This method gives results similar to rolling 4d6 for each attribute and dropping the lowest, with an average attribute score of 13. If you roll four or more of the same number, you should reroll.

The steps for BARFLIP are as follows:

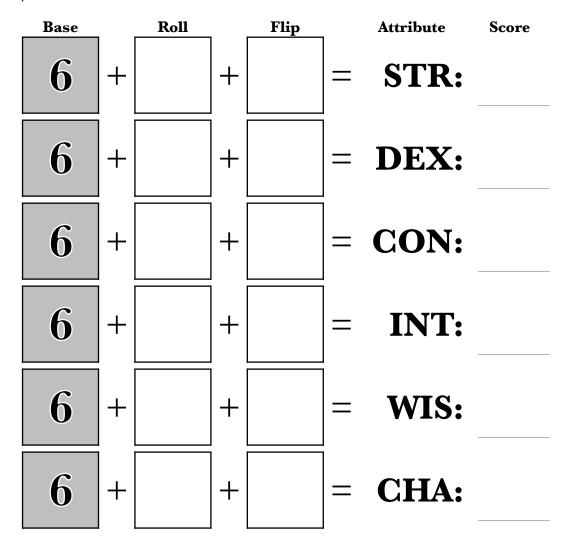
- 1. Base each attribute off a starting value of 6.
- 2. Roll 1d6 for each attribute in order and add to the base.
- 3. Flip each die over to its opposite side and add each flipped result to any single attribute you choose.

For the Roll step (2), "in order", means your first rolled die goes into Strength, second into Dexterity, and so on. In the Flip step (3) you get to choose which attribute each flipped die adds to.

You should now have scores ranging from 8-18 in each of your character's attributes, for a total of 78. Check the total to see if you did this right. Now just plug the final numbers into your character sheet and enjoy!

Option: During the Roll step, set the die to six in a single key or "prime requisite" attribute for your character's intended Class. This is flipped normally in the Flip step.

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Attribute Roll Worksheet



CLASSIC Attribute Order Version

You love yielding to the oracular powers of dice for rolling attributes but hate the hopeless or overpowered characters that often result. You love the choice and fairness of arrays and point buys but hate the decision paralysis and cookie-cutter builds that ensue. Why not take the best of both? Surely you deserve it. The BARFLIP method gives you partly random and partly chosen attributes, with the totals always adding up the same to start each character out on an even playing field. It does this by exploiting the fact that standard dice have opposite faces that add up to seven. You can also think of this method as a play on Nature vs. Nurture – attribute scores will stem partly from talent and partly from effort.

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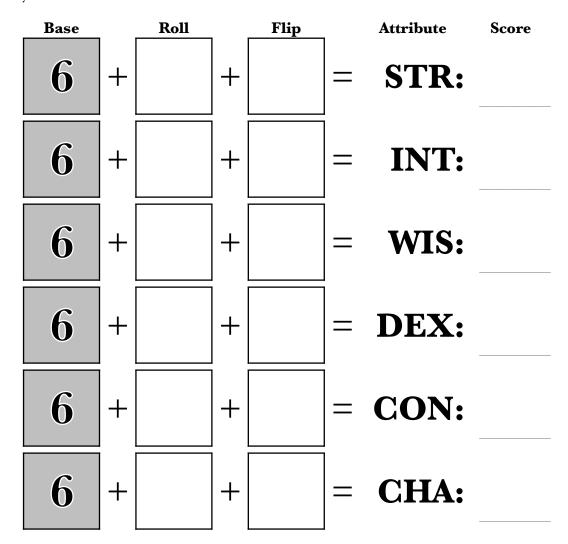
- 1. Base each attribute off a starting value of 6.
- 2. Roll 1d6 for each attribute in order and add to the base.
- 3. Flip each die over to its opposite side and add each flipped result to any single attribute you choose.

For the Roll step (2), "in order", means your first rolled die goes into Strength, second into Intelligence, and so on. In the Flip step (3) you get to choose which attribute each flipped die adds to.

You should now have scores ranging from 8-18 in each of your character's attributes, for a total of 78. Check the total to see if you did this right. Now just plug the final numbers into your character sheet and enjoy!

Option: During the Roll step, set the die to six in a single key or "prime requisite" attribute for your character's intended Class. This is flipped normally in the Flip step.

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Attribute Roll Worksheet



CUSTOM Attributes Version

You love yielding to the oracular powers of dice for rolling attributes but hate the hopeless or overpowered characters that often result. You love the choice and fairness of arrays and point buys but hate the decision paralysis and cookie-cutter builds that ensue. Why not take the best of both? Surely you deserve it. The BARFLIP method gives you partly random and partly chosen attributes, with the totals always adding up the same to start each character out on an even playing field. It does this by exploiting the fact that standard dice have opposite faces that add up to seven. You can also think of this method as a play on Nature vs. Nurture – attribute scores will stem partly from talent and partly from effort.

This method gives results similar to rolling 4d6 for each attribute and dropping the lowest, with an average attribute score of 13. If you roll four or more of the same number, you should reroll.

The steps for BARFLIP are as follows:

- 1. Base each attribute off a starting value of 6.
- 2. Roll 1d6 for each attribute in order and add to the base.
- 3. Flip each die over to its opposite side and add each flipped result to any single attribute you choose.

For the Roll step (2), "in order", means your first rolled die goes into the first attribute, second into the next, and so on. In the Flip step (3) you get to choose which attribute each flipped die adds to.

You should now have scores ranging from 8-18 in each of your character's attributes, for a total of **78**. Check the total to see if you did this right. Now just plug the final numbers into your character sheet and enjoy!

Option: During the Roll step, set the die to six in a single key or "prime requisite" attribute for your character's intended role. This is flipped normally in the Flip step.

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