



## **POKER STUFF: What You Need To Play The Game Right**

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### **Don't Take a Gamble on Poker Tables**

Buying low quality poker tables is a good way to crap out with your poker playing buddies. Now that poker has become a nationwide phenomenon, or even fad, there are tons of accessories, cards, tables, and chips flooding the market. As with anything out there en masse, there are a lot of cheapos and otherwise poor quality simulations. This is doubly true with tables. A flimsy table can not only be an embarrassment when you have the fellas over for a few hands. It can actually wreck a game if it can't withstand the constant wear and tear of a heated poker match.

Some of the finest tables on the market are designed as replicas of the Texas Hold'em tables you see on television or in the big name casinos. You may not be able to clean the table like the pros you watch on television, but at least you can look like them when you're playing for those dollar hands.

Such topnotch poker tables even come with hardy foot rails that not only leave somewhere to place your feet. They also provide extra support for the rest of the table. Quality foot rails come in one single piece that wraps all the way around the table.

Quality doesn't have to mean its hard to construct either. The best tables on the market have table tops secured to a handful of sturdy base components, typically by one strong bolt. This means you can have the boys over to play the same night that the table comes in the mail.

When the guys arrive, one of the first things they will notice is the table top felt. There's nothing like the feel of fine felt on your hands, forearms, and elbows. Part of the smooth thick feel is thanks to a layer of high-density foam that stretches underneath the felt on top poker tables. Part of the tingly sensation you'll get will also come when you win your first big hand on your new table.

### **How to Find Good Quality Poker Tables to Purchase**

If you're looking for poker tables to purchase, look no further. The top Web sites offer the best of both worlds. First, there are real-deal casino quality tables that stand alone. Or if you are an occasional player whose wife or husband doesn't have the room in your house for a full-sized table, there are also the table top poker tables. These last kind of tables are merely attachments that go on top of your dining room table, old card tables, or some other flat surface.

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There is no way to beat a full-sized table. It has the feel of a real live poker room in Vegas or Atlantic City. Upper tier models even have a foot rest bar that runs along the bottom of the table. They are sturdily built to accommodate grown men leaning heavily in bad moments, or pounding their fists in excitement and victory. Plus, the green felt! The felt is usually Vegas quality on these tables, so it's less like Astroturf and more like a smooth putting green in Augusta.

If you're looking for these poker tables to purchase, however, expect to drop a few grand. You may earn money back on your investment by fleecing your friends and neighbors in a few rounds of Hold Em. More than likely, though, you'll need to look at the table as a nice piece of furniture, worthy of the investment unto itself. Or, you could look at it as a nice piece of furniture that you built yourself. That's right. On the Web, there are several sites that instruct how to build your own poker table, or sell books that provide such direction.

Your other option are the table top poker tables. Now that poker is a huge fad in the popular culture of our country, you can find these table sets everywhere: in sporting goods stores, department stores, even in the supermarkets. However, buyer beware. Some of these models are definitely more flimsy than others, so just because the price is right does not mean it's a good deal.

Your best bet would be to search here online for poker tables to purchase of this table top variety. The best kind just look sturdy and look like they won't flip over or crack easily. They can even come with cup and chip holders and Vegas-grade green felt.

### **Are Portable Poker Table Tops Better Than a Regular Poker Table?**

Portable poker table tops do exactly what they sound like; they fold up and are completely portable so you can literally play poker anywhere at all. Poker night is not going to happen every night in most homes but it is a once a week event at most home across the United States. Getting a group of friends and family together to sit down and play poker is not the easiest thing in the world especially as not everyone has the right table for a game. Therefore, it is so convenient to have a table that you can set up and take down upon command.

Portable poker table tops can be just as high quality as permanent ones. The felt and the ease in which a player can set it up are the important features. A nice top with each player having ample elbow room, slots for chips and a drink holder is all you need. The portability of a table is just an added bonus.

Portable poker table tops come in all sizes ñ some are full size and some are a smaller version of the full size. Just because it is a table that is portable, durable and storable does not mean that it cannot be full size. In fact, there are poker tables available that comfortably fit 8-10

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players in a Texas Holdem format. You do not sacrifice anything with a fold up portable table. In fact, you are just simply saving space for when you are not playing because you can fold it away and put it in the cupboard until next week.

