

5E Custom Background Sheet

Background Name: _____

Pick **two** of the following skills:

- ☐ Acrobatics
- ☐ Animal Handling
- ☐ Arcana
- ☐ Athletics
- ☐ Deception
- ☐ History
- ☐ Insight
- ☐ Intimidation
- ☐ Investigation
- ☐ Medicine
- ☐ Nature
- ☐ Perception
- ☐ Performance
- ☐ Persuasion
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Sleight of Hand
- ☐ Stealth
- ☐ Survival

Pick **two** of the following proficiencies:

- ☐ Tools
 - ☐ Alchemist's Supplies
 - ☐ Brewer's Supplies
 - ☐ Calligrapher's Supplies
 - ☐ Carpenter's Tools
 - ☐ Cartographer's Tools
 - ☐ Cobbler's Tools
 - ☐ Cook's Utensils
 - ☐ Glassblower's Tools
 - ☐ Jeweler's Tools
 - ☐ Leatherworker's Tools
 - ☐ Mason's Tools
 - ☐ Painter's Tools
 - ☐ Potter's Tools
 - ☐ Smith's Tools
 - ☐ Tinker's Tools
 - ☐ Weaver's Tools
 - ☐ Woodcarver's Tools
 - ☐ Disguise Kit
 - ☐ Forgery Kit
 - ☐ Dice Set
 - ☐ Dragonchess Set
 - ☐ Playing Card Set
 - ☐ Three-Dragon Ante Set
 - ☐ Herbalism Kit
 - ☐ Any Musical Instrument
 - ☐ Navigator's Tools
 - ☐ Poisoner's Kit
 - ☐ Thieves' Tools
 - ☐ Vehicles - Land
 - ☐ Vehicles - Water/Air
- ☐ Languages
 - ☐ Dwarvish
 - ☐ Elvish
 - ☐ Giant
 - ☐ Gnomish
 - ☐ Goblin
 - ☐ Halfling
 - ☐ Orc
 - ☐ Abyssal
 - ☐ Celestial
 - ☐ Draconic
 - ☐ Deep Speech
 - ☐ Infernal
 - ☐ Primordial
 - ☐ Sylvan
 - ☐ Undercommon

Pick the following additional equipment:

- ☐ Clothes (pick **one**)
 - ☐ Common
 - ☐ Fine
 - ☐ Dark, hooded
 - ☐ Custom (describe)
- ☐ Tools, currency (pick **two**)
 - ☐ Small pouch containing 10gp
 - ☐ An additional 10gp
 - ☐ Any one tool set
 - ☐ An additional tool set
 - ☐ An additional set of clothes
- ☐ Additional gear (pick **two**)
 - ☐ Item proving who you are (describe)
 - ☐ Common item, useful for traveling (describe)
 - ☐ Small trinket that carries sentimental value (describe)
 - ☐ Item useful for your daily routines (describe)

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Explanation

How did your character get all of these bonuses? What elements of their background would lead to them, say, being skilled in Acrobatics, or knowing how to use an Herbalism Kit, or being wealthy enough to always carry around 20gp in pocket money? When did they have a need to pick up Elvish? Is there a reason they tend to wear dark, hooded clothing?

It's not necessary to detail every choice you made on the previous page, but take a minute to consider what sort of background would lead to such a mix of skill and equipment.

Feature

Describe a feature of your background that will affect the course of your adventuring. It could be some feature of what you inherently know, who you are familiar with, or how other people interact with people who share your background. This is a good chance to express how your character's past would affect their interactions in the game world. If you're having a hard time getting ideas, check out some of the features in the *Backgrounds* section of the Player's Handbook.