Bohemian Magick

Witchcraft & Secret Spells

TO ELECTRIFY YOUR LIFE

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Enchant This Book to You

WHEN ENCHANTED BY A WITCH, INANIMATE objects are filled with a life-force energy. In the magick of Bohemia, tarot cards, wands, crystals, potion bottles, brooms, and grimoires take on a living personality when infused with the breath, intention, and energy of their magickal master. Before we begin, let's enchant this book to you, as it will be both your companion and guide to the world of Bohemian magick.

The first step in any spell is to know your intention. Your intention for performing this spell is to enchant this book to you as a mystical companion and lifelong friend who will journey with you into the magick of Bohemia. You will do this through using your unique magick force to bond with this book and enchant it with life as described in the steps taught to me by my Grandma Helen.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Altar**
- **Pillow or soft blanket**
- **One seven-inch red taper candle**
- **Candleholder**
- **Lighter or matches**
- **Small hand mirror**
- **Your favorite lipstick**
- **A hairbrush**
- **Clear tape**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Bearing your intention fully in mind, begin by setting your magickal tools before you on your altar—a shelf or small table that you have decided to dedicate to your magickal workings. Get comfortable and sit before your altar on a pillow or a soft blanket.

2. Set the candle in its holder in the center of your altar and light it. In the lore of Bohemia, lighting a candle signals the parting of the veil between the earthly plane and the realm of the Spirits. The candle flame is meant to call Ancestors and the Spirits to your workings with its light.
3. Take the hand mirror and hold it in your Spirit hand (nondominant hand). In the mirror illuminated by the candlelight, look into your eyes. Notice their color; focus deeply on them, almost as if you were hypnotizing yourself. Feel the power of your inner Witch coming to meet you.
4. With your dominant hand, slowly apply your lipstick. As you do this motion, imagine that you are enchanting your mouth to speak your truth.
5. Take your brush and brush your hair with nine strokes. Tape the strands of hair that have come out of the brush to this page. Your strands of hair contain your own powerful, unique code of DNA, and taping them to this book is the magickal equivalent to writing your name here and declaring this grimoire as your own.

6. Once you've taped the strands of your hair to this page, hold this book against your heart and breathe deeply, nine times, in and out. Visualize golden beams of sunlight coming out of your heart and flooding onto the pages of this book. Imagine every page in the book glowing with power.

7. Press this book page to your lips and place your enchanted kiss print upon it. Just like in the faerie tale books, your kiss brings life and enchantment to this magickal grimoire.

8. Now you will supernaturally charge this book with your own unique energy using the following Bohemian method: cup your hands in front of you as if you were going to drink water from a stream and close your eyes. Imagine yourself as a powerful Witch, strong, enchanted, and brave. Straighten your spine. Hold your head high. Imagine a bolt of iridescent lightning igniting raw power within you. When you can picture this clearly, blow into your cupped hands to write this new vision of yourself into the lines of your palms and give your spell life.
9. Close your hands, palm facing palm, flat, in a prayer position. Start to rub your hands back and forth quickly to cause friction and build energy around your vision. When it feels like your hands are burning hot with energy, quickly place your open palms onto these two pages of the book. Close your eyes and feel the power of your magickal force bonding with this book. This is how my Grandma Helen and the Bohemian people would charge magickal items.

10. Repeat this incantation three times, each time making your voice stronger and more forceful than the last:

Book of Wisdom, sorcery, and spell
Secrets of Bohemia which you shall foretell.
Potion, practice, charm, and brew,
Provide me the sight and keep me true
By fire, water, earth, and air,
Enchanted by my strands of hair
I charm this grimoire from page to spine
It knows my name for it is mine.
Sacred knowledge before my eyes,
I summon my power and . . .
Behold, I rise.

11. Take the candle from the center of your altar and pour some of the wax onto this page. Let wax cool slightly and then press your index finger into the wax so that your unique fingerprint appears there. Make sure you keep this book open for the next thirty minutes to let the fingerprint cool and set.

12. Blow out the candle and allow the smoke to drift to the sky so the Spirits and Ancestors receive your intention of this book being an enchanted companion of wisdom and magick for your journey. Finish by saying the magickal words that we use to cast a spell in the Witchcraft of Spectaculus:

See it. Be it. So be it.