There are different levels of portable poker table tops. The basic package is all people really need as it has the padded arm rest/bumper guards, the padded felt top, cup and chip holders and easy folding legs. The more advanced poker tables are slightly heavier and harder to transport. These are borderline permanent tables that have a folding feature. Ultimately it depends on your needs and how often you play.

### **The Value and Convenience of Texas Holdem Table Tops**

Texas Holdem table tops are very popular poker products right now because of the increasing popularity of poker these days. Riding on the coat tails of the popularity of the weekly televised World Series of Poker, Texas Holdem as a game has long since surpassed blackjack and roulette in terms of popularity.

Many people are completely fascinated with the professional poker players and the reality style adventure that is World Series of Poker. Hopeful poker amateurs watch the professional poker players intimidate their opponents and take victory as they strategize their way through a game of Texas Holdem style poker. The professional players withstand the pressure of betting so much money and they always manage to do this without tipping their hands and showing their opponent any sign of weakness.

Because card players are generally getting pretty tired of blowing all their money in Las Vegas Texas Holdem table tops give them the opportunity to experience the Vegas feel without having to leave their own homes. All they need to do is organize a small posse of players, some drinks and nuts, the poker chips and cards and they are set to go. Of course nothing matches the energy of Las Vegas--the food, entertainment, the gambling rush and free drinks but you can have great fun trying ñ and it's a great deal cheaper too!

Texas Holdem table tops are great for parties and social poker games. Having a fold away poker table in their cupboard is the closest thing many people can do to bring Las Vegas direct into their homes. If you like the idea of owning a poker table, then this is the site for you.

### **Finding Wholesale Poker Tables That are Right for You**

Wholesale poker tables bring the feel of the casino right into your lounge room for your weekly game of poker. Poker tables offer the look and feel of Vegas and you don't even have to leave the house. Playing at the right poker table can bring so much to the game and some would

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argue can even bring you good luck and good fortune. When you are trying to play a game with 8-10 friends around the kitchen or dining room table it can get awkward and even uncomfortable for you and your friends.

The standard poker table is in octagon in shape and usually seats eight players, one on each side of the octagon shape. Each player has a specific and designated place to organize their chips and another separate area for their beverage. Everybody likes to have an ale, cocktail or soda while playing but if you don't have a designated are for your drink a spillage is bound to occur. These cup holders will prevent anyone from spilling as they secure your drink firmly.

The top of wholesale poker tables is always made of green felt although at times they come in red, blue or black. A felt surface allows the cards to slide with some control upon the deal and allows the players to move cards and chips freely across the table. It is delicate enough so the cards will not be ruined and absorbent for those mishaps with drinks that no one can prepare for. Felt is just the best material for a card table.

There are many different types of wholesale poker tables. First, there are the table top versions. These are the ones that you just put right on top of your existing table in order to make it a poker table. Then, there are the folding tables. These are put up and taken down very easily. There are also combinations of the two.

Permanent tables are less frequent because not too many of us have room in our homes to have a table up at all times. Its usefulness is limited because the top is so sensitive. But permanent tables are ideal for the serious poker player who wants to set up a designated poker area in their home for regular playing.

### **Getting a Good Deal on Discount Poker Tables**

When buying discount poker tables today, you are faced with a true dilemma. You can spend a few thousand of your hard earned dollars and purchase a fine, casino grade poker table. Or you can spend a few dozen dollars and buy one these tables on a table. These transform your typical living room table into the hottest night spot in your neighborhood. The only problem with these, though, is quality. How can you know you're getting a quality table at discount?

A lot of the answer lies with who you're buying from. You can look for your tables at online auction sites, at your local sporting goods store, or even department stores. These places may or not be relatively safe depending on their return policy. Other less secure places include fly by night Web sites that are here today, gone tomorrow. Buy from one of these, and you may not be able to return a junker table that breaks on the second deal.

Trusted online sites, though, offer a superior product that you won't even need to worry about returning. Their selection of discount poker tables usually includes those expensive full-sized

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tables, as well as the table over a table types.

