

Zodiac Wheel

The word Zodiac comes from the Ancient Greek ζῳδιακός κύκλος, meaning "circle of little animals".

Almost all of the 12 zodiac signs are depicted by an animal, with the exception of Gemini, Virgo, Libra and Aquarius.



Around the year 400 BCE, the ancient Babylonians divided the ecliptic into 12 equal parts matching the 12 months of the year.

While each of these sectors carries the name of a constellation, the zodiac signs in Western astrology are aligned to the equinoxes and solstices rather than the constellations.