PART I

THE Spectaculus School OF Spellcasting

The SPECTACULUS CODE of HONOR

AS YOU DELVE INTO THE SECRETS contained in this grimoire, as you learn techniques from the Spectaculus School of Spellcasting and engage in the journeys and spells in the five initiations in Part II, it is important that you honor and pay respect to the origins of this magick when you practice it, both privately and publicly. By participating in this journey, you are now part of the legacy of Spectaculus and you are carrying on the high honor of keeping the work alive.

You have my permission to create any spell in this book and use the spells, techniques, and rituals in your own Covens as long as you acknowledge the Spectaculus tradition by name. Acknowledgment through word, through deed, and through writing honors the Craft and those who practiced it before you. Passing off these traditions as your own or not giving credit where it is due is bad mojo and will diminish your magickal workings. Always remember that when you cast your spells with honor, tradition, and dignity, the love will continue on and circle back to you.

STEP ONE

The Permission Slip

SPELLCASTING STARTS WITH YOUR PERSPECTIVE.

You are the boss of the spell.

Your words are your wands.

You must give yourself permission to own your magick.

To craft a hard-hitting spell, your mindset needs to be courageous, positive, and ready to weave the world to your desire. Let's face it, most times, when we are preparing to cast a spell, we're doing it because we feel a lack of something, like love, money, success, or confidence. How are we supposed to do a powerful confidence spell when our eyeliner is dripping down our face in black rivers?

You must call your power back to you.

Enter the Permission Slip.

The Permission Slip is the act of writing down your own strong statement, to give yourself permission to evoke the most powerful version of yourself. Free yourself and unleash your Wild! Ask yourself these questions and write down your answers:

What permissions should I grant myself in order to stand in my fullest power?

Your answers should start with "I grant myself permission to . . ."

What bold statements am I willing to write and sign my name to that empower me fully?

Your answers should be active. They should begin with "I," followed by a verb, such as "I create," "I speak," or "I weave."

Here is an example of what a Permission Slip might look like:

I grant myself permission to stand in my
** FULL POWER **
I grant myself permission to be vulnerable, raw, and
true to myself without shame.

I grant myself permission to invoke the Wisdom
in my bones
from this lifetime
And from all others before it. *

I grant myself permission to tap into the legacy
of my ancestors
And the knowledge buried in my DNA,
both known and unknown to me.

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I create with my Word *
I speak spells into existence *
I weave my Destiny
with all the love, power, and Divinity
that courses through the blood in my veins.

* SEE it. BE it. SO BE it. *
*

Below my statement, I sign my name in bold and looping cursive as if I'm signing over a check to myself for one hundred million dollars. Own it. Your mindset is riches!

In your grimoire, write your Permission Slip. Create your own or use mine or make changes or additions as you see fit. When you are finished writing it, read it out loud at least three times, amplifying your voice with authority, until you feel the power vibrating in your bones.

Permission Granted.

STEP TWO

SET THE INVITATION

THE INVITATION IS THE ACT OF CALLING UPON YOUR supernatural inspirations to help guide you in your journey. It is a deeply personal summoning of the Spirits to request their help with something they excelled at in their lifetime.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to invite Andy Warhol to a midnight tea? Or sip some cognac with Louis Armstrong while you play jazz until sunrise? Or paint your life story alongside Frida Kahlo in her studio? When you set the Invitation, you're inviting a supernatural guide to help you with your spell.

You never perform a spell alone, even if you're the only one visible. When you cast a spell, you are inviting a supernatural force to engage with you in your quest.

As Witches of Spectaculus, we live with the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead slightly parted. The Invitation allows us to commune on a personal, raw level with the Spirits and the Ancestors. We work together with them on a spell. They aren't seen as some distant entity that is a far reach away from us. Their knowledge, inspiration, and creative genius are waiting to be shared. Invite them. Entice them. Honor them.

SETTING THE INVITATION, STEP BY STEP

1. **Set Your Intention.** What is the purpose of your spell? Set a clear intention of what you want this spell to accomplish in one focused sentence and write that sentence in your grimoire. Example: "The intention of this spell is to stir up my creativity and focus to write a book."

2. **Choose Your Guide.** Who would best guide you from the Otherside for this spell? Think about your heroes, people who have inspired you, and people who have already carved out the path that you wish to walk.

   If I want inspiration and confidence in my writing, I call on Jack Kerouac, Saint of the Open Road. In *Visions of Cody*, he wrote, "I am writing this book because we are all going to die." Even now, as I type these words, that sentence of Kerouac's drives me. Through the Invitation, he has helped me write the book you are holding in your hands.

   Once you have chosen your guide, write the following sentence, incorporating their name in your grimoire: "I choose _____ as my supernatural guide for this spell."

