

Robot Quest Arena

Produced by Wise Wizard Games and Perfect Day Games

Release date 2023 - Tabletop Game

Lead Graphic Designer & Production management



Product description

Robot Quest Arena is a 2-4 player deckbuilding robot miniature arena battle game. The game includes 130 cards, 4 Robot Minis, 1 Game Board, 16 Game Tiles, 4 Player Boards, 72 Health counters, & rulebook. Combining a deckbuilding game and tactical game to provide an exciting player experience that people are eager to play again!

Robot Quest Arena's plastic minis



Challenges

This was one of our most complicated and novel games to date. Wise Wizard Games hadn't produced plastic minis before and therefore had a variety of production challenges. While Wise Wizard Games has produced deckbuilding games before, adding minis and a large format game board with rules for arena battle was a challenge. One I believe we met. Some notable challenges were the mini figures and experimenting with the right material and durability. The plastic vacuum formed tray was a challenge for this project as well due to the need for it to accommodate customers who only buy this product, but also customers who acquired all the Kickstarter materials as well.



Kapow!

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

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Product description

Kapow! Vol 1 and Vol 2 are dice battler games that use a craftable die that players can alter as they play. Set in a unique superhero setting featuring powerful heroes and terrifying villains. Will the heroes prevail or will the villains reign supreme? The game includes 2 player screens, 2 player boards, 6 super boards, 2 score dials, 11 punch outs, 4 team-up cards, 6 socketable dice, 52 dice faces, 20 trait dice, and a rulebook.

Challenges

Kapow! Vol 1 is a redesigned game that was already produced. Wise Wizard Games acquired it and did additional development, design, and expansion to the existing IP and mechanics. The socketable die was an interesting challenge because the dice faces needed to remain in place during play but loose enough to be removed when needed. The original game did not have a useful storage solution so a vacuum formed tray needed to be produced to hold all the necessary components but also leave room for expansions.



Star Realms Deluxe Nova Edition

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

Release date 2022 - Tabletop Game

Lead Graphic Designer & Production management



Product description

The Star Realms Deluxe Nova Collection is a reissue of Wise Wizard Games' award winning deckbuilding game. The product includes over 250 holo foil treatment versions of the first 2 years of Star Realms content, a player board, 6 score dials, 9 dividers, a plastic large format challenge card, & rulebook.

Challenges

This project was a bear. I had never set up a project for this style of printing before. It required multiple physical proofing loops with the factory and Wise Wizard games. I tried multiple versions of setting up the base coating layer (the masking layer) to provide the correct visual effect we were looking for. This was also a project that was in prototyping during the height of COVID-19 which added a myriad of additional challenges. At the end of it all the product is stunning and the lessons have been hard fought for and well remembered.



Star Realms (Box Set)

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

Release date 2021 - Tabletop Game

Lead Graphic Designer & Production management



Product description

The Star Realms (Box Set) fills a niche Wise Wizard Games hadn't before, mass market stores. The common feedback was the original box set of Star Realms was too small and didn't provide much shelf presence for stores. This is the solution to that feedback. The contents include a folding game board, 4 pairs of score cards, 2 10 card starting decks, 16 Explorer cards, 83 market deck cards, 13 Gambit cards, 2 Oversized Challenge cards, & a rulebook.

Challenges

This project was an interesting challenge. Wise Wizard Games often strives for high quality and massive replayability in a small package. With the box needing a larger form factor to be more appealing to mass market stores this seemed like a real departure but instead it provided a fantastic opportunity. A larger box allowed for more of the amazing art to be on display and to provide more value to the customer by increases in future storage for expansions, a player board, and more starting decks.



