

# Dexterity

## Stat Goals

- Vigor: 60
- Strength: 20
- Dexterity: 80
- Affinities:
  - Lightning
  - Keen

## Recommended Weapons

Scorpion's Stinger

Antspur Rapier

Dragon King's Cragblade

Bloodhound's Fang

Hand of Malenia

Bolt of Gransax

Guardian's Swordspear

Urumi

## Recommended Ash of War

Spinning Slash

Unsheathe

Beast's Roar

Square Off

Thunderbolt

Lightning Ram

## Pros

- Quick Attacks
- High Mobility
- Strong Sustained Damage
- Light Equip Load
- More Lightning Damage in Rain

## Cons

- Low Stagger
- Low Burst Damage

## Description

Dexterity builds are lightweight, fast-hitting and incredibly powerful. Dexterity-based weapons are swift and their attacks recover quickly, allowing for quick dodges after attacks. Learning openings and dodging between attacks is the key to a Dexterity-based playstyle, and mastering it can be extremely rewarding.

The best affinity for Dexterity is Lightning, until you have 50+ Dexterity, at which point Keen affinity provides more damage. Lightning Ashes of War scale with Dexterity and can be devastating with synergistic boosts such as the Lightning Scorpion Charm - especially in water or rain, since lightning deals more damage in those conditions.

Several Dexterity weapons, particularly the Hand of Malenia, can benefit greatly from buffs that increase attack power with successive attacks. There is one Crystal Tear and two Talismans that make consecutive attacks grow stronger, each with three different tiers of attack power boosts that scale with the number of hits. The Thorny Cracked Tear boosts consecutive attack damage by up to 20%, the Rotten Winged Sword Talisman by up to 13%, and Millicent's Prosthesis by up to 11% while providing 5 extra Dexterity. These bonuses all stack, meaning up to a 44% attack boost with all three active.

While the Uchigatana found in the Deathtouched Catacombs (and carried as default by the Samurai class) is a solid starting Dexterity weapon, the Bloodhound's Fang acquired from the Forlorn Hound Evergaol is even better - in addition to its Blood Loss effect, its Skill deals heavy damage for very little FP.

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