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Many players are wondering how to unsocket and remove gems, jewels, or runes from items and gears in Diablo 2 Resurrected. If you are wondering the same don't worry we got your back. This guide will help to change the gems from your gear and put new ones in the sockets. So let's jump right into it. How to Unsocket and Remove Diablo 2 Resurrected Gems, Jewels, or Runes To unsocket and remove socketed gems, jewels, or runes from items and gears in Diablo 2 Resurrected, you need to unlock Horadric Cube in Halls of the Dead dungeon in the Dry Hills during Act 2 to use a Hel rune, a Scroll of Town Portal, and the socketed item, and then click on the Transmute button. You can find and get the Horadric Cube item from the bottom third level floor of the Halls of the Dead dungeon. Halls of the Dead location will be in Dry Hills, an area adjacent to Rocky Waste in Diablo 2 Resurrected. You will be visiting this area during the Act 2 main quest "The Horadric Staff", where Deckard Cain will ask you to create the Horadric Staff. Once you complete the quest you will get the Horadric Cube as one of the quest rewards along with other items. Horadric Cube can also be used to increase the inventory size in Diablo 2 Resurrected. This item takes up 4 spaces in your inventory, but you can open it up to get 12 additional inventory spaces. It might feel hectic to always open and close the Horadric Cube to move items to and fro, but it's well worth it. But the main thing to keep in mind is that, if you keep any Charms inside the Horadric Cube, they will not give any extra effects or properties to change your stats. Apart from Charms, you can use the cube to hold other items during your runs in D2R. Once you place Hel rune, the socketed item, and a Scroll of Town Portal inside Horadric Cube, and press Transmute button, you will get a fresh version of the item or gear with all gems, runes, and jewels removed. Once you remove and unsocket gems, there is no way to get them back in Diablo 2 Resurrected. So always make sure to get a much powerful gem to replace your old gems if you planning to do so. How to Transmute or Transmog in Diablo 2 Resurrected to Change Appearance? Horadric Cube will be able to transmute or transmog weapons, items, armor, and gear in Diablo 2 Resurrected. But note that you can not change their appearance like in Diablo 3. Horadric Cube in D2R will only be able to create a much powerful version of the item you want to transmute or transmog. How to Find, Create, and Get Hel Rune in Diablo 2 Resurrected Hel is the only rune in Diablo 2 Resurrected. To create Hel rune, you need to use 3x Dol runes and 1x Chipped Emerald in Horadric Cube. Due to being an ingredient in unsocketing gems and jewels, they are one of the most important runes in Diablo 2 Resurrected. So with that said here are other ways to find Hel Rune in D2R: As Countess drop in Nightmare and above From Hell Forge in Nightmare and Hell Chance as Treasure class Drop during Act 1 (Nightmare) Good and above Hel Runes in Runeword Recipes Hel runes are the main ingredients in 8 Runeword recipes: Breath of the Dying Death Doom Lionheart Myth Obedience Rift Silence Hel Rune Effects D2R Here are all the effects you can get through Hel Rune in D2R: Level Requirement: None Weapons: Requirements -20% Armor: Requirements -15% Helms: Requirements -15% Shields: Requirements -15% That's everything to know about how to unsocket and remove socketed gems, jewels, or runes from items and gears in Diablo 2 Resurrected. 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You can remove gems/runes in a base using a recipe but those runes/gems are destroyed but the base with open sockets can be used for a different runeword or gems. Ahh, I thought they added a cool new feature that I didn't know about. The gems you place into socketed equipment are handy in Diablo 2: Resurrected. A gem you put into a weapon will have unique effects in combat, allowing you to stack various types of damage or even increase your overall defense when placed into a piece of armor. However, your equipment won't remain the best forever, so you may want to eventually grab new gear and put those same valuable gems into them. Can you remove gems from items in Diablo 2: Resurrected? Unfortunately, you will not be able to remove any gem from a socketed item and return it to you. Once you have placed it into a piece of armor or weapon, it's there for good. However, you can remove a gem from a socketed item using the Horadric Cube. You'll find the Cube in the Hall of the Dead during Act II of the game. All you have to do is place the item you want to clear of gems, a Town Portal scroll, and then a Hel run into the Cube, and you'll strip the item of its gems. You are wasting the Hel run in doing so, though. When you remove the gems or socketed items, you do not receive them back. But you do remove them from the item. Thankfully, you can frequently find gems during your Diablo 2: Resurrected adventure. They often fall on the ground after defeating