

# Traditional Witchcraft



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# What is Witch?

Traditionally, a witch is someone who practices witchcraft, which is all about using magic, spells, and rituals. It's kind of like tapping into the energies around us and using them to create change, often for healing or protection.



# Types of witches



## KITCHEN

Uses cooking and food as a form of magic. They whip up spells with ingredients.



## TRADITIONAL

Draws on folk magic and local traditions. They use herbal remedies and rituals passed down through generations.



## DIVINATION

Loves tools like tarot and runes. They're all about reading signs and connecting with the universe.



## HEDGE

Works at the edge of the physical and spiritual worlds. They often practice solitary magic and may connect with nature.



# Traditional witchcraft

- **Herbs:** For healing and spellwork (e.g., rosemary for protection).
- **Crystals:** For their energetic properties to enhance spells.
- **Charms:** Handmade objects for protection or luck.
- **Ritual Tools:** Items like knives and bowls for rituals.
- **Oral Traditions:** Spells passed down through storytelling.

# Beliefs

## Good Side

During the 13th century, many people saw witches as wise women and healers who used herbs to help with sickness. They were thought to talk to spirits for protection.

## Bad Side

Witches were often seen with fear and suspicion, such as evil or heretical. They were blamed for bad things like crop failures and diseases. These mixed feelings influenced.

# Effects

## Good Side

Their skills really helped the community, making them important for healing and support.

## Bad Side

This led to widespread witch hunts, trials, and executions, causing social divisions within communities until 18th century.

# Evolution of witches

In the 19th century, witches started to be seen in a more positive way as wise women and healers, often shown in stories and folklore.

Exploring the knowledge of local healers.

By the 20th century, Wicca emerged, as a modern pagan religion. During this time, witchcraft gained acceptance and respect, focusing on empowerment and a strong connection to nature.

Overall, views shifted from fear and suspicion to appreciation for witches and what they do.



# Conclusion



Traditional witchcraft is a fascinating blend of history, culture, and a deep connection to nature. It's all about personal empowerment and community, and it continues to evolve as more people seek to understand and practice these age-old traditions.

# Questions

1. Have you ever wanted to learn about astrology or tarot? Why or why not?
2. Do you have a story related to charms that worked well for you?
3. Do you know any stories or myths about witches?

A sepia-toned photograph of a woman dressed as a witch, wearing a pointed hat and a dark, textured coat. She is standing next to a black goat. A small white cat is perched on her shoulder. The background shows a rustic wooden building.

Thank you for  
listening!

# MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



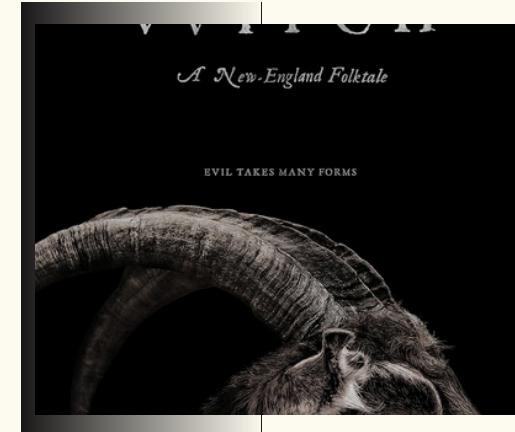
## CHARMED (1998–2006)

Three sisters discover that they are descendants of a line of female witches and that they are destined to fight against the forces of evil, using their combined power of witchcraft.



## Merlin (2008-2012)

Merlin, a young and powerful warlock, keeps his magical powers hidden as it is banned in Camelot. He befriends King Arthur and together they experience many adventures on their quest to save Albion.



## THE WITCH(2015)

In the New England of the 17th century, a banished Puritan family sets up a farm by the edge of a huge remote forest where no other family lives. Soon, sinister forces then start haunting them.



## THE CRAFT(1996)

A new student befriends three teenage girls from her high school who practise witchcraft against those who irk them. However, the consequences of joining the coven turn out to be disastrous.