In whatever kind of table you look for, check out the green felt first. This should be smooth to the touch, smoothed out, and well secured on the table. There shouldn't be any strange lumps or breaks in the felt that could interfere with all the chips coming your way. Nice models typically also come with inset trays for each player to hold drinks and chips, the poker kind and the greasy kind.

Some fancier table in a table discount poker tables will also have black vinyl along the closing surface so it's easy to place on any table. All of them make it easy to fold up and store them between games. This is especially important if you're wife, or husband, does not allow you to play very often.

### **Poker Table Supplies**

We are sorry to say but alas, whiskey, nuts, crisps and cigars are not strictly poker supplies. While those items are very likely to enhance your poker playing experience, they are not necessary poker table supplies for the actual poker game. Unfortunately, poker players don't have difficulty finding the first grouping of supplies but they do have difficulty finding supplies that they really do need to get a game going. Players either have to travel to some remote specialty store or find a poker supplies distributor on the Internet.

So what poker table supplies do you need in order to host a quality social poker game with fellow poker enthusiasts? Depending on the group of people you play poker with, you should probably re-examine your poker chips. If you have a large group coming over, of say 8-10 people, you need to make sure you have enough poker chips with an appropriate number of denominations to cater for everyone. And once again with a large group, if you are playing with several decks of cards, you might want to consider ordering a card shuffler which takes the pressure off you and ensures the smooth flow of the game.

Poker tables definitely fall under the "important poker table supplies" category. Playing on a kitchen or dining room table just doesn't cut it, especially if you are playing for keeps. Not setting the environment properly can degrade the game. Little things like chip spacers and chip storage boxes also make a difference to the quality of the poker game. In addition, make sure you have at least two fresh sets of playing cards on hand. But for the more serious players, then chip holders and dealing shoes are items you must have without debate.

Be mindful that you don't have to go out and spend a ton of money on poker table supplies, especially if you are a casual player who likes to play for fun. However, even if you do fall into that category, the casual game is far more enjoyable when the casual players get a chance to play with adequate poker supplies that really do set the scene.

## **Build Your Stacks with Online Poker Tools**

Online poker tools are popping up all of the Web with the huge success of poker nowadays. Literally, advertisements for these tools pop up in little windows whenever you surf the Web for poker supplies or visit a poker playing site. The makers of these tools promise quick winnings and easy victories, but can they deliver?

Sure, you can be your own tool, too, if you want. Counting cards is not impossible, especially if you're playing online. Then no one can see if you keeping tabs of who has what card when. Does a good player need to rely on such crutches? You would think that they would enjoy resorting to the deck and bluffing to win.

Truly, though, online gambling, like anything online, has brought a lot of people to the world of poker. Some come because they never played the game but heard how fun it is. Some come because they used to play poker when they were younger and now want to pick the game up again.

Some come for the thrill, others for the chance of money. Always, though, there are people who come to try to rip others off and make as much money, as fast as possible, off the mistakes of others.

There may be some online poker tools that aid these cyberspace crooks. There are aids to help you figure out the statistics of which hands are better than others, or tools that can gauge the probability that a player has a certain hand depending on what he's showing. If you're lucky enough, however, and if you can bluff like a pro, you should be able to take on these hustlers and their tools.

Then again, for those of us who are always curious, are interested in the technology, and just want to have fun playing poker on the Web, we may also test out these online poker tools. There won't be any harm if you're only out for a good time, a few rounds, and the thrill of a good hand.

## **The Honest Rundown on Real Poker Chips Being Used Today**

Real poker chips come in all colors and designs, but most experts agree, they come in only one compound: clay. There's something about clay that has the feel of the casino, and real gambling. Perhaps it's because most casinos use clay chips on their tables. It could also be because clay chips are heavy and feel like they should be worth something. They aren't slipper either. They're smooth and soft, but they tend to grab hold of you hand as much as your hand grab holds of them.



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High quality clay chips also come in bright colors for each denomination. Many retailers and wholesalers allow you to also customize which color matches which denomination. You can even customize the design in the chip's inlay, whether you want some famous casino's logo, your family crest, or your business logo on every chip. Top-notch chips will also have the alternating flecks of color on the edges of the chips, too. You know, the colored specks that you can line up when you stack starts towering over the table.

