

Arcane

Stat Goals

- Vigor: 60
- Strength: 24
- Dexterity: 22
- Faith: 15
- Arcane: 80
- Affinities:
 - Occult

Recommended Weapons

Reduvia	Regalia of Eochaid
Flamberge	Marais Executioner's Sword
Bloody Helice	Scavenger's Curved Sword
Nagakiba	Rivers of Blood
Eleonora's Poleblade	Great Omenkiller Cleaver
Spiked Club	Chainlink Flail
Great Stars	Cross Naginata
Mohgwyn's Sacred Spear	Vulgar Militia Saw
Grave Scythe	Hoslow's Petal Whip
Star Fist	Bloodhound Claws
Dragon Communion Seal	Morning Star

Recommended Ash of War

Blood Blade	Bloody Slash
Blood Tax	Seppuku

Recommended Spells

Swarm of Flies

Bloodflame Talons

Bloodboon

Ekzykes's Decay

Pros

- High Percentage-based Damage
- Exceptional stunlock Potential

Cons

- Weak Raw Damage
- Some Enemies are Immune to Blood Loss
- Lacks Versatility

Description

Arcane builds tend to focus on maximizing the Blood Loss effect and inflicting it as often as possible, making faster weapons with multi-hits ideal. Dual-Wielding the same weapon type and using their paired attacks is even better. Since Blood Loss deals percentage-based damage, even enemies with massive health pools will quickly succumb to it. The Occult affinity is perfect for weapons with innate Blood Loss, because Arcane increases you build-up rate and becomes your main damage stat. While the Blood Affinity has more Blood Loss buildup, Occult is still recommended because it produces higher overall damage and better Arcane scaling.

The Lord of Blood's Exultation is the strongest Talisman to use for this build. It raises attack power by 20% for 20 seconds when any Blood Loss occurs in the vicinity. Similarly, the White Mask head gear has a passive effect that increases attack power by 10% for 20 seconds under the same conditions. Both of these stack for a total 30% damage increase every time Blood Loss is inflicted.

Seppuku is the strongest Blood Loss Ash of War in the game. Using Seppuku inflicts Blood Loss on yourself, dealing 10% of your maximum HP, but infuses your weapon with extra Blood Loss buildup for 60 seconds. Seppuku's self-applied Blood Loss also triggers both damage increases from the aforementioned talisman and headgear.

For early game use, defeat Nerijus in Limgrave for his unique Dagger, Reduvia. This weapon's Skill, Reduvia Blood Blade, can inflict Blood Loss from a safe distance. Another great early weapon is Eleonora's Poleblade, found on the Altus Plateau. Its skill, Bloodblade Dance, deals heavy damage and builds up Blood Loss extremely quickly. Special weapons like these cannot take advantage of Seppuku, but they still have excellent Blood Loss buildup without it. For endgame use, the Rivers of Blood is a fantastic Katana owing to its infamous Skill, Corpse Piler, which can cause Blood Loss in mere moments and deal massive damage to any enemy that can bleed.

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