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# Pathfinder Roleplaying Game: Beginner Box



## Synopsis

Take your first step into an exciting world of fantasy adventure with the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game Beginner Box! Within you'll find simple rules to create and customize your own hero, as well as a robust system to run your character through challenging adventures and deadly battles against villainous monsters like goblins and dragons! The only limit is your imagination! The Pathfinder Roleplaying Beginner Box includes: a 64-page Hero's Handbook, a 96-page Game Master's Guide, a 16-page Transition Guide to bring your hero to the full Pathfinder Roleplaying Game, a complete set of seven high-impact polyhedral dice, more than 80 full-color pawns depicting tons of heroes, monsters, and even a fearsome black dragon, four pregenerated character sheets to throw you right into the action. **Price Includes VAT**

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## Customer Reviews

I received the item promptly and in good condition. The estimated delivery date April 10-16, it was at my front door on Sat morning 11 April. I definitely would do business with the seller again. This compares very favorably to the D&D boxed sets; the '81 Moldavy magenta box, the '83 Mentzer red box, the '04 Tweet Basic Game box & the '06 Decker Basic Game box and the 2014 D&D Starter set. There is great value for the MSRP of \$35. Included is a laminated rewritable double-sided 27"X30" play mat which is marked in 1" squares, a complete 7 piece set of polyhedral dice, a 64 page Player Guide, 96 page GM Guide, a 16 page Transition Guide to convert from the Beginner rules to the full Pathfinder RPG rules, 4 double sized single fold pre-generated player character sheets, 4 blank character sheets, 87 pre-scored monster & player pawns with 16 1" & 2 2" stands

that are the same scale as the other Pathfinder pawn, paper mini, WizKid Pathfinder Battles miniatures, Reaper Pathfinder miniatures sets. All of the above items are in full color. Paizo also hosts 7 free PDF downloads on the Pathfinder website [paizo.com/pathfinderRPG/products/beginnerbox](http://paizo.com/pathfinderRPG/products/beginnerbox) that includes more blank character sheets, 4 pre-generated player characters, an additional adventure, more character options, 4 mini-adventures, and an organized play Pathfinder Society Character Creation Guide. Paizo also hosts the full Pathfinder RPG rule set on [paizo.com/pathfinderRPG/prd/](http://paizo.com/pathfinderRPG/prd/) which is legally mirrored on the Pathfinder SRD site [d20sfsrd.com](http://d20sfsrd.com). For a retail buy-in of \$35 this is an amazing value and that's not even considering compatible adventures that others make freely available on other websites. Here is an addendum I wrote in response to a 2 star review that was given to this product because they felt it was of limited use due to the difficulty they had finding additional adventures and scenarios to use with the Beginner Box rules set. Yes, there are not many adventures specifically made to be used directly with the Beginner Box rules set. Similar to the '77 D&D Basic Holmes blue set it's assumed that if one was interested enough in RPGs to want to continue playing that one would move to use the full rules. Though if one wants new adventures to use with the Beginner Box, the Paizo website has a page of products that are intended "For Beginners" : [paizo.com/pathfinder/adventureFinder/beginnerBox](http://paizo.com/pathfinder/adventureFinder/beginnerBox). Zero One Games has a page of adventures that can be easily used : [0onegames.com/catalog/index.php?manufacturers\\_id=14](http://0onegames.com/catalog/index.php?manufacturers_id=14). Beyond that a GM would have to adapt pre-existing low level D&D / Pathfinder / d20 / OSR (Old School Revival/Renaissance) material. Adventures for the '74 white box (also known as Original or 0 Edition) and Basic D&D or OSR games meant to emulate Original, 0 Edition and/or Basic D&D would be the easiest. The TSR B(asic) Series : [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Dungeons\\_%26\\_Dragons\\_modules#B](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Dungeons_%26_Dragons_modules#B) for D&D which are available at D&D Classics : [dndclassics.com/browse.php?filters=0\\_0\\_44699](http://dndclassics.com/browse.php?filters=0_0_44699), specifically the B1-12 Basic Series [BUNDLE] : [dndclassics.com/product/110946/B112-Basic-Series-BUNDLE?filters=0\\_0\\_44699](http://dndclassics.com/product/110946/B112-Basic-Series-BUNDLE?filters=0_0_44699). B2 The Keep on the Borderlands is an excellent introductory module : [dndclassics.com/product/17158/B2-The-Keep-on-the-Borderlands-Basic?it=1&filters=0\\_0\\_44699](http://dndclassics.com/product/17158/B2-The-Keep-on-the-Borderlands-Basic?it=1&filters=0_0_44699). The Basic Fantasy RPG has many adventures freely available : [basicfantasy.org/downloads.html#sn\\_modules](http://basicfantasy.org/downloads.html#sn_modules) and print material from Lulu : [lulu.com/spotlight/basicfantasy](http://lulu.com/spotlight/basicfantasy) or here on .The GM Tools & Aids of the Download page : [d20sfsrd.com/swords-and-wizardry-srd/downloads](http://d20sfsrd.com/swords-and-wizardry-srd/downloads) and the For the Referee page : [d20sfsrd.com/swords-and-wizardry-srd/for-the-referee](http://d20sfsrd.com/swords-and-wizardry-srd/for-the-referee) of the d20 Swords & Wizardry SRD

