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Discover the world's largest dice collection!



Meet Kevin Cook, the world's greatest dice collector!



Kevin's First Dice

Meet the world's greatest dice collector, owner of the ***Dice Collector*** portal, ***Kevin Cook***, and his journey of passion and dice collection.

One day, ***Kevin Cook*** realized that he had more dice than anyone else he knew, and after intensive research over a period of approximately 2 years, he discovered rumors of only 2 collections larger than his...

He started his collection in mid-1977, playing ***Dungeons & Dragons***, the famous RPG where you need to have one (or a few) sets of dice.

Between 1977 and 1980, he got his first dice set from the *Armory Dice* company, a specialist in dice fabrication.

Visiting some stores looking for more dice in 1981, Kevin found a shoebox full of dice.

Many of them fell apart when examined, and there were some dice made of bones. It was at this point that he really began to think like a dice collector.

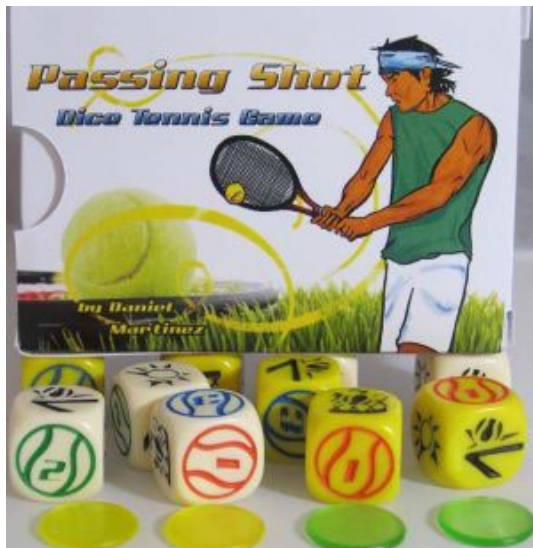
Between 1981 and 1998, his main way to find new dice was in game stores. Kevin visited stores like the *Dutch Door Hobby Shop*, *Green Dragon*, and *Sci-Fi City*, among others, always looking for new dice, until in 1998 he discovered *Ebay*. With a collection of approximately 4000 dice, from that point onwards, 80% of his collection would be made up of new dice purchased through the shopping platform.

Around 1999, Kevin discovered the *Dice Maniac's Club* group, and was delighted to find another great collector, the club's founder, *Dr. Alexander Simkin*. That same year, he had the opportunity to travel to London and meet Dr. Simkin where they had a few opportunities to scour the streets of London in search of new dice.

In 2005, *Chessex*, a company specializing in producing dice, introduced laser-engraved dice to the market, which opened a new genre in the dice world: rapid dice customization, and it didn't take long for the entire market to embrace to this idea.



Dice by Armory Dice



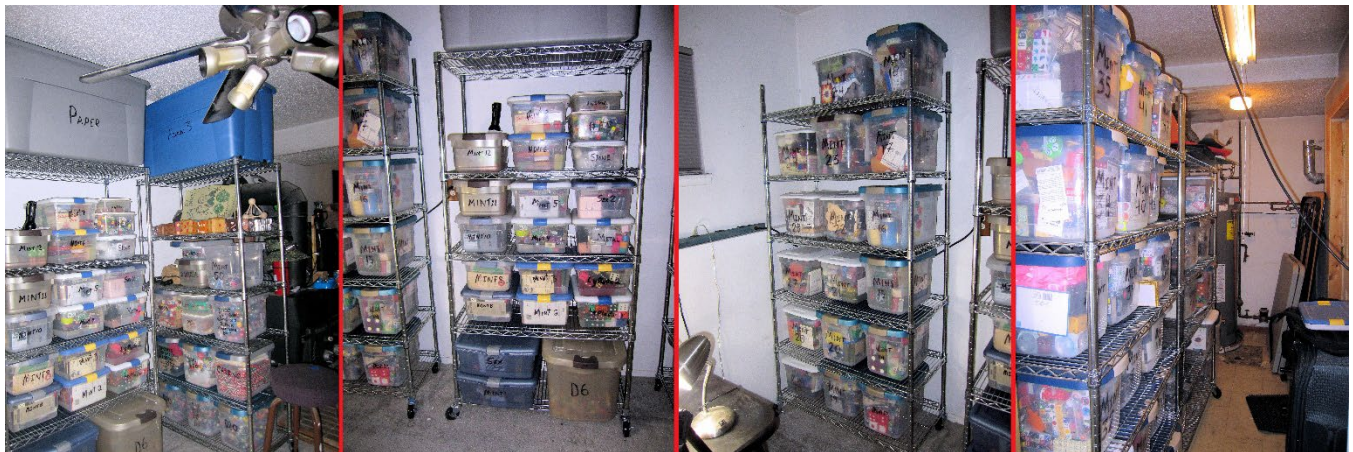
One of the first Kickstarter campaigns with custom dice

In 2010, *Shapeways*, a 3D printing service, started offering a service producing dice in which dice designers offered their products and *Shapeways* printed them for the interested consumer.