Some pro players, and even some casinos, use clay composite chips. So in many people's books, there are real poker chips, too. The secret to their success is two-fold. First, composite chips allow casinos to put higher resolution logos, colors, and designs on the chips. The potential for intricate graphics and vivid color makes these chips valuable works of art. And more importantly for casinos, they can also keep track clay composite chips easier for obvious security reasons.

In many cases, you don't have to sacrifice much of the feel and weight of old-fashioned clay chips with composites. The best of them also have that smooth, but not slippery, feel to them. And they don't have a cheap, hollow feel to them that maybe mold injected plastic chips do. These real poker chips also cost a bit less than their clay cousins, so they make an affordable alternative for beginner and intermediate players.

### **Play Like the Pros with World Series of Poker Chips**

World Series of Poker is now one of the most popular 'couch sports' viewed on television with a regular audience tuning in each week. People don't need to go to the Casino anymore. They can buy their own set of World Series of Poker chips and enjoy a social game of poker in their own home.

Poker is a game that can be enjoyed by poker players of all levels and in recent years, professional poker has soared in popularity as people head to their local casinos to try their hand at the local tournament or competition. Cable networks have also recognized this recent trend and as a result are now profiting from America's love of poker by televising these poker championships on television.

With poker's newfound popularity, everyone wants to get their hands on some World Series of Poker chips. Despite the negative image that people sometimes have of gambling, poker is actually a fun and very harmless game. In fact poker actually requires a lot of probability and mathematical computations on the part of the players so a sharp mind is an important asset.

In decades gone by, professional poker players were not the stars that they are today. There was no such thing as the World Series of Poker where the best poker players in the world played for a million dollars. Before the 1950s, the only feasible way to get good at poker was through years and years of experience and nerves of steel. Nothing much has changed now ñ

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while the players of today are not necessarily hardened criminals like players of yesteryear they still require nerves of steel and there own set of World Series of Poker chips.

### **Get the Real Skinny on 11.5 g Poker Chips**

11.5 gram poker chips are the most popular poker chips on the market today and these are the poker chips that most casinos and professional poker players use on a regular basis, particularly during tournaments. If you want to upgrade your current set of chips or if you need some additional chips to accommodate your growing poker group from 3-4 to 8-10 people then search for poker ships online where you can purchase poker chips at well below retail prices.

When purchasing poker chips, it's important to have uniformity among your supplies. The last thing you want is a disorganized mixture of different colored poker chips that are damaged and dented. This is unprofessional and creates confusion and bad feeling. It also detracts from the professionalism of the clay poker chips, if you have plastic chips sprinkled among nice clay poker chips.

Other plays want to know you are serious about your game play as this makes for a much more spirited game. In addition, make sure the weight of your chips is consistent and that all of your chips are the same brand, size and style; this can make all the difference.

If you visit Las Vegas, you can venture into any one of the casinos along the strip and personally handle 11.5 gram poker chips - these are the benchmark for the Casinos. Again, these are the most popular chips on the market today and provide the most durability for Casinos who use them 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Over the years, gamblers and poker players have accustomed themselves to this weight of chip, usually clay or some clay composite. 11.5 gram chips stack well and feel right. So if you regularly play in a Casino then you will know the touch of a 11.5g chip.

When purchasing 11.5 gram poker chips, you might want to consider customization. A number of avid gamers get a kick out of customizing their poker chips with their own personal brand. Some players take this branding very seriously and customize their chips as a means of keeping track of them. Ask your supplier about customization.

### **A List of Reasons to Buy the Heavier 13.5g Poker Chips**

13.5g poker chips are the heaviest chips available on the market today and are usually of the highest quality. These chips feel like casino quality chips because they usually are casino quality and are a joy to play with. In fact, 13.5 gram poker chips are typically better than what most

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casinos use because they are typically more expensive to produce and Casinos just wouldn't expend that kind of money on items they use so regularly. Most casinos use the 11.5 gram chips that are 39mm in diameter.

