

The Magick of Sigils

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The word "sigil" has taken many shapes throughout the years, depending on religious beliefs, culture, and era. Long ago sigils were revered as a way to summon deities for help or guidance. One of the most ancient ways to design a sigil involved translating the names of whoever one wished to call upon into numbers, then connecting those numbers on what is commonly known as a Magick Square - or more properly, a Kamea. Magick Squares and other similar charts have a rich history in occultism, but when used for designing sigils they assist in creating a shape with meaning, and an opportunity to do spellwork or chanting during the actual forming of the sigil, which some believe strengthens the practitioner's bond to their sigil.

But what are witches doing currently? How are we charging and using sigils?

Besides hardcore seances or dingy scenes in horror movies I haven't met a lot of witches who use sigils to summon anything, but rather to implement their own intentions. For instance, if you have a job interview, you might draw a sigil with the intention "I will succeed". Or possibly you want to be more specific and say something like "I will impress John, and he will hire me Thursday to work at his cafe". Furthermore, you can use one single word for a sigil. Perhaps you need a little extra "strength" or "happiness" that day.

If you choose to make a sigil from a single word you can take every letter and apply them to a Kamea, or if you choose a longer intention, you can use the first letter of each word. Furthermore, you can experiment with making your own Kamea. My Kamea is a circle, and creates more rounded designs, which I find pleasing. You can also simply take your letters and sketch them out, one over the other, with adjustments to size and angle, until you have a messy and magickal scribble. You can also choose whether you'd like to burn your design, wear it, or let it dissolve in moon or river water. Whatever you do, make it your own, and never be afraid to tap into your power!

Blessed Be,

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