3. **Prepare Your Ritual Space.** Think of preparing the ritual space for your supernatural guest like having someone you want to impress over for tea. In fact, an old Bohemian tradition was to serve tea immediately to guests upon their arrival, the thinking being that giving someone a drink of hospitality right away makes them more likely to act in your favor.

   Customize the experience of the Invitation for your esteemed supernatural guest. Evoke the power of the senses: taste, touch, smell, sound, and sight. Light candles, dim the lights, throw some incense that you think they'd dig on the cauldron. Go through your record collection and pull out something appropriate. Remember that your guide has left clues to help you summon them, perhaps through the art, writing, and other creative outlets they left behind. Your ritual space should welcome your guide.

Jack Kerouac mused about flickering candles melting down the sides of empty wine bottles from the previous night's revelry. He created a musical poem accompanied by jazz about his love and admiration for Charlie Parker. He wrote his novels on a typewriter with a single long scroll of paper. To decorate my ritual space where I call on him as my guide, I drag out my old 1968 typewriter and place his picture on the keys. I light a yellow candle to signify the color of the lines in the open road and place the burning candle in the mouth of an empty wine bottle. I put on a Charlie Parker record to have the sweet saxophone summon Kerouac.

In your grimoire, write down this heading: "Creative Ways to Decorate My Ritual Space for My Supernatural Guide, _____." Below it, write down some ideas that are relevant to your guide. Do research, pick your three favorites, gather your supplies, and adorn your ritual space in an alluring way that will catch your guide's eye.

4. **Make an Offering.** What are thoughtful personal gifts that will attract your supernatural guest? Entice them to be your guide with at least three personal tributes. Honor them by offering their favorite drink, scents, delicacies, songs, objects, and/or vices. The more energy you put into considering these tributes, the more energy you will receive from your invited guest. Light your creative fire with thoughtful offerings.

   I'd set out a shot of tequila, which was Kerouac's favorite drink. He loved eating Chinese takeout from white cardboard containers, so I might order up some pan-fried chop suey for him. His writing romanticized ground travel—by train, by car, by bus, and by foot. A ticket stub from a bus or a train trip, a key chain for a 1949 Hudson he talks about driving in *On the Road*, or a pair of men's shoes in size 11 for Jack's wanderings—all of these would work as offerings.

   In your grimoire, write down your offering as follows: "An offering that I would like to give to my supernatural guide _____ is _____."

5. **Be Open to Connection.** The Spirits will come through in dreams, in flashes of electric inspiration, in synchronicity, and in signs. Hold them close. Leave a picture of your chosen guide out and light a candle every time you are working toward making your spell manifest. Thank them when they come through. Get ready to have the most dynamic supernatural force ready to guide you. Make sure to log any signs, dreams, or strange coincidences that happen into your grimoire.

STEP THREE

UNCOVER YOUR BONES

ADDING THE BONES IS THE POWERFUL ACT OF INFUSING your artistic essence into your spells. Art and Witchcraft are legendary lovers, and when we use our Bones—our creative expression and art that makes us unique—and let them rise to the surface, we bring ourselves to a different state of being, a higher vibe of hypnotic, revolutionary magick.

To uncover your own Bones, ask yourself:

How do I like to creatively express myself?

In your grimoire, write down the heading, "The Bones." Below that, write down all of the ways in which you creatively express yourself. You can return to this list for each new spell that you concoct to look for innovative ways to add your Bones.

For instance, if your creative talents include writing poetry or playing music, you can use this in your spells to sing or recite your own magickal incantations. If you like to make jewelry or sew or knit clothing, you can enchant the objects you make with the spell's intention, like sewing a cloak for confidence or creating a bottle necklace with spells for love sealed inside. If you like to cook or garden, think about stirring the intention of your community-building spell into a batch of cookies to feed to your friends and neighbors, or plant your spell of abundance in rich soil with seeds that will bloom and grow. If you like to paint, draw, or take photos, consider using these art forms to produce a visual picture of what you want to manifest in your spell.

The act of stirring our creative Bones sets our minds in a dreamy, imaginative place that goes hand in hand with the mindset we need to birth our most powerful spells. We are Witches of Spectaculus, after all, where our creative mojo reigns supreme. Tap into your own artful Bones and infuse them into your spells.

STEP FOUR

Add Your Sorcery Signature

WELCOME TO THE GRITTY, HARDCORE SIDE OF MAGICK. I'm talking about *the* power boost for spells that you'll never see on a rickety wooden shelf in the most badass Witch shop in Salem.