The 13.5 gram chips are a little heavier and usually a little more durable. Durability is an important factor in assessing good quality chips. Determining what kind of poker chip to buy, especially if you play frequently is important too. Those of you who regularly host poker games should make sure your chips can withstand the consistent handling.

13.5g chips are ideal for regular players because the wear and tear that human hands place on chips can be a destructive force. Poker chips are often handled aggressively, and the cheap ones just may fall victim to the dustbin after only a half dozen games.

Your 13.5g poker chips will round out your poker set nicely. Good poker supplies make all the difference in the world. Don't ever think about short changing your game if it is something you really love.

You can find 13.5g poker chips at casinos, novelty stores, gaming stores but more importantly online gaming stores. Online gaming stores are popping up all over the Internet and will often provide you with far cheaper price options for your chips. If you don't feel like driving to a local store, then do yourself a favor and look and see what you can find on the Internet. However, be careful, do a little research, and don't settle on a store that is not recommended by other poker enthusiasts.

I have personally purchased from the sites below, and have found them to send out good quality merchandise at competitive prices. Give one of them a try today!

### **Learn More About 9g Clay Poker Chips and Where They Are Used**

9g clay poker chips are professional grade poker chips that are perfectly and specifically designed to be exactly the same in style, texture, size and weight. Casinos pay a lot of money for the highest quality poker chips. These chips are custom made to have the design and look of that given casino. This is very important to all casinos; irrespective of their location.

9g clay poker chips are special because they are all uniform and they look terrific. This means that they are exactly the same size and weight and the design and decorations are perfect. Abnormal chips are usually a sign of counterfeiting and fake chips from Casinos; therefore the manufacturers must be precise in their manufacturing processes. There is a lot of money riding on the quality of the chips and the level of difficulty that is applied to eradicating counterfeit practices.

Along with the size and weight, the outer coating of the poker chips is also quite important

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because this will prevent the decal from coming off if it is fiddled or deliberately tampered with. With high quality manufactured chips when the decal is removed, the chip should be ruined beyond repair. Therefore 9g clay poker chips are either played with when they are in their original state or they are removed from play altogether.

It is neither easy nor cheap to produce such high quality chips but they really are a necessity for Casinos. Casinos must be confident with the quality and preservation of their chips which means that they are willing to put a lot into them.

But do not despair. Just because you are not a Casino does not mean that you cannot have casino quality 9g clay poker chips too. These chips are usually cheaper to the public because they do not have to pass through such stringent security guidelines. They will generally be made out of the same materials and taken through the same production process. And of course if you really want to, you can customize them to your liking, even with your own brand.

### **Why You May Want to Consider Buying Cheap Wholesale Poker Chips**

Cheap wholesale poker chips enable you to gather a group of friends for a social game of poker without having to break the bank. There is nothing wrong with playing poker with plastic chips or low cost chips at all. The poker games do not change with the quality of the chips ñ the chips are really only important to enthusiasts and professionals and amateurs who are looking to start competing on the tournament circuit. Cheap chips serve the same purpose in holding a dollar value through your gambling games so if you are playing causally then go your hardest!

There are different types of cheap wholesale poker chips available on the market today. First of all, there are the chips that you find at the 99 Cent store or a toy store which are generally made of thin plastic and come in the typical red, white and blue color schemes. There are going to be more white chips as the white usually holds the lowest value, meaning that they are going to be used more frequently. These are the most common poker chips around but tend not to last very long as the quality of manufacturing is quite poor.

Just because you are paying less for your poker chips does not mean that you have to scrape the bottom of the barrel and get the worst available. Cheap only describes the price tag, not the quality. There are nice chips made of quality materials - usually clay - that you can purchase at well below retail prices. They come in all different colors and styles to look like casino quality, even though you are paying much less than the prices that they demand.

Finding good quality but cheap wholesale poker chips for great prices is usually best done through the Internet and online retailers. They have what you are looking for at prices that will surprise you. While you are not going to get clay chips at plastic prices, you are going to find great deals on high quality products.

## **Texas Holdem Sets**

Texas Holdem sets are somewhat different from other poker chip sets. When it comes to Holdem, you are going to need more chips than most other games because of the betting process that takes place during the course of the game. Texas Holdem is a game that is played by the most competitive and competent poker players but to win you need to play your cards and your skill.

