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Potions - an essential supply to most adventurers and a common treasure for game masters to award. But what do these potions look like and how are they stored? Often the answers to these questions are just a colored liquid in a glass vial. However, creating unique potions and bottles can add a new dimension to their use and feel, especially to those found as treasure. For this reason, we here at Healing Fireball Publications have created a collection of tables used to generate unique potions for your treasure haul.

Table I: Potion Bottles

D20	Bottle Shape	D20	Bottle Description	D20	Stopper type
1	A faceted cylindrical bottle that tapers to a thin neck	1	A glass bottle wrapped in colored ribbon/leather*	1	Cork tipped in gold that has been engraved
2	Abstract (Made of multiple spheres connected by narrow cylinders)	2	Adorned with a gold/silver latticework around the center*	2	Cork with a gold chain attached to it and around the bottle's neck
3	An egg-shaped bottle with a hole in the top	3	Adorned with gold/silver caps on the bottom and around the neck*	3	Cork with a silver figure attached to it
4	Cylinder with a tapering neck	4	Made of pure silver	4	Sealed with wax (Roll again) ¹
5	Cone-shaped with narrow neck	5	Made of steel	5	Small horn plug
6	Cube bottle with short, stubby neck	6	Ceramic jug glazed in two colors	6	Plug carved of ivory decorated with engravings
7	Test tube-shaped	7	Carved out of animal horn	7	Plug made of a monster tooth
8	Long neck that ends in a bulbous bottom	8	Carved out of polished wood	8	Plug made on an animal talon/claw
9	Octagonal bottle that tapers to a tin neck	9	Ceramic with a seal pressed into it	9	Cork with two silver chains ending in charms/gems
10	Octahedron-shaped bottle with a thin spout from one of the faces	10	Glass covered in wicker/hemp netting*	10	Simple leather cover and tie straps
11	Onion bottle	11	Glazed ceramic jug	11	Simple cork
12	Teardrop-shaped	12	Glass*	12	Simple wood plug
13	Pyramid-shaped bottle with a short neck rising from its point	13	Glass bottle delicately etched*	13	Cork tipped in silver with a gem embedded in it
14	Rectangle bottle with a short round neck	14	Glass-covered in a tooled leather sheath*	14	Stopper with a circle with an engraved seal ²
15	Round ball with a hole in the top	15	Cut crystal	15	Steel plug/threaded cap
16	Round bottle with a flat bottom and wide, short neck	16	Glass with a paper label*	16	Stopper with a flat circle grip on top ²
17	Round bottle with a short neck, flat bottom and one flat side	17	Made of carved black stone	17	Stopper with a gem-shaped grip ²
18	Round with a slender cylindrical neck	18	Made of copper	18	Stopper with a round grip on top ²
19	Oval bottle with flat bottom and short neck	19	Made of steel engraved with gold	19	Wax plug
20	Jug-shaped (cylinder with a tapering neck and handle)	20	Steel With tooled leather cover	20	Wooden plug with top carved into an animal head

Table II: Glass Color

D10	Glass Color	D10	Glass Color
1	Amber	6	Green
2-3	Clear	7	Milky White
4	Cobalt Blue	8-9	Natural Blue-Green
5	Gray	10	Red

* For glass bottles, roll once on Table II: Glass Color to determine the bottle's color.

1 Stopper covered with wax and possibly sealed with a personal seal.

2 Stopper is the same material and color as the bottle.

Table III: Bottles' Contents

D20	Color	D20	Description	D20	Smell
1	Black	1	Bubbling	1	Alcohol
2	Blood Red	2	Curdled	2	Bitter
3	Brown	3	Chunky	3	Burnt
4	Dark Blue	4	Cold	4	Coppery
5	Dark Green	5	Effervescing	5	Crisp
6	Gold	6	Floating Herbs	6	Earthy
7	Gray	7	Gel	7	Flowery
8	Light Blue	8	Warm	8	Fruity
9	Light Purple	9	Made of solid fog	9	Sweet
10	Light Red	10	Mud-Like	10	Minty
11	Mint Green	11	Pasty	11	Nutty
12	Orange	12	Syrupy	12	Odorless
13	Pale Yellow	13	Smoking	13	Pungent
14	Pink	14	Smooth	14	Rich
15	Rainbow	15	Soupy	15	Savory
16	Silver	16	Watery	16	Sharp
17	Violet	17	Thick	17	Sour
18	White	18	Viscous	18	Spicy
19	Swirled (Roll Twice)	19	Has Gold Beads Suspended in it	19	Sulfurous
20	Changing Color (Roll Twice)	20	Has Ice Crystals Floating in it	20	Hydrocarbon (Gas)

How to Make a Potion

To make a potion using this product, a game master first designs a bottle by rolling once on Table IV or once on each of the columns in Table I. If the bottle discretion involves a glass bottle, roll on Table II to get the color of that glass bottle. After the bottle has been created, generate its contents by rolling once on each of the columns in Table III. Once you have generated all these properties you can combine them to get a potion, like a test tube-shaped red glass bottle wrapped in leather, sealed with a simple cork and filled with a dark blue gel that smells sweet.

The bottle generator can also be used by itself to generate unique art objects

to give out as treasure. The Bottle Contents Table could also be used to make mysterious liquids for alien landscapes or in magic gardens.

Table IV: Unique Bottles

D20	Bottle Description	D20	Bottle Description
1	A 1-foot long tapering cone-shaped bottle that curves in a gentle "S" and is closed with a black cork	11	A flask of silver covered in tooled red leather stamped with a flame
2	A bulb-shaped glass bottle surrounded by a delicately carved lattice of ivory	12	A hollowed-out horn with a large wooden disk plugging its end
3	A brown and white clay jug with a simple cork and a circular seal pressed into the bottle's center	13	A leather pouch containing a wooden block with holes containing three glass tubes with simple corks
4	A clear glass ball capped with a cork and held by a silver sculpture of dragon's claw	14	A round canteen-shaped steel container with an engraved brass plate in its center
5	A copper cylinder with a hole in the center of the top, capped with a silver plug	15	A simple leather bladder wrapped in a tartan fabric sheath and sealed with a wooden plug.
6	A faceted oval bottle carved from a clear blood red stone	16	A small round stiffened leather pouch coated inside with wax and crimped shut with a copper band
7	A hollowed out piece of tree limb corked with a bone disk	17	A stitched black leather bladder with a fitted bone cap
8	A glass ball with a thin glass pipe that comes out the bottom and loops around the ball and ends with a brass cap	18	A rounded amber bottle with a pineapple design carved in it and a glass stopper shaped like broad leaves
9	A glass wine bottle whose body is surrounded by small bones laid vertically and fastened with copper wire	19	A wooden bottle carved into the head of a baying wolf with a wood plug closing the hole in its mouth
10	A green glass wine bottle sewn into an embroidered wool pouch with a shoulder strap attached	20	Small wooden box containing a glass vial in a padded velvet interior.