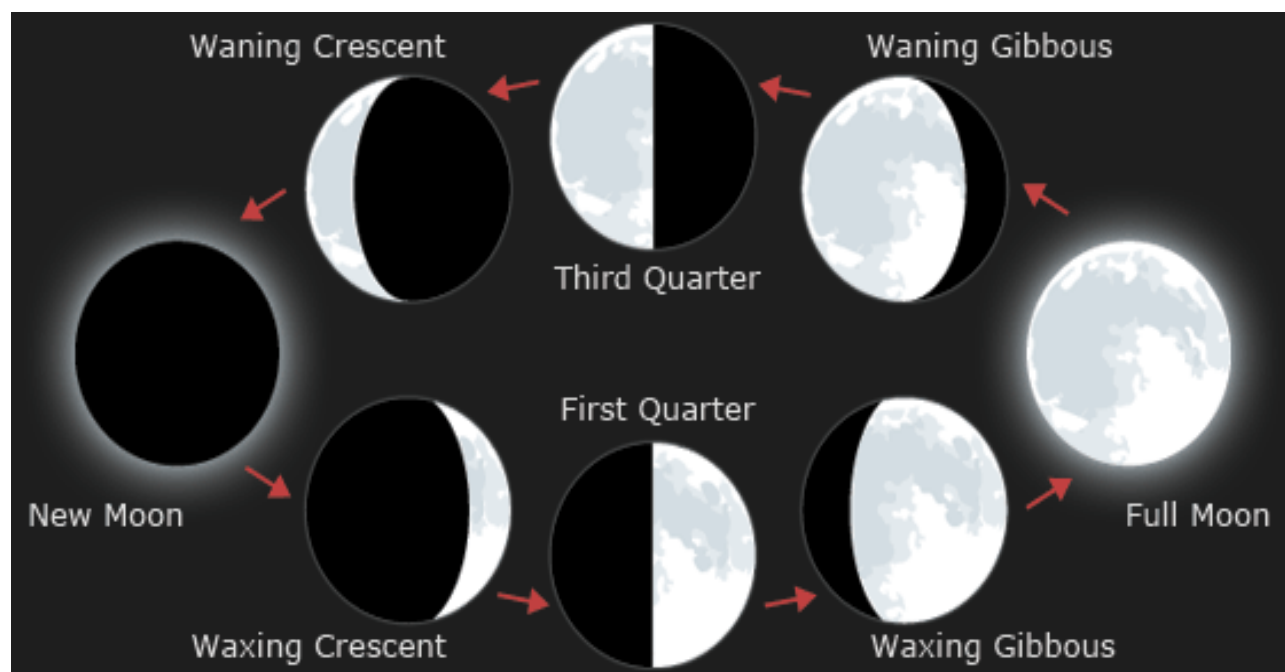


Moon Magick



Each moon phase lasts for approximately 3 and a ½ days.

Dark Moon

The dark moon begins about 3 days before the New Moon appears, sometimes it is not visible at all. Many a witch believes this to be the *most powerful moon phase of all and many black magick practitioners will use this time to their advantage. Magickal workings for binding or banishing are best during this phase. Many other practitioners of magick, will see this as a time of rest, choosing not to do any magick at all.

New Moon

What better place to start than at the beginning, the New Moon. When the moon is in the “new” cycle it is 0-45° ahead of the sun. The best hours to utilize and work with “new moon” energies are between dawn and sunset we call these the “power hours”.

The purpose of the New Moon is ...new beginnings, birth of a new thing, new deals, ideas, make new contacts, assessing what is and what you desire to be. Since there is very little energy coming from the moon it is best to hold off on casting spells until the moon begins to wax.

The Goddess related to the New Moon is “Rosemerta” one of the “Growth Goddesses” and an offering that can be made to the Goddess and New Moon is milk and honey. Theme: Abundance. The Sabbat relation is Winter Solstice.

Spells to work: quick changes/fast starts to projects; career changes; moving/new house; increasing cash flow; better health; fertility.

Waxing Crescent

Waxing Crescent is when the moon is 45-90 ° ahead of the sun. It holds its energy from 3 ½ to 7 days after the New Moon. The power hours for Waxing Crescent is midmorning till just after sunset – so spells are best done during those hours.

The purpose of the Waxing Crescent is...movement of the thing, increasing, growth, expansion, building, strengthening, change, emotions. The three and a half days of this moon phase are good for publishing articles, casting your spells, starting a new project, catching up on correspondence, increasing memberships, entering into partnerships, working with animals, holding elections.

The Goddess related to Waxing Crescent is “Brigid” the energy is Water Goddesses. Offerings of candles are auspicious at this time. The theme is “Manifestation” and the Sabbat correlation is Imbolc.

Spells to work: Kick start the energy in a project that has stalled; move forward from depression; inspire creativity; getting out of a rut; passing tests or exams; finding lost objects; healing animals or finding lost pets; losing weight/gaining health; increasing prosperity, nurturing abundant gardens.