Texas Holdem sets just refer to the engraving and the case of the chips sets. The chips are the same weight (11.5 grams) and diameter (39 mm) as standard casino chips and they are usually of a high quality clay with a glaze finish. The sets generally comprise of chips in five colors. This is because Texas Holdem can be quite an expensive game. People like betting large to really get under their opponents skin and test their resolve. This requires Texas Holdem to have high chip values in comparison to the lowest chip.

Each chip within Texas Holdem sets has Texas Holdem engraved on the front and back and the color schemes are kept rather simple. The base color is going to be only covered by black or white stripes that end before you hit the center of the chip. These are the ideal chips for social and semi professional poker players who play regularly.

Texas Holdem sets are usually made of high quality clay and the imprints made are presented in great detail. The sets come in a professional carrying case which protects chips at all times for storage, travel and organization.

## **How to Find Discount Holdem Poker Chip Sets**

Holdem poker chip sets abound on the Web, but how can you tell that you're getting the chips that are right for you? You could shell out hundreds of dollars for fancy clay chips that you may not even really need. Or you could gamble a hundred or so on cheapo chips that you'll need to replace in a couple months. The problem is almost tough enough to make you want to fold your hand and just play at the casino instead of at home.

Don't give up just yet. Many retailers on the Internet offer quality chips at affordable prices. These may not be the deluxe clay kind, but they provide just what the average beginner and intermediate players need: cool looking, smooth feeling chips that are fun to stack.

These type of chips are not clay or "clay composite", sure, but at the same time, you're not spending a full week's paycheck just to play poker once a month. (By the way, as for retailers that sell supposed clay or clay composite chips at a discount, be wary. These probably aren't really clay.) High quality, midrange chips are what is called injection molded. These holdem

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poker chip sets are typically made of plastic. Good plastic chips feel rubbery, sort of like a hockey puck. Bad plastic chips, on the other hand, feel hard and thin.

Another of quality, mid-range chips are the graphics and colors on them. Good brands will have a four color design on them, as well as a four-color inlay. You should be able to get as many as eight denominations too, each with their own base color.

Since you may eventually decide that your game is good enough to use clay chips, keep your eyes open for sites that offer trade ins on holdem poker chip sets. Believe it or not, some sites will allow you to upgrade from plastic chips to more expensive clay or clay composite chips, without that great a loss of money.

Can't beat free shipping, poker chips, and these other supplies

Free shipping, poker chips selection, poker accessories-you want to shop at a site that offers these benefits. Otherwise, you're looking at a stiff shipping cost, and perhaps a site that doesn't know what it's doing. The second indication of a quality site is its poker chip selection. They should offer a wide range of different chips, from clay to clay composite, quality plastic pressed to the cheap beginners sets.

Clay chips by far are the classiest and costliest of all chips. Part of their allure comes from the celebrity. They are widely used in your favorite casinos across the country and around the world. They are durable and heavy, so they plop down on the table when you raise the stakes. They also are designed to stack well, and feel good when you're fingering them before a big bet.

The next step down from pure clay chips is not that big of a step. In fact, besides price, you don't lose much when you consider clay composite chips. Top-notch clay composite chips will have nearly the same organic feel and weight as pure clay chips. What's more, they provide a better surface for graphics and designs, and they are easier to track for security. That's two big reasons that some casinos and pros are switching to composite, and why you are likely to find a wide selection of them at sites that offer free shipping, poker chips, and other supplies.

Below clays and clay composites, you have the injection molded plastic chips. Some of these varieties are not half bad. They are relatively cheap when compared to the clay kinds. They still offer you the chance to have four-color designs and multicolor edges. And quality plastic chips have a rubbery hardness to them that makes them feel like there's something to them.

Even if a site offers free shipping, poker chips, and such, you may not want to go below these high-quality plastic chips. Cheap chips, though they are low cost, don't quite have the consistency of nicer chips. Unless you are looking for a complete bargain, it might be worth the investment in better supplies.