Star Realms Frontiers

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

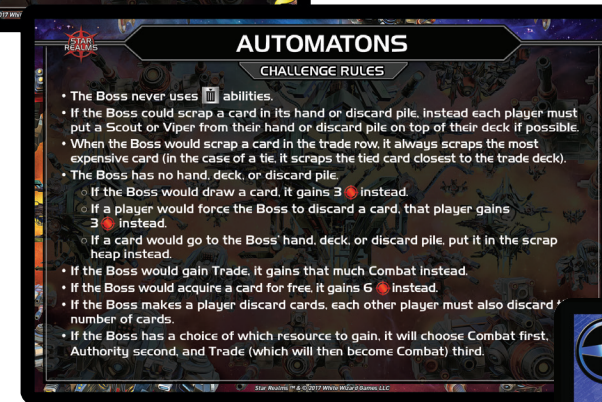
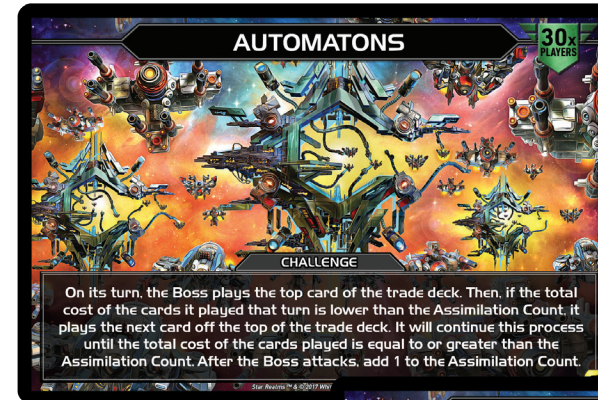
Release date 2018 - Tabletop Game

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Product description

Star Realms Frontiers is the third standalone expansion to the award winning franchise. It still stands as Wise Wizards Games' most successful Kickstarter at over 1.1 million dollars. The product includes 80 market deck cards, 4 10 starting deck cards, a solo and cooperative mode told through 10 oversized cards, 4 pairs of score tracking cards, & rulebook.



Challenges

This was the beginning of providing more content with larger packaging for Wise Wizard Games. Previously Star Realms Core set, Star Realms Colony Wars, and Epic Card Game would all use a card stock material tuck box. While this was able to keep the form factor small it did not have much durability. The Star Realms Frontier box is a direct answer to the feedback we were receiving that a more durable box would be necessary. This project was also one where I started to assume more direct control of layout for both cards and packaging. I was also the point of contact and interface with the printer for proofing and prototyping.



Hero Realms & 5 Character Packs

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

Release date 2016 - Tabletop Game

Lead Graphic Designer & Production management



Product description

Hero Realms is a fantasy themed version of Wise Wizard Games' deckbuilding game Star Realms. Hero Realms Base set products include 144 illustrated cards and a rulebook. The Character packs provide an asymmetrical starting deck for each player that fulfills the itch to play as one of five classes from the fantasy genre, Cleric, Fighter, Ranger, Thief, & Wizard. Each pack contains a character card, pair of score cards, an ability card, a skill card, and a unique to their class 10 card starting deck.

Challenges

Hero Realms was an ambitious project to say the least. It was an attempt to capture the storytelling and enjoyment of playing in a tabletop role-playing game but filtered through a deckbuilding game. There was much to design in terms of packaging and card layout but also from the game development team as well. I myself did countless hours of character class playtesting to test the character's skills and abilities were fun but also looked great! It is one of Wise Wizard Games' most popular games for a reason.



Hero Realms The Ruin of Thandar campaign

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

Release date 2016 - Tabletop Game

Lead Graphic Designer & Production management



Product description

The Ruin of Thandar is an expansion to Hero Realms. It provides a multi chapter campaign with branching decision points to keep players guessing what will happen next. Players need the Base set of Hero Realms and each player requires a Character pack to play. The Ruin of Thandar contents include 150 game cards, 8 Oversized Master Cards, an Adventure book, & a rulebook.



Challenges

This project was a challenge for a new designer. Lots to track due to cards having a unique front and back for over 100 cards in the set. There were many play test challenges as well because the product had a skill tree system for both campaign play and cooperative play. There has been one other published campaign set, The Lost Village, and another to come called Watery Graves.



