

The background is a light blue-grey gradient with a collage of various witchcraft-related items. These include several round wooden discs or runes with different symbols carved into them (like a Y-shape, a butterfly, and a star), a lit yellow candle in a glass holder, dried herbs, small pink and white beads, and a single dried star-shaped herb.

Witches **Runes**

An Introduction to Witches Runes
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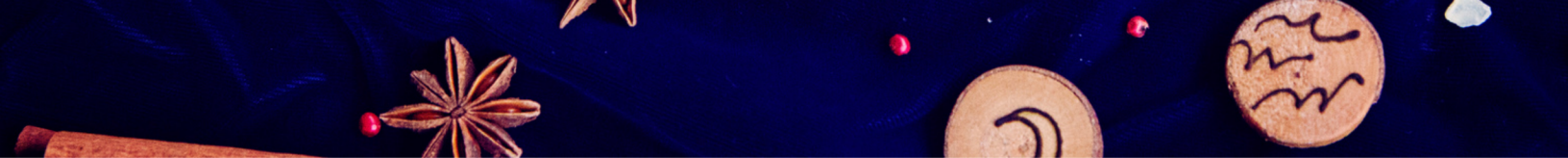
What Are Witches Runes?

Witches Runes are a modern set of symbols designed to be an easily accessible divination system that all can easily utilize within their practice. One of the best aspects of this particular runic system is that it is not connected to any particular pantheon, deity, or culture so it can be picked up and used immediately without a lot of knowledge regarding their origins or connections, and without appropriating anything you are not personally connected to. The set is comprised of just 13 different runes so it is also a quick study, allowing you to utilize them right away.

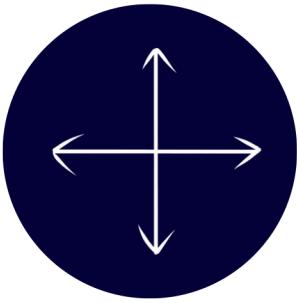
Most of the runes themselves have meanings and explanations that make sense for the symbol used as well, it can be easier to remember and learn than the traditional Nordic Elder Futhark or Celtic Ogham. This can also allow the practitioner to settle into their intuition more easily without having to constantly check explanations and connections.

I really love using this in my personal practice and showcasing it to those new to the practice of divination because it is so approachable for everyone. I hope you'll find this little guide useful for your practice, too.





The Runes



Crossroads

transition, change,
decision-making,
taking the first step
forward



Romance

new love, Sex
Magick, fertility,
healing broken heart
or relationship,
bringing back the
fire



Moon

Magick, intuition,
cycles, inner wisdom,
darkness, Esbats



Eye

protection, clarity,
divination and
psychic workings,
Sacred Truth, seeing
past the "smoke and
mirrors"



Harvest

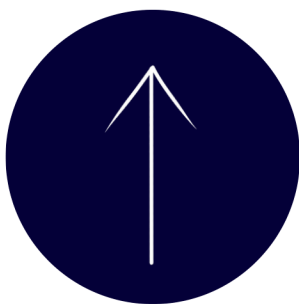
abundance,
prosperity, monetary
gain, health



Flight

Divine Mind,
knowledge, new
pursuits, freedom,
joy, travel





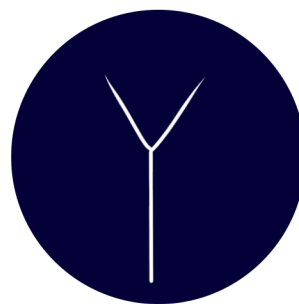
Man

Sacred Masculine,
strength, standing
firm, power of the
Gods, connection to
the Gods



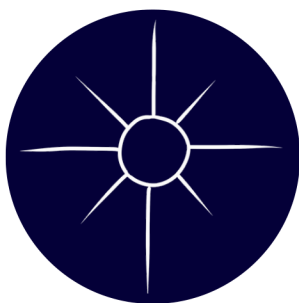
Waves

purity, cleansing,
forgiveness, healing,
release with
gratitude



Woman

Sacred Feminine,
grace, flowing, power
of the Goddesses,
connection to the
Goddesses



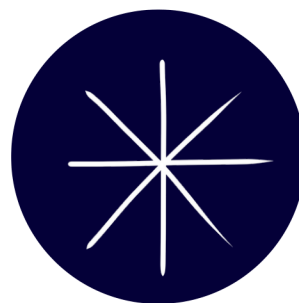
Sun

growth, happiness,
clarity, light,
Sabbaths, constancy



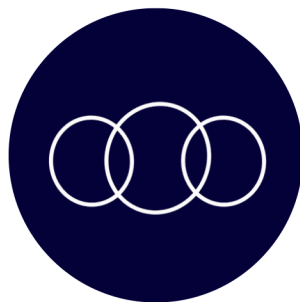
Scythe

sever ties, remove
negativity, release
what no longer
serves, cord cutting



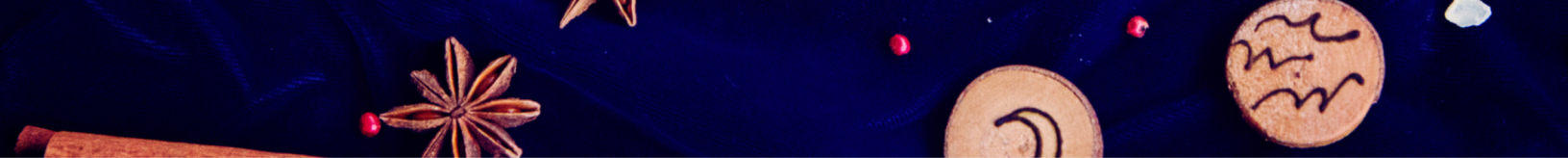
Star

manifesting, attract
what you desire,
luck, fortune, follow
your "true North"



