

Introduction

These builds serve as a guide to show you exactly how to create an optimal endgame character. Each suggested build is designed around a single stat, and includes the minimum stat requirements to use a wide variety of weapons while maximizing their damage output for their primary Attribute. The equipment listed are only guidelines, so consider using any weapon as long as it matches the Affinity of the build. For elemental builds, be sure to use the corresponding Shrouding Cracked Tear in the Flask of Wondrous Physick for a 3-minute 20% elemental damage boost.

Mind and Endurance are not listed here, they're completely up to personal choice. Level Endurance just enough to maintain a medium roll with your desired loadout with stamina to spare. The same goes for Mind - it's customizable and entirely based on the cost of your Skills and spells and how much you want to cast them before using a flask.

When selecting a starting class, Vagabond is almost universally the best choice for every build, because the stats that need the fewest invested levels - Intelligence, Faith, and Arcane - are lowest. However, starting classes don't affect anything more than base stats, so your choice here only matters if you intend to cap your level for online multiplayer, in which case every stat point counts.

When these builds are completed and all points are allocated, consider adding 25 Faith to each build for two of the strongest buffs in the game: Golden Vow and Flame, Grant Me Strength. Golden Vow gives a 15% damage boost and 10% damage negation for 80s, while Flame, Grant Me Strength offers a 20% Physical and Fire damage boost for 30 seconds. Because Golden Vow is an aura buff and Flame, Grant Me Strength is a body buff, the effects stack and you can reap the benefits of both simultaneously.

These builds, while very powerful and varied, are not exhaustive, and are general guides that provide some of the best options for a chosen stat to help you reach your goals and gain a sense of direction while you're exploring The Lands Between. Even if your favorite weapon isn't listed here, it's still possible to use it and succeed. Any weapon, spell, or Ash of War can help you become the next Elden Lord, so experiment and try out whichever option is best to you.

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