### **A True Classic: Nevada Jack Poker Chips**

Nevada Jack poker chips are some of the finest chips you can find this side of Las Vegas. The quality comes from care and from experience, since Nevada Jack has been around for longer than most people playing poker today. It's a young person's craze these days, after all. You can find Texas Hold Em and other poker varieties played on college campuses, in office cubes, and in smoky apartments throughout the United States and the world.

Nevada Jack is not some young whipper snapper of a business. It's a company that's prided itself on providing top-notch products to serious poker players for years. That makes it one of the most trusted companies in the country, or on the Web. Unlike some Internet-based retailers out there, Nevada Jack is not in it for a fast buck. They're in it because they love poker, and the love poker players.

That's one reason Nevada Jack poker chips are customizable casino grade chips. If you buy their upper echelon clay chips, in fact, you are getting chips fabricated in the same presses are chips going to real live casinos. Nevada Jack owns these presses, to ensure that you, and the casinos, are getting the real deal as promised. They also make their own clay composite chips, which are a great solution for many intermediate players instead of the more expensive clay chips.

Whichever chip you buy from them, you won't be taking a gamble. Nevada Jack has an extensive knowledge of where they buy their products from, if they do not make them themselves. They also test and examine everything they sell before they ship it. And the company backs this quality with a customer guarantee, which you can count on since they aren't going anywhere anytime soon. That makes Nevada Jack poker chips safe bets on and off the table.

### **Placing Bets on Buying Poker Chips**

When poker chips are on your shopping list, it's time to decide just how much you want to wager on these essential poker-playing accessories. There are many different places online to buy chips, and many different kinds of chips to select from. The way to win at this game is to know the top two types of chips on the market, and to know how to identify them.

Perhaps the top kind of chips on poker tables these days are clay chips. Top casinos in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and everywhere in between rely on clay chips for their day to day betting. The top card parlors in the land only play with clay chips because the pros love the quality of them.

If you want this quality for your weekly poker parties, here are the essential things to look for in clay poker chips. First, there's that sensation you get from touching clay chips. In part, of



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course, it's fun to touch chips, because that means you're winning. But in many respects, this feeling comes from that unique, soft, and comforting feel of clay. It's almost as soft as touching your spouse's hands.

Besides this clay consistency, you also want chips with a defined and prominent molding. It should show symmetry all around the chip and catch your eye with the colors and artwork in the middle. The colors along the edges of the chips should also be appealing. For many players, it's the edges of the chips that catch their eye, especially the higher you stack your chips.

Other facets good poker chips include suction inlay cavities, which help chips stay stacked no matter how hard the winner bangs on the table in celebration. They should also have texture and cross hatching on the inlay surface, to add even more life, sheen, and feel to the chips.

### **A What's What of Wholesale Poker Supplies**

Wholesale poker supplies are a dime a dozen on the Internet these days. That is, they don't necessarily cost that little. There's just so much of them on the Web to search through. It's great because, in fact, the competition between vendors does drive down the prices on much of the poker equipment. Plus, the selection of stuff has grown dramatically in the last few years. Now you can find a wide selection of chips, tables, and cards. What's more, you can find hard to locate specialty items.

Take KEM playing cards. They are the card of choice for most pros and casino managers alike. If you've been to best tables in AC or in Vegas, you probably have played with KEM without even knowing it. Just look for the Paisley design on the cards. Then you know you have some of the best cards in your hand. Now you can find KEM cards for your weekly poker battles with your buddies. There are on the Web, wholesale, and at a discount.

For your chips, wholesale dealers also have a wide selection of supplies to help organize and store them. You can find your standard clear plastic racks that most casinos have. These will protect your investment in fine clay chips, stacking and safeguarding 100 chips per rack.

If you're looking for a rack that doubles as interior design look now farther than a varnished wood case. Many wholesale poker supplies sites have these fine wood pieces in mahogany, oak, or some other wood. Usually, these sets come with a bottom compartment, good for holding 400 chips, and an upper tray that can hold upwards of 200 chips.

To add to your action, you can also pick up the same dealer and blind buttons that you see the pros play with on television. These are the real deal devices that help you and your friends keep track of the game. There's the white dealer button, the yellow blind button, and the purple little blind button. Look for these, and other accessories, at wholesale poker supplies stores around the Web.



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