
The Minecraft

Craft Contact: adoptable craftmastership
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Current Mastercraftert: Master Mikaren

Mastercrafthall Location: Barrier Hold

Other Notable Crafthalls: Many, wherever there is a major workable mine.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Southern Minecraft Hall is located near Barrier Hold in the foothills of the Barrier Mountains. The Minecraft is an occupational craft: it has no workers who are not craft-trained. The Minecraft includes the study of rocks (geology), stonemasonry (including rock quarrying), rock-climbing, knowledge of the dangers of gases and pressure changes for deep underground mining, mining specialties for ore, coal and gems.

GEOLOGY

A study of rock formations, including the types of rock that will fracture easily and those with more strength, is a very important skill in the Minecraft. These specialists are those who are called in when a holder wishes to build, to select the best location, as well as being called in if a building is cracking or showing stress, to determine the source of the problem.

STONEMASONRY

It is Minecrafters who are Pern's primary builders of stone structures. They work hand in hand with the woodcraft which provides the woodworking aspect of building, as well as the Smithcraft which provides any steel or wooden structures which may be required (most Pernese building is of stone and wood, although some variations of adobe-like plaster are also used; these are often built by non-craft trained persons, under the supervision of woodcrafters who provide the basic structure.)

UNDERGROUND MINING

All Minecrafters have an intensive course in the studies of gases, pressure and the dangers involved in underground mining, even if they choose to specialize in other aspects of the craft. If the dolphincraft ever manages to re-invent breathers, the Minecraft will be able to give them some useful information about the physiological effects of

breathing in a pressurized environment (hopefully before a dolphineer dies due to nitrogen narcosis or decompression sickness).

Special training is given with respect to each type of material that is mined underground, as each requires its own skills and specialized tools. A branch of this specialty is in charge of delving caves that are to be used as living areas.

ASSOCIATION WITH THE SMITHCRAFT

The Minecraft and the Smithcraft are two of the most closely associated crafts, as the Smithcraft provides the tools used by the Minecraft, and the Minecraft mines the ores used by the Smithcraft for virtually all their work.

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

MasterMiner Mikaren - Mikaren is as gray as the stone he works in, and hides as much brilliance and beauty inside himself as that same grey stone hides lovely gems. He's relatively young for his rank, and a shy man. He loves working with stone, and discovering what treasures it holds. Mikaren is wise beyond his years, patient and thorough. He appreciates beauty in all forms, and can find something beautiful in all things, except Thread. (Adoptable NPC)