

Design Your Compass

Circular designs hold special value in all cultures. Celtic crosses, Tibetan mandalas, and Native American medicine wheels are just a few examples of spiritual symbols that incorporate a circle.

At Lands Uncharted, one of the symbols used is the compass. We invite you to create your own. It will serve to remind you what inspires you, what to keep in your mind's eye when going through challenging times, and where your "true north" lies.

- Begin in contemplation and play. Ask yourself:
 - What symbols have meaning for me? Is it a family heirloom? An element of nature? A symbol from a family tradition?
 - What colors calm me? Energize me?
 - What photographs and paintings inspire me? Do I wish to incorporate some of these into my design?
 - Is there anything that has special meaning to me alone, that I can use as a code for myself? Perhaps a number, a letter, a word?
 - Consider using other symbols in place of the four directions: north, south, east, and west.
- Sketch a few examples. Play around with your symbols in several different ways. Try using collage. Add color using markers or colored pencils.
- When you reach a final design, use your phone or camera to take a photograph of your compass. You can miniaturize your compass by printing a photograph of it.
- Play and create with the compass itself. Print in different sizes, cut it out laminate it, punch a hole in it, and carry on your key chain. Glue a magnet on the back to create a decorative magnet. Or glue a brooch pin (available at bead stores) to create a pin.

Use your imagination, and incorporate your own, unique design as a reminder to remain true to yourself and find your own, unique path.

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