Champions or by opening chests up. If you don't have a gem in your inventory, you might even have the benefit of finding a gem shrine that you can use. When you already have a gem in your inventory, you can improve it at a gem shrine. You might want to consider placing a gem inside a socketed item based on your character's level and how far you are into an act. If you're about to clear an act, but you're struggling on the final boss, placing a few gems onto your equipment before starting the fight can sway the battle in your favor, even if you think you're about to find a new item. If you've already reached the Horadric Cube, placing gems into items you need at the current moment is usually worth your while. Gamepur is supported by our audience. When you purchase through links on our site, we may earn a small affiliate commission. Learn more about our Affiliate Policy FINTECH by Naoma Blanco | 17 April 2025 FINTECH by Naoma Blanco | 8 April 2025 FINTECH by Naoma Blanco | 8 April 2025 IoT & Smart Devices by Naoma Blanco | 21 January 2025 AI by Naoma Blanco | 23 November 2024 TECHNOLOGY by Naoma Blanco | 5 November 2024 Content Creation Tools by Naoma Blanco | 28 October 2024 TECHNOLOGY by Naoma Blanco | 24 October 2024 From the information you have provided, the runeword should have succeeded. 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There are a myriad of different gems in Diablo 2: Resurrected, which players can use to improve their gear in a variety of ways. Early on, it's senseless not to plug every slot up with a gem to crawl through the game and stick it to the minions of hell. Occasionally, a fan may want to replace the gems on a favorite piece of gear that they have put into an item's sockets with new ones, and indeed that is possible. Diablo 2: Resurrected players will first need to remove the old gems, though, and this guide contains full details on exactly how that is done. Updated on June 28th, 2023 by Hodey Johns: Diablo 2: Resurrected is famously a game that doesn't hold players by the hand. There is no nice and convenient list of how-tos or a tutorial that teaches players the complexities of the game. As a result, it can appear that removing a gem seems impossible at first glance. Thankfully, this is not the case. With many gamers still struggling in this area, this guide has been updated with three sections, one warning about the gem, one providing exact bullet points of how to make this a possibility, and a third one that gives players tips on farming for the components. Diablo 2: Resurrected, specifically, has received updates that change the base game so players who know the process in the initial game might believe the process has changed. Open the Horadric Cube Put in the socketed item, a Scroll of Town Portal, and a Hel rune Hit "Transmute" The way to remove Gems from a socket is to use the Horadric Cube. An item that can be obtained from the bottom floor of the Halls of the Dead in Diablo 2: Resurrected's second act. It's tied to several quests but can be used early on for making lots of recipes and combining gems. For the uninitiated, the Horadric Cube has the ability to transmute combinations of items into something different, and that is exactly how players will clean their socketed gear pieces. More specifically, fans should put the socketed item, a Hel rune, and a Scroll of Town Portal into the Cube and press "Transmute." The Gems Will Be Destroyed Before getting started, it is very important to clarify that removing gems from a piece of gear will not return them to the player. Indeed, while fans that follow the process that is outlined below will be left with a clean item that can receive new gems, they will not be able to reallocate the old ones to another item. This means that players will need to continually farm gems as they progress through the game, as they will not be able to reuse those that have already been put into a socket. Know the best places to farm and have a new gem ready to go before ripping out (and destroying) the old gem. Finding The Components The most consistent source for Hel runes in Diablo 2: Resurrected is the Countess on Nightmare or Hell difficulty. For the Scroll of Town Portal, players can simply purchase it from a variety of vendors in the game. If players challenge themselves during a replay of the game, they'll find plenty of Hel Runes and Scrolls of Town Portal during their runs. Neither of these items is extremely difficult to obtain, though fans should still consider if it is worth expending the components on removing the gems from a particular item. With gear that is likely to be replaced after leveling up, don't bother. Diablo 2: Resurrected is available now for PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X/S, and Nintendo Switch. MORE: Every Diablo Game, Ranked oh cool i can re-use my insight cryptic axe later on for a diff runeword Wait... what? How do you destroy a socketed item and keep the runes? Lumpus: How do you destroy a socketed item and keep the runes? 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