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<http://paizo.com/search?q=%22paper+minis%22&what=products&includeUnrated=true&includeUnavailable=true> and Pathfinder Battles miniatures, [paizo.com/pathfinderbattles/iconicHeroes](http://paizo.com/pathfinderbattles/iconicHeroes) & <http://paizo.com/pathfinderbattles> , that can be easily used with the Beginner Box .Yes, I realize that it requires a lot of work on the GM's part; but the creative process is part of being a GM. There's enough pre-existing material available to last several lifetimes.

Last year I bought the D&D 5th Edition Rule Book and I was completely lost... so it's sitting on my shelf. I saw this Pathfinder Beginner's Box on [and](#) I am so glad I purchased it. Pathfinder is D&D 3.5 Edition with some modifications I believe. It has everything you need to play and GM a basic adventure. Character creation is pretty clear. The only part that isn't 100% clear is weapon damage, there maybe a couple other things, but I just looked the info up on the internet, no biggie. It comes with a basic Core Rule Book and Game Master Book. They are not hardcover, but to me it wasn't a big deal. They are also shorter than the bigger books, obviously, but they are still excellent. You definitely learn the game on both the player and GM side. It comes with the adventure "Black Fang's Dungeon". You have all the info needed to run it. I ran it for my Nephew, he has no RPG experience, I have no GM experience, but have a basic knowledge of how RPG's work in general. After I created our character's I started doing GM stuff, it doesn't take long, you have everything you need. My nephew had a blast, I had a blast. I am working on doing a follow-up adventure to the adventure we played. We created 3 character's, my nephew ran 2, I ran 1 and GM'd. It's so much fun and not hard. It went better than I expected. So yes this can be a 2 player game.. It comes with a large fold out map for Black Fang's Dungeon, card board cut outs of the monsters, dice, 4 character sheets, and 2 books. You can also design a map on the back of the map that comes with it with dry/wet erase markers. There is a map for you to draw for the follow-up adventure that is described briefly in the GM Handbook. Time to get creative! Overall, extremely nice, super easy to understand and play, and most of all lots of fun. The price is great. Also, Paizo is selling the same exact box (I think) through their store on [that](#) is more expensive, get the one sold by [.](#)

I ordered this package after about a year or so of browsing around, and poking around at the pathfinder rpg system, the package arrived yesterday, and I decided to dive right into it. The rules are quite intimidating at first, but then the book, being the beginner set, has a great pick-your-path esque solo adventure to get you adapted to the rules, though it is not the actual RPG format itself. This beginner set is a great value, and includes: 3 books, a players handbook, a GM guide, and a

transition guide, which I hear is a recent addition to the set that does not exist in older editions which teaches you how to migrate your characters from the beginner set, to the full-fledged game experience, it also features a HUGE flip-mat, that is double sided, one side a classic dungeon for heroes to explore, and a blank side for you to create your own maps, (heroscape, anyone?) it also features many cardboard pawns, which I, someone coming from a background of miniature painting, was a little hesitant about, we're fantastic, with beautiful art, and I may even prefer them to miniatures! It also has a full set of polyhedral die, which is funny, because once, I got a bag of chess dice for Christmas, and I loved them!.....but I didn't know what they were for. Well, at least now I have a great purpose for them! It also features many bases to fit on the pawns, and some character sheets, alongside some regenerated characters, overall, I'd give this set a 5 star rating for great fun, and value. I love it so much, in fact, I'm going to save up for the core rulebook.

I consider it a must have for anyone getting into Pathfinder, and it's a good value for what you get. And Pathfinder itself? The ultimate edition of D&D in my opinion, basically a bigger more fleshed out D&D 3.5 with full backwards compatibility so to speak. So much content exists for it and so much flexibility exists for Game Masters as a result of all of this. I have no interest in any other D&D editions ever since Pathfinder.

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