

Make your own rune stones

Norse runes were the written language of the Vikings - they are different to our letters but you might see some similarities. People in Western Europe used them for over 400 years before we started using the letters you know.



What you need:

22 stones or pieces of scrap paper
A marker, like a Sharpie
A bag or pillow case

Rune stones

Vikings used runes as language, but also as a way of fortune telling, writing them on a piece of bark, stone or bone, putting them in a bag and drawing them out to answer a question or predict the future.



Step 1:

Mark each of the 22 runes on a stone with a magic marker or felt tip. (Look at the end for the list of all the runes.)

Step 2:

Put the runes in the bag.

Now close your eyes and clear your mind (if you want to do it the Viking way!) Think of a question and pick out one stone, or pick out three stones to represent the past, present and future.



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Step 3:

Check the list of meanings and see what it might mean. How does it answer your question or tell you about your past, present and future?

Or do you think this kind of thing is silly?

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VIKING RUNE MEANINGS FOR DIVINATION / FORTUNE TELLING



ANSUZ - ODIN, INSIGHT, COMMUNICATION, INSPIRATION, TRUE VISION



BERKANO - BIRTH, FERTILITY, GROWTH, NEW BEGINNINGS



KENAZ - TORCH, VISION, REVELATION, CREATIVITY, TECHNICAL ABILITY



DAGAZ - DAWN, BREAKTHROUGH, AWAKENING, EMBARKING ON AN ENTERPRISE



EHWAZ - HORSE, TRANSPORTATION, CHANGE, HARMONY, TEAMWORK, LOYALTY, TRUST



FEHU - WEALTH, ABUNDANCE, LUCK, ENERGY, FORESIGHT, FERTILITY, CREATION



GEBO - GIFTS, RELATIONSHIPS, SACRIFICE, EXCHANGES, CONTRACTS, PARTNERSHIPS



HAGALAZ - HAIL, WRATH OF NATURE, UNCONTROLLED FORCES



JERA - A YEAR, PEACE, PROSPERITY, FRUITFUL HARVEST



ISA - ICE, CHALLENGE, FRUSTRATION, PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOCKS



LAGUZ - WATER, POWER OF RENEWAL, DREAMS, FANTASIES



MANNAZ - MANKIND, THE SELF, FRIENDS, ENEMIES, SOCIAL ORDER



NAUTHIZ - NEED, SELF-RELIANCE, ENDURANCE, SURVIVAL



OTHALA - HEIRLOOMS, HERITAGE, LAND OF BIRTH



PERTHRO - DIE CUP, MYSTERIES, SECRETS, OCCULT ABILITIES



INGWAZ - ING, MALE FERTILITY, GESTATION, INTERNAL GROWTH



RAIDHO - CHARIOT, TRAVEL, JOURNEY, EVOLUTION



SOWILO - THE SUN, SUCCESS, GOALS, REALIZED, HONOR



TIWAZ - TYR, HONOR, JUSTICE, LEADERSHIP, AUTHORITY



WUNJO - JOY, COMFORT, PLEASURE



THURISAZ - THORN, REACTIVE FORCE, DEFENSE, CONFLICT



EIHWAZ - YEW TREE, STRENGTH, RELIABILITY, TRUSTWORTHINESS



ALGIZ - THE ELK, PROTECTION, SHIELD, WARD OFF EVIL



URUZ - A WILD OX, PHYSICAL STRENGTH, SPEED, UNTAMED POTENTIAL