

Who's Involved

- Group or solitary?
- Deities?
- Spirits?
- Elements?
- Who's writing?

Research !

- Books
- Mentors / Community
- Google / Tumblr / Pinterest
- Take many things with a grain of salt
- Be wary of cultural appropriation

Materials

- Altar items
- Offerings
- Casting circle
- Element representation
- Deity / Energy Representation
- Things to charge / enchant / etc.

BARE BONES OUTLINE OF A RITUAL

1. Cleanse your space
2. Set up altar space (optional)
3. Cast your circle (optional)
4. Call quarters (optional)
5. Call energies (deities, ancestors, spirits, etc.; optional)
6. State intention (vocally or mentally)
7. Do some magic
8. Offerings, thank energies called
9. Release quarters
10. Release circle
11. Cleanse
12. Clean up
13. Self-care

Note

Many actions are optional because it depends on what you consider an important part of your craft and what works for you.

Disclaimer:

This is a very Neopagan format for rituals. If you are looking for something older or more pantheon specific, you may have to research further.

CRASH COURSE IN RITUAL WRITING

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Note:

There are so many different ways to write a ritual. This is just the approach our circle takes when creating our group rituals.

Preparatory Questions

- What is the reason/intent of the ritual?
- Who is this ritual for?
- What research have you done / do you need to do on the workings/celebration?
- What materials does it need?

Let's Talk Reasons

- Sabbats / Holidays
- Raising a particular energy for a particular working

Intentions

- Should be specific
- Should be realistic
- Must be spoken to the "universe" in positive terms
- Need time to be adequately stated in ritual (especially in group work)

THROUGH THE VEIL

An Example

Reason / Intent: Samhain / Shedding something that is holding us from personal growth.

Who is the ritual for: Bitchcraft Circle and fellow people who join us from CMA for our ritual.

Research: Chants on Youtube, Ideas on Tumblr and from books from community members

Materials: Bottles, Dirt, Seeds, Paper, Pens, Lyric Sheet, Candles, Matches, Water, Bowls

Set Up Altar: We didn't have an official altar, so we simply brought all of the supplies into the space, ready for our workings.

Because we wrote it for a group who we don't normally work with, we added an introduction to help the participants understand what was going to occur in the ritual

Cast Circle: Chant - "We are a Circle Moving"

Calling Quarters / Elements: I call upon the element of _____. Grant us your _____ and your _____ through this ritual..

Intention Statement: "We will all be choosing a part of ourselves that will die and be laid to rest, and we will recycle that energy into the conception and celebration of a new aspect of ourselves." - Stated in Intro

Do Some Magic: Each member of our Circle gave a speech about a different part of the ritual. With these speeches, we had an accompanying action and chanted to raise the groups energy

Release Quarters / Elements: "Thank you _____ for your presence today. Your _____ was a gift. Farewell."

Release Circle: Chant - May the Circle Be Open

Cleanse / Clean Up: We cleared our supplies out of the sacred space and brought everything back to camp

Self Care: Many of the members chilled a bit for the afternoon to recharge energy.