

Major Profession Changes

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These include only the most important of the profession changes – see Patch Notes. Our two thumbs down (or middle finger up!) to Blizz for once again mindlessly trashing game mechanics that didn't need changing.

New Drops

- [Runed Orb] – a new drop from the bosses of the Ulduar instance, this orb is a component of many new recipes in Blacksmithing, Leatherworking and Tailoring. Not soulbound. An orb may also be purchased with ten [Emblem of Conquest], which is the new badge/token dropped by all Ulduar bosses.

Alchemy

- [Alchemist's Cache] – a spawn in the Ulduar instance which contains a combination of herbs, potions, elixirs and flasks. Requires Alchemy 425 to loot.

Blacksmithing

- new recipe: [Titansteel Spellblade] (450) learned from GM Trainers.
- 6 new recipe drops in Ulduar, such as [Plans: Treads of Destiny]

Cooking

- new health regen food: [Black Jelly] recipe available from GM trainers
- several changes to cooking, including
 - no quest for Artisan cooking
 - no books for training – just get training from
 - Dig Rat Stew available to Alliance from Prospector Khazgorm in Bael Modan, Barrens.
 - revised skill levels for some Northrend cooking recipes
 - removal of secondary ingredients (spices, etc) from most recipes

Enchanting

- purchase [Formula: Enchant Staff – Greater Spellpower] (+81 SP) for 10 [Dream Shard] from Vanessa Sellers in the Dalaran enchanting shop.
- A couple of new recipe drops in Ulduar in the test realm – did they make the patch?
- some enchants now have character level restrictions – you can enchant your item but will not receive the benefit if your character level is too low

Engineering

- new [Reticulated Armor Webbing] engineering enchant that increases the armor on plate gloves.
- new [Springy Arachnoweave] engineering enchant that grants passive spell power in
- changes to Nitro Boosts and Flexweave Underlay

Fishing

- a rare [Sea Turtle] mount (faster on water than land) caught from Northrend fishing areas
- [Giant Darkwater Clam] in Wintergrasp drops higher proportions of clam meat and pearls
- new fishing dailies from Marcia Chase, Dalaran City

- the Nat Pagle, Angler Extreme quest is now optional – get training from trainers, but Nat's quest has a new fishing pole.

Herbalism

- [Tiger Lily] has been reduced to 375 difficulty

Inscription

- about 50 new Glyph recipes – about 10 new recipes available from the GM trainers
- [Book of Glyph Mastery] drops throughout Northrend and will teach you one of the new Glyph recipes (at random)
- Glyph icons changed – now colour-coded according to class
- Glyphs can be equipped anywhere, without being in an enchanting shop
- if you train for double-talent trees (1000gp from class trainer) you will have a second glyph window for your secondary spec. – another spurt of business for Scribes.

Jewelcrafting

- [Shifting Twilight Opal] recipe added to Dalaran vendor
- new recipes for superior-quality PVP rings and necklaces to Northrend trainers

Leatherworking

- about 8 new recipe drops in Ulduar, such as [Pattern: Belt of Arctic Life] not soulbound

Tailoring

- 4 new recipe drops in Ulduar, such as [Pattern: Cord of the White Dawn] not soulbound
- new recipes for superior-quality PVP cloaks to Northrend tailoring trainers.