Sorcerer

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

Release date 2019 - Tabletop Game

Lead Graphic Designer & Production management



Product description

Sorcerer is a tabletop game that is set within an alternate reality Victorian London where unspeakable horrors lurk to undo the very fabric of reality. The contents of Sorcerer include 4 player boards, 3 London Battlefields, 7 Battle dice, 1 energy dice, 7 wooden cubes, 6 red glass beads, 6 glass beads, 4 cardboard character standees, 3 card dividers, 69 Damage / Omen counters, 49 Arthropod / Flame counters.

Challenges

Sorcerer is an amazing game where we spread our wings with experimentation with materials. A territory control game with a combination of cardboard character standees and monster cards. A unique dice rolling battle mechanic. I also used a Spot UV method for the first time to provide the product box with some glossy highlights that have been a real treat for players to explore and find all of the hidden art highlights.



Sorcerer Expansions

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

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Product description

Sorcerer has a variety of expansion pack SKUs. The game uses 3 different subdivisions of card types for game play (A Character, a Lineage, & a Domain). Each type has different components and card counts for each variant.

The Character packs typically contain 11 linen finish cards (63 mm x 88 mm) and a 63 mm by 88 mm cardboard standee, with custom die lines for each character, printed on 2 mm gray chipboard. The Lineage packs typically contain 21 to 26 linen finish cards (63 mm x 88 mm) and a custom die cut token cardboard card printed on 2 mm gray chipboard. The Domain packs typically contain 11 linen finish cards (63 mm x 88 mm).



Challenges

Wise Wizard Games has released 4 Domain, 2 Lineage, & 5 Character packs with more in production for release during 2024. Each type of pack presents its own challenges designwise due to the variation in the individual contents (for example, 2 mm thick punch board and variable amount of linen finish playing cards). This variation also requires consideration in regards to the retail display box dimensions as well. Oftentimes the displays will require minor dimensional editing based on feedback from the printers production team. While I would like more standardization for these products, the project just had too much variance to allow for that desire to be fulfilled.



Epic Card Game - Duels

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

Release date 2021 - Tabletop Game

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Product description

Epic Card Game is Wise Wizard Games' answer to collectible card games. More of a cube in a box none of the cards are to be chased after. All the decks and packs contain listed contents. Each box of Epic Card Game Duels contains the following 60 game cards, 34 token cards, 2 pairs of score cards, "Gold" trackers, rules reference cards, & a rulebook.

Challenges

Epic Card Game has a bit of a complexity problem. Meaning that the barrier to learn is high. This was Wise Wizard Games' solution to on board newer players quicker. More documents were provided to assist with new players. A redesigned and laid out rule and reminder document was provided. Also an undated and more durable product box.



Epic Card Game - Guardians of Gowana

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

Release date 2021 - Tabletop Game

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Product description

Epic Card Game Guardians of Gowana was an expansion for Epic Card Game. It is considered a stand alone expansion but all Epic Card Game cards are compatible. Each product box of Guardians of Gowana contains 60 all-new cards, score cards, rules reference cards, "Gold" trackers, +1/+1 counters, and a rulebook.



Challenges

This product was one of the last large stand alone expansions for Epic Card Game. It uses many of the components created for the Duels expansion due to them being designed at the same time. There were many quality of life improvements with the trackers and reference cards being included.



Enamel Pins (Pinny Arcade & Gen Con)

Produced by Wise Wizard Games

Release date 2017 & 2019 - Enamel Pins

Lead Graphic Designer & Production management



Product description

These enamel pins were created for Pax West via Penny Arcade's Pinny Arcade trading program. The Raging T-Rex and Sorcerer Logo were created for the Pin Bazaar Gen Con trading program. All three pins measure approximately 1.5 inches in height and width and are constructed of soft enamel with a metal backing.

Challenges

I am a huge fan of enamel pins and collect them whenever I can. This was the first project where I was able to create my own. Having never designed an enamel pin before there were a multitude of challenges ahead of me ranging from converting raster graphics to vector to just understanding the medium itself (filling little channels with molten enamel). The design challenge of effectively painting with a limited palette was also interesting to wrap my head around. I also developed a deeper appreciation for artists who have a special affinity for this style of product. It is not easy to convert a colorful design into a simplified version while retaining the charm of the original.