Between 2010 and 2011, the first campaign offering customized dice appeared on *Kickstarter*, thus opening a new universe for both publishers and artists to offer their dice to the market through the game *Passing Shot*.

In the beginning, Kevin essentially used fishing boxes to store the dice, but with the constant growth of the collection he was using different ways to accommodate his dice well; like this chest [following page]. He even had more than one for his precious dice.

Currently, Kevin's collection has more than 100,000 dice that need to be stored differently. See some images of how they are [stored] today:

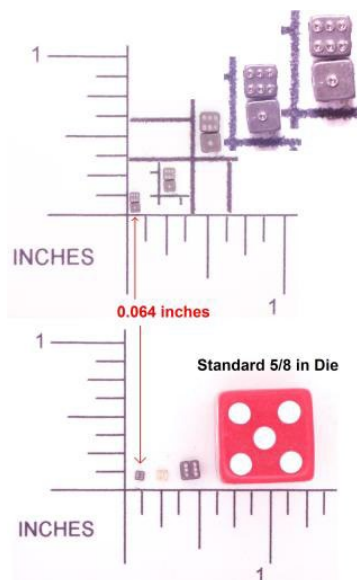


Kevin Cook's current dice storage



Kevin Cook's Dice Chest

His collection has some very interesting dice, such as six-sided dice (D6) with a size of 0.16 centimeters (.063 inches) [below, left]. Or a mega die like this one [below, right].



Kevin is so careful with his collection that he even recorded dice that marked important points in it, like the thousandth die and the die he got for the collection to reach the fantastic mark of 100,000 dice!



The 1000th Die



The 100,000th Die

In addition, there are extremely interesting dice in his collection. After all, with all this size, it is impossible not to find curious and attention-grabbing dice.

Like this dice in Mason & Co's D10 format, which is possibly the oldest dice ever made in that format.

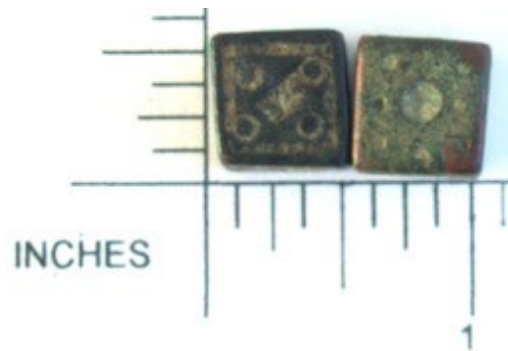


Possibly the oldest dice in D10 format ever made

Or like these more adult-themed dice [following page] made by artist *Paul Klepa*, which are the oldest themed dice, released around 1948.

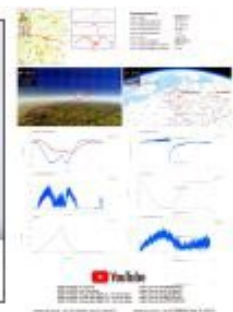
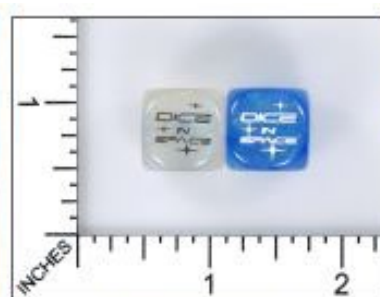


He also has very old dice, such as these, dating back to between the 14th and 16th century, made of copper [below, left]. Or really old dice like these Persian dice that date to about the second century AD [below, right].



And these dice, made of celluloid with this completely different shape.

And also dice that went to and from space. Amazing, isn't it?



With so many interesting dice, Kevin certainly has many stories to tell, and his collection has reached such an interesting status that it officially entered the *Guinness Book* (The Book of Records) in 2004, appearing in the books of 2006, 2008, and in the edition of the biggest collections of the world.



Check out below a little chat I had with Kevin:

Kevin, what motivates you to keep looking for new dice?

My motivation seems to be somehow obsessive-compulsive disorder, after all I've been doing this for 45 years... and I just don't want to stop. 😊

How does this passion for dice affect your routine and your relationships?

Regarding my routine, now that I'm retired, it really gives me something to do on a daily basis, so that seems like a good thing!

But when it comes to relationships, I've had some conflicts in the past.

Is there a special story you would like to share?

*There are a lot of related stories about the quest for dice, like that time I was at Gen Con (obviously searching for dice), and I met **Gary Gygax** (creator of super popular *Dungeons & Dragons* RPG) at a Subway sandwich shop...*

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