Rings

strengthen a bond,
deepen relationship,
contract, saying "yes"



Using Runes

Cleansing

When you first create or purchase your runes, it is wise to cleanse and consecrate them prior to using for the first time. This will rid them of any negative or hectic energies they may have picked up elsewhere and will also help focus them to your individual practice and energy. Depending on what your set is made of, you can cleanse with smoke, flame, salt, sunlight or moonlight, a crystal such as satin spar/selenite, or even sound. Be mindful not to cleanse with something that will affect the material used (for example, if they're wooden, don't use flame!).

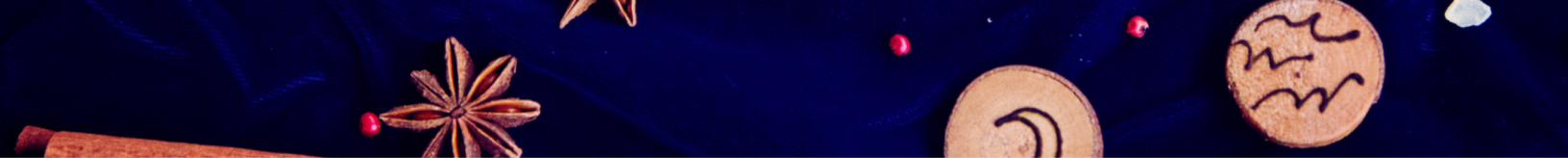
Respect

Remember that while they are a tool in themselves, they are also your ally and should be treated with respect. Finding a place of honour where you can store them is recommended. A lot of Witches prefer others do not touch their Sacred tools and will therefore keep them out of reach/sight either in a special cabinet or bag, although you can certainly use your own discretion in this regard.

DIY

There are so many ways you can easily create your own set of runes; don't feel discouraged if you can't find them for sale or can't afford the costs of some you do find. Keep reading this guide for some fun and intuitive ways to make your own set of Witches Runes.





Getting Started

As mentioned, Witches Runes are particularly user friendly and easy to use. When you're ready to use yours, hold all 13 runes in your hands and sit quietly with them for a time. Focus on your question or the situation you would like more clarity on.

You can choose to chant this quietly in your head or out loud (remember that words themselves hold power and Magick and although it may feel uncomfortable at first, saying them out loud in a clear voice may add to your reading). **Be specific and direct.**

When ready, shake them within your hands and toss them gently in front of you. They will scatter with some runes facing up and some facing down. You will be reading the ones facing up, with their symbols visible to you. Look into their meanings and how, collectively, they are speaking to your question or situation. If the eye rune is showing, pay close attention to the one it is "looking at" as this rune is of particular significance to this reading. While the explanations are here for you to utilize, don't hesitate to also follow your intuition. If you receive further intuitive messages during your reading, trust and listen to them; you have a deep well of wisdom within you, too!

Your words hold power.



Creating Magical Tools



Making tools for your own practice can be a beautiful and powerful way to not only add needed items to your altar, but also to help connect you with the Magick you're utilizing and with Nature as well! Please remember to only take from places you have permission to take from, and that includes from the items themselves;! Always share your intention with the natural items you're seeking to use before harvesting, to ensure they agree to be harvested and to work with you.

Your runes can be stones you've found on a favourite trail or in your garden that you've painted or used a permanent marker to adorn; they can be small wood rounds from wind felled branches you've collected which you can paint, adorn with henna (as pictured in the photos in this guide), or even burn with a wood burning tool; or you can make them entirely from clay of any kind (air dry clay is a very inexpensive and easy alternative to traditional kiln fired clay) which you can carve into while soft or paint when set. There are countless options and many last a long time.





...from Akeyla

In this world of “social media aesthetic”, do not forget that the most important part is the connection you feel to your Sacred tools!

What you use does not have to be made of crystal or be super expensive to work well for you.

