



**AULDRON**

While it has "official" alignments and associations, because it is so versatile, it can almost be considered neutral.

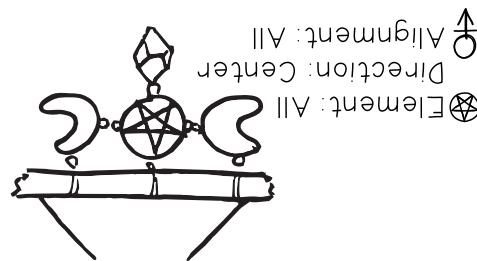
It may be used for scrying, burning incense, mixing spell ingredients, offering salt.

The Cauldron is an all-encompassing tool for an altar.

△△ Element: Water or Earth  
Direction: North  
Alignment: Feminine



\*the Element may be Air OR Fire depending on the tradition!



The Pentacle describes a five-pointed star circumscribed by a circle. This represents the Unification of the elements, the feminine of the masculine, the divine and the mundane.

Most altars have some sort of Pentacle as a reminder of the unity of nature.

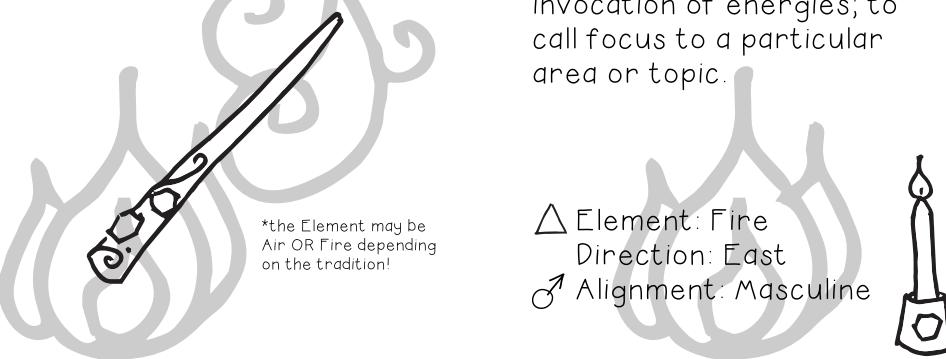
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Direction: All  
Alignment: Feminine

## PENTACLE

## THE WAND

Wands are important! They serve to direct, cleanse, and manifest the space of an altar.

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Direction: East  
♂ Alignment: Masculine



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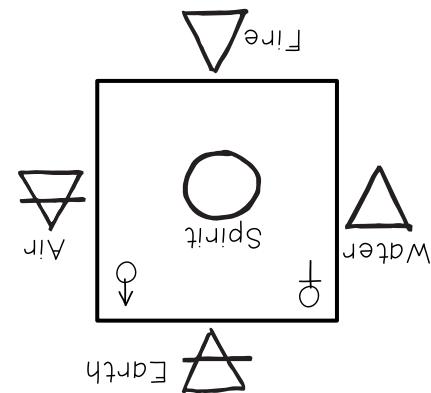


The Chalice is representative of the womb, the feminine reproductive system, the uterus and libations. It is too used for ceremonial drinks of the masculine, the feminine of the masculine, the divine and libations.

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Direction: West  
Alignment: Feminine

## CHALICE OR CUP

The Four Elements are intrinsic to focusing intent and energy for a purpose. They can be guide-posts or reminders of balance.

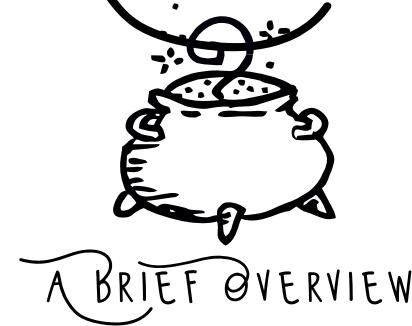


## THE ELEMENTS



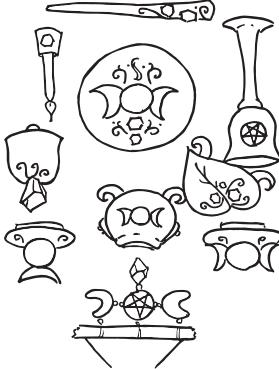
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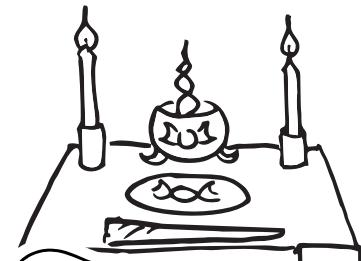
A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Altars are generally arranged in a similar manner. Objects and their placement on the altar represent different areas of focus, magic, and energy direction.



## ALTAR LAYOUTS

An altar is a sacred space for performing rituals. Altars can be found in Christian churches, Buddhist temples, and in the homes of millions of people practicing different religions. Just like people are different, so are altars! People practice in a way that makes them comfortable, and closer to the divine.

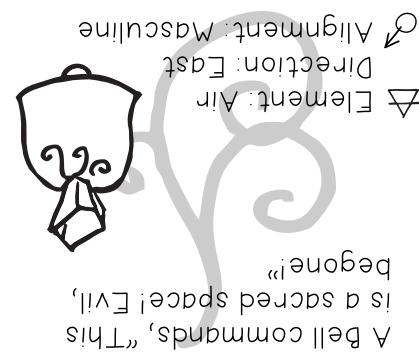


## WHAT IS AN ALTAR?

## TYPES OF ALTARS

- ❖ Simple Altar - a cloth with a pentacle, four element candles, and two deity candles.
- ❖ Mini or Travel Altar - often fits in a mint tin! Good for small spaces or hotel rooms.
- ❖ Personal Altar - may be laid out with items of extreme significance to connect to the divine.
- ❖ Natural Altar - made on the spot, with items found in a particular area. Dispersed back to nature when finished.

There are more! People are expressive and varied, as may be their worship practices.



## BELL

Bells catch our attention, no matter the context! An Altar Bell can be used to cleanse the spiritual space.

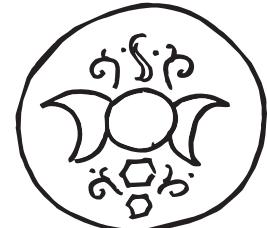
A Bell commands, "This is a sacred space!" (VII), and their placement on the altar represents different areas of focus, magic, and energy direction.



An altar has both a masculine and a feminine side. Like life, there is not a hard line between the two, but rather a push-pull relationship of dynamic forces.

## MASCULINE & FEMININE

The Plate or Disk may be used for offerings, or to imbue blessings to that which has been placed upon it. Many Plates or Disks have a pentacle or other sacred symbol on them.



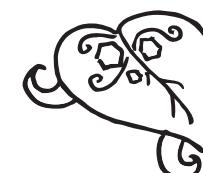
## PLATE OR DISK

## DEITY ICONS

Censer is a fancy name for incense holder!

Incense can fill a space; it can completely encompass a space and help set intention depending on the materials used.

△△ Element: Air/Fire  
Direction: East/South  
♂ Alignment: Masculine



Many altars have some sort of representation of a deity or god/ess on them.

Some people have patron deities they have a personal connection to.

Two commonly-seen deities are the Triple Moon Goddess and the Horned God.