First Quarter

The first quarter moon is 90-135 ° ahead of the sun and is 7-10 ½ days after the New Moon. The power hours range from noon to midnight.

The purpose/workings of the First Quarter include: advertising, high profile activities, the shape of the thing, courage, elemental magick, friends, luck, motivation. These 3 or so days are best for legal issues, announcing mergers, lending money, giving raises and paying attention to company image.

The Goddess “Persephone” and the Air Goddesses, are attributed to the First Quarter moon and an offering of feathers is in order. The theme is “luck”. The related Sabbat is the Spring Equinox.

Spells to work: Kick start the energy in a project that has stalled; move forward from depression; inspire creativity; getting out of a rut; passing tests or exams; finding lost objects; healing animals or finding lost pets; losing weight/gaining health; nurturing abundant gardens, prosperity, new job, new love.

Waxing Gibbous

Waxing Gibbous moon is 135 -180 ° ahead of the sun and is 10 ½ -14 days after the New Moon. The power hours range from midafternoon to 3:00 am.

The purpose /workings of the Waxing Gibbous moon include: details, courage, patience, peace, harmony, giving raises, merges, building finances.

The Goddess related to Waxing Gibbous is Nuit and other Star Goddesses. Beltaine is the Sabbat association. The theme of this cycle is “perfection” and offerings should include ribbons.

Spells to work: Kick start the energy in a project that has stalled; move forward from depression; inspire creativity; getting out of a rut; passing tests or exams; the last burst of energy for your projects/spells/intentions, finding lost objects; healing animals or finding lost pets; losing weight/gaining health; nurturing abundant gardens.

Full Moon

The Full Moon is 180-225 ° ahead of the sun and is 14-17 ½ days after the New Moon. Its power hours include the hours between sunset until dawn.

The purpose and workings of the Full Moon is all about release and letting go after the buildup energy that led to this Moon phase, finalizing projects, seeing the manifestations, letting go of time consuming activities, unhealthy patterns and behaviors, artistic endeavors, beauty, health, fitness, change decisions, children, families, knowledge, research work, secretive dealings. It appears that most anything can be worked on during the Full Moon; however workings towards moving away from, lessening, releasing will be extra powerful during the waning moon.

The goddess connection with the Full Moon is Sekhmet and she is one of the Fire Goddess and all about strength. The theme is Power and the Sabbat is Summer Solstice. Your offerings should include candles and flowers.

Spells to work: Love, protection (home and property); adding vigor to life; increase self confidence; advancing in career/at work; enhance psychic abilities/clairvoyance; strengthen family and friendships; general good luck spells.

Waning Gibbous

This disseminating moon cycle is 225 -270° ahead of the Sun and is 3 ½ -7 days after the Full Moon. The power hours are mid evening to mid morning.

The purpose of this moon cycle is initial destruction and the workings most benefitted at this time include addictions, decisions, divorce, emotions, stress, protection.

The Goddess connection is Hecate, Earth Goddess. The theme is “reassessment” and the Sabbat is Lammass (Aug 1). Your offerings should include grain or rice.

Spells to work: taking control; removing obstacles or difficult people from your life; losing weight; develop inner strength and assertiveness; banishing enemies; stopping arguments; soothing unruly children; calming anxiety; getting a handle on a difficult situation.

Last Quarter

The moon is 270-315 ° ahead of the Sun and is 7-10 ½ after the Full Moon. The power hours are midnight to noon.

The purpose of the Last Quarter cycle is “Absolute Destruction” and the workings include: addictions, endings, banishing what no longer serves, stress protection, ancestors.

The Goddess is Morrighan and is one of the Harvest Goddesses. The theme of Last Quarter is Banishing, the Sabbat is Fall Equinox. Your offerings can include incense.

Spells to work: taking control; removing obstacles or difficult people from your life; losing weight; develop inner strength and assertiveness; banishing enemies; stopping arguments; soothing unruly children; calming anxiety; getting a handle on a difficult situation.

Waning Crescent

Waning Crescent or “Balsamic” is 315-360 ° ahead of the Sun and is 10 ½ -14 days after the Full Moon. The power hours are 3am to mid afternoon.

The purpose for the Waning Crescent is “rest”. The workings best assisted by the Waning Crescent include addictions, changes, justice, removing obstacles, quarrels, separations, stopping stalkers and theft, begin your plans. The time of rest is also one to plan your next move such as when in the rest period of the winter, we plan our spring garden when we will take action. So now in the Waning Crescent phase we are assessing and planning, self analysis, preparing for a launch of a new business, a new idea, new behaviors.

The Goddess connection is Kali. Kali is considered one of the Dark Goddesses (she assists in destroying so that new growth can happen). The theme is “justice” and the Sabbat is Samhain. Your offering at this time should include honesty.

Spells to work: taking control; removing obstacles or difficult people from your life; losing weight; develop inner strength and assertiveness; banishing enemies; stopping arguments; soothing unruly children; calming anxiety; getting a handle on a difficult situation.

There are generally 12 Full Moons in a year, 3 for each season

Quick Summary: From the New Moon to the Full Moon it is all about growing (waxing), increasing, drawing towards you, attracting. From the Full Moon to the New Moon it is about reducing (waning) receding, letting go and releasing.

The full moon's light is good for powering water, cleansing and powering up crystals and more. I have read recently that when we are seeking to feel a connection to the Goddess, simply looking at the moon is not enough, we need to see the moon's light through the branches of a tree. What say you?

Crystals that are good for Moon Magick include Moonstone, Pearl, Selenite, Opal, Opalite, Obsidian, Quartz.

Full Moon Names and Meanings

January: The Wolf Moon

In January snow gathers deep in the woods and the howling of wolves can be heard echoing in the cold still air. Some tribes called this moon the Snow Moon, but most often the name was used for the next month.

February: The Snow Moon

Snow piles even higher in February, giving this moon its most common name. Among tribes that used this name for the January moon, the February moon was called the Hunger Moon due to the challenging hunting conditions.

March: The Worm Moon

Snow slowly begins to melt, the ground softens, and earthworms show their heads again and their castings or fecal matter can be found. Other signs of spring gave rise to other variations: the cawing of crows (the Crow Moon); the formation of crusts on the snow from repeated thawing and freezing (the Crust Moon); and the time for tapping maple trees (the Sap Moon). Christian settlers also called this the Lenten Moon and considered it the last moon of winter.

April: The Pink Moon

Flowers begin to appear, including the widespread grass pink or wild ground phlox. Other variations indicate more signs of full spring, such as Sprouting Grass Moon, Egg Moon, and Fish Moon (common among coastal tribes).

May: The Flower Moon

Flowers come into full bloom and corn is ready to plant. Also called the Corn Planting Moon and the Milk Moon.

June: The Strawberry Moon

Strawberry-picking season reaches its peak during this time. This is one of the few names that was universal to all Algonquin tribes.

July: The Buck Moon

Buck deer start growing velvety hair-covered antlers in July. Frequent thunderstorms in the New England area also resulted in the name Thunder Moon. Some tribes also used Hay Moon. July's Moon is also known as the Blessings Moon.

August: The Sturgeon Moon

The sturgeon, a large fish common to the Great Lakes and other nearby bodies of water, is most easily caught during this month. The reddish appearance of the moon through the frequent sultry hazes of August also prompted a few tribes to dub it the Red Moon. Other names included the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon.

September: The Harvest Moon

Many of the Native American tribes' staple foods, such as corn, pumpkins, squash, beans, and rice, are ready for gathering at this time. The strong light of the Harvest Moon allowed European farmers to work late into the night to harvest their crops. The Harvest Moon does not always occur in September. Traditionally, the name goes to the full moon closest to the autumn equinox, which falls during October once or twice a decade. Sometimes the September full moon was called the Corn Moon.

October: The Hunter's Moon

After the fields have been reaped, the leaves begin to fall and the deer are fat and ready for eating. Hunters can ride easily over the fields' stubble, and the fox and other animals are more easily spotted. Some years the Harvest Moon falls in October instead of September.

November: The Beaver Moon

At this time of year the beavers are busy preparing for winter, and it's time to set beaver traps and secure a store of warm fur before the swamps freeze over. Some tribes called this the Frosty Moon.

December: The Cold Moon

Winter takes a firm hold and temperatures plummet at this time. Sometimes this moon is also called the Long Night Moon as the winter nights lengthen and the moon spends more time above the horizon opposite a low sun. The full moon name often used by Christian settlers is the "Moon before Yule".

Blue Moon

Note that due to the 29-day lunar cycle the exact dates of the full moon move every year. Most seasons have three full moons, but because of the variation some seasons have four full moons. The term "blue moon" was used to identify one of these extra full moons. This happens about every 2.7 years and will happen next in 2018. A mistaken definition in the March 1946 edition of Sky and Telescope magazine claimed the blue moon fell on the second full moon of the calendar month. This mistake caused widespread misunderstanding until it was finally corrected in 1999.

13th Moon

The 13th Moon is found when you begin the pagan year on November 1st (after the final stop on the wheel of the year Samhain) and counting out the full moons each month until October 31st. The next 13th Moon is October 24, 2018.

Harvest Moon

The Full Moon closest to the Autumn Equinox is also called the Harvest Moon. Usually this is in September but occasionally you will find it in early October instead. This name is given to the full moon closest because it illuminates the sky brighter allowing farmers to extend their harvest activities. Resources include: A Witch's Notebook by RavenWolf and Moon Magic by Lori Reid, calendar-365.com.

~ Blessings - Morrighan Moon Raven