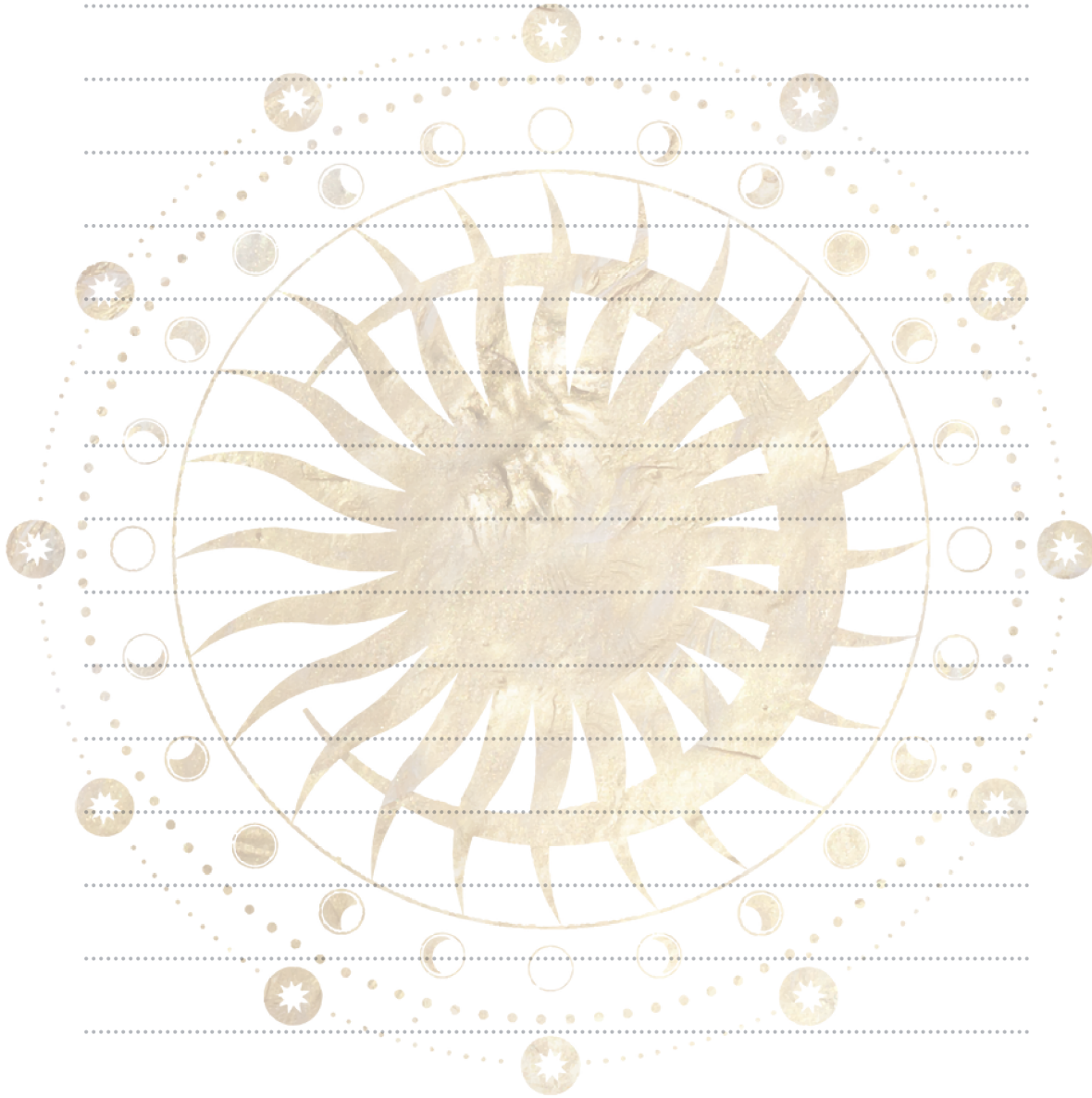
Of course, if you prefer those and are able to afford them, there's nothing wrong with that either if they connect well with you! The beauty of Witchcraft and Paganism is there are so many vast and varied ways of doing things that you can find what personally resonates best with you.

One of my sacred tools are simple river rocks that I hand gathered from a place Sacred to me, and painted with the Elder Futhark when I was 14. They are still kicking around today as if they were new! I also created a wooden Witches Rune set with henna ten years ago and they are still in beautiful condition (the full page printable photo on the next sheet is this very set that I adore so much!).

Don't be afraid to make it your own!



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Merry Meet

Merry Meet and thank you so much for diving into these Witches Runes with me! I've had so many folks over the years come to me asking for insight into their practice as Witches new to their Path, so it feels lovely to be able to offer this small info packet to you! Whether you are a new Witch or a seasoned Witch, or really just curious, I really hope you enjoyed it and I look forward to seeing what folks create (please do share with me if you make your own!). Thank you for trusting me with your time, I'm so grateful to hold this space for you.

Blessed Be, *Akeyla*

Akeyla Wild Wood is a pan, polyam, disabled Canadian Witch who began her Pagan path at the young age of 13. During her journey, she has been most drawn to animism, deeply feeling the spirits within everything. After her hand disability forced her to pivot away from the photography she loves so much in 2020, she opened her own online metaphysical shop, Wild Wood Witchery. It has since grown to include high end and ethically sourced crystals, as well as an assortment of handmade altar items (her most beloved being the Sacred wands she creates for others). Akeyla's greatest joy comes from being mama to four amazing children, and seeing the world through their eyes as they grow. You can often find her hanging out with her two crazy cockatoos, maybe geeking out over an epic video game or fantasy show (GoT is likely on in the background right now!).



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