

Basics of Runes



What are RUNES?

Runes are a collection of ancient Norse symbols.

Runes are used both in divination and magickal workings. They are an integral part of a magickal system with its own pantheon. They can function as an alphabet and are useful in vision questing, dream recall, and controlling your environment.

How to use Runes:

Runes are extremely versatile. You can use tarot spreads as a pattern for interpreting your runes, or you can draw one for a quick answer, or three for a past/present/future or background/challenge/outcome readings.

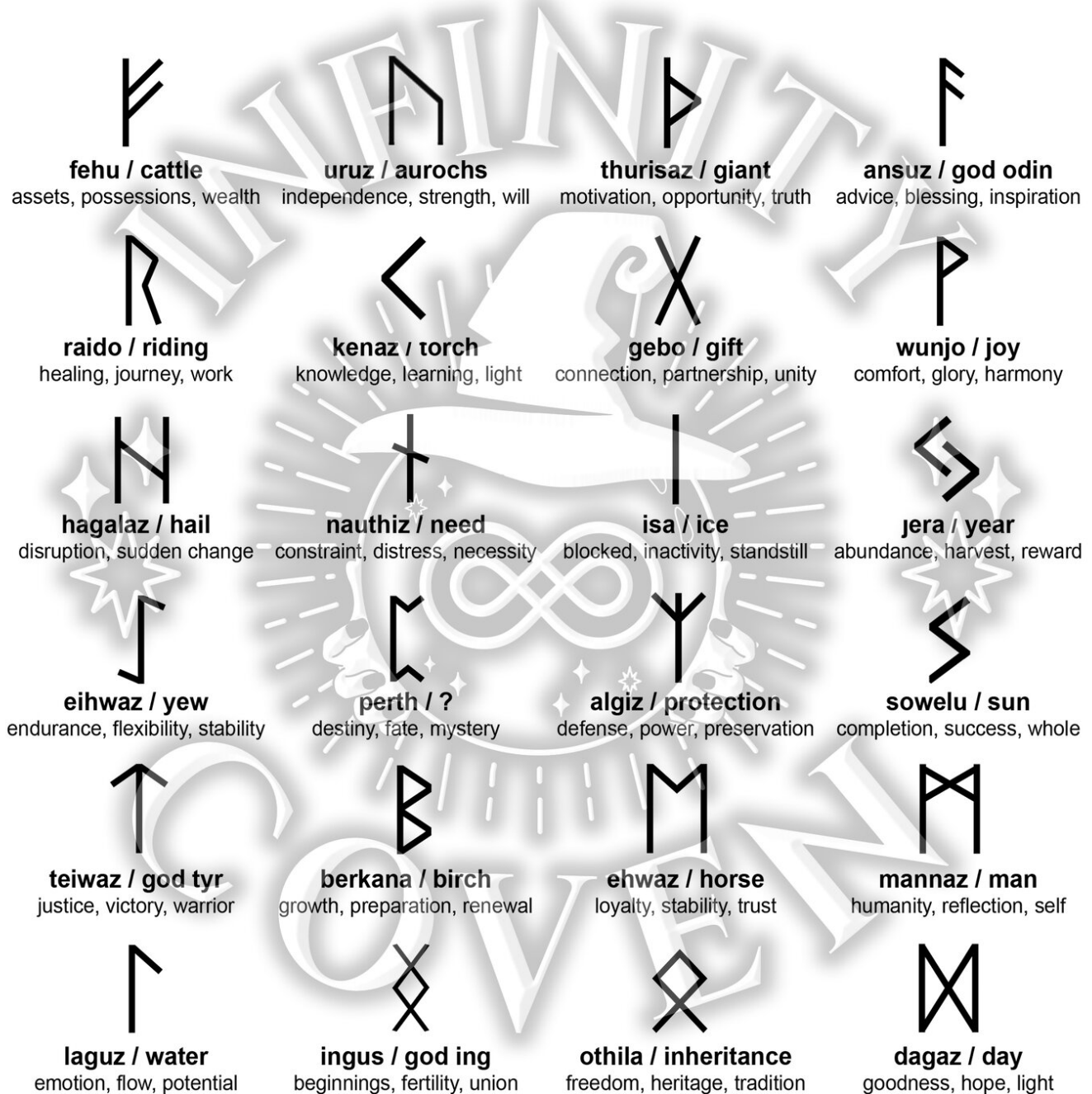
Think of the questions before you draw the runes from the bag. If you're using rune cards, you would shuffle them the same as a tarot deck.

You can either toss the whole bag of runes on your rune cloth and read them as they fall, or you can reach in and grab one stone at a time and lay them in a spread like you would the Tarot.

In Silver Ravenwolf's - To Ride A Silver Broomstick - on pages 202 and 203, she details ways she uses the Runes and I found those tips quite helpful.

RUNE ALPHABET

The Elder Futhark is one of the oldest runic alphabets and consists of 24 runes. It was a writing system used by Germanic tribes from the 2nd to 8th centuries. Each rune has a name that represents the sound of the rune. Runes can be used for divination by reading the runes for guidance on a situation, question or general information.



Simple Three Rune Layout - Place three random runes in a row from left to right. The left rune represents the overview of your situation, the middle rune represents your challenge, and the right rune represents a possible solution.