Your Sorcery Signature is your hair, nails, saliva, blood, and teeth. It is what you add to magnetize a spell to you. Think of it this way: your spell is a letter you send for the Spirits to read. Your powerfully unique DNA is your one-of-a-kind signature. Adding your Sorcery Signature is adding your physical essence—the very pieces you're made of—to your spell.

Squeamish? Sure. Maybe. But remember that you're learning Witchcraft from a burlesque girl whose wedding ring is made from her husband's tooth that was extracted when he was thirteen. I've got the very essence, the teenage bones of the man I love, on my fire finger that connects to my heart.

Don't let the Sorcery Signature make you queasy. It is part of you.

Witchcraft Rule No. 1:
Never be afraid of your own power.

The power of using a Sorcery Signature is undeniable. In my lifetime, I have woven strands of my hair with my husband's and hid it in the roots of a knotty old sacred tree in New Orleans in a love spell that had us both smitten and drunk on each other. I have tied strands of my hair around my chihuahua's collar when she was away from me so I could

keep her energetically close. I painted a tiny magickal symbol with my own menstrual blood for a dream I wanted to birth, and within eight weeks it was mine. My body houses vibrant, earth-shattering power. *So does yours.*

For the spells in this book, spells you create on your own, or any other spells you find to perform, take a moment to find a space in the spell where you can add your chosen Sorcery Signature.

Here are some options and ideas to add your Sorcery Signature. Your spells will be more powerful if there's an element of you in them. You can also use my incantation suggestions to "announce" your Sorcery Signature to the spell and the Spirits.

HAIR

Hair taken from the crown of your head or your pubic area will amplify your spell. If you are doing a love spell with your beloved, ask for a strand of their hair to braid so you can braid the two together. You can also keep a piece of each other's hair in a locket over your heart.

Incantation suggestion:

"I add to this spell a strand of my hair as a magnet of magick to find me anywhere."

NAILS

Your fingernails are the tips of your personal magick wands—your fingers! When you point, you are directing energy toward something you want or wish to draw others' attention to. Imagine that powerful energy: just by pointing your finger, you've commanded all eyes to focus. As part of your being, like hair, fingernail clippings can be used to amplify purpose in your spell.

Incantation suggestion:

"Crescent moon clippings from the tips of my fingers, in every spell cast my essence lingers."

SALIVA

Saliva acts as the seal of your word and speaking your truth in spells. In Bohemian lore, pacts were sealed by both parties spitting on their own hands and then pressing their palms together in a shake. Saliva magick says: "This is my word."

Incantation suggestion:

"Breath of life and dew from my tongue, I speak it, I say it, my will is done."

BLOOD

Blood acts as the life-giving flow of your being. We've all heard of the rock-and-roll romantics who carry glass vials of each other's blood dangling from silver rope chains around their necks. Pricking your finger and putting a single drop of your own blood on a magickal amulet of yours or other magickal tools will bring them to life. Using menstrual blood in spells helps birth new opportunities, new love, and new visions.

Incantation suggestion:

"Drop of blood, pulse vibrant and red, act as the needle weaving magickal thread. Sew my intention into the story of my days, I summon my desire with my own Witchy ways."

TEETH

Teeth are for rare, deeply personal enchantments, as they are part of our skeleton. Teeth can be used as charms or talismans to bond deeply with another person or creature. Wearing the teeth of someone you love keeps their energy and love near you.

Incantation suggestion:

"I add my teeth, my magickal bits of bone, a piece of the skeleton that I call my home."

STEP FIVE:

Raising Energy and Casting It Out

ONCE YOU FEEL LIKE A SPELL IS COMPLETE, YOU MUST cast it out for the Spirits to help work it with you. Think of a spell as writing a letter to the Spirits: Steps One through Four are the equivalent of getting a paper and pen, writing the letter, putting it in an envelope, and sealing it and putting a stamp on it. If you don't do Step Five—raising and casting the energy out—you've left that letter on your desk! You need to take it to the mailbox and drop it in, babe!

Raising and casting the energy for your spell—in other words, communicating it to the Spirits—is the final step. You pull all your magick together in one final exaltation to cast out your energy, to thank and bid farewell to your guide and the Spirits with one final thrust of your hands to the sky, a clap, an exuberant howl, or even speaking the Spectaculus words of closure in a loud and powerful voice: "See it. Be it. So be it."

For the final step of most of my spells, rituals, ceremonies, I use the Wishing Circle, an old Bohemian tradition taught to me by my Grