The Sacred Circle

The circle represents wholeness, balance, and continuity. It is part of the cycle of nature and the interconnectedness of all life. It has no beginning and no end as it continues on forever in a beautiful loop spiraling ever in on itself. Creating a circle in a Wiccan ritual or ceremony is performed in order to delineate the sacred space from the mundane world.

*The Celtic Tree of Life is a representation of how the nature’s forces combine to create balance and harmony.*

![Circle Diagram]

**Circle Casting**

This Circle is your intimate space of work, power, and protection. You can cast a circle every morning as a part of your daily practice.

1. **Decide the amount of space you will need.** A good rule of thumb is to make a circle as large as your extended arms.

2. **Clean your ritual area** both physically and spiritually. Tidy up and then purify the space of negative energies. You can light some incense, spread salt or salt water, chant or play music. Visualize the dispersion and total elimination of all negative energy.

3. **Draw your circle.** Traditionally, a tool is used to cast the circle, such as a ceremonial dagger (athame) or a wand. Or just your finger. Visualize the protective energy that comes from within you and direct it using your dominant hand and arm. Focus on your tool and visualize a beam of light that expands and surrounds you. Sometimes the circle is drawn with candles, stones, ropes, or some other marker. Usually, the circle is visualized as a sphere or dome of energy. Keep in mind that the stronger your visualizations are, the more powerful the circle will be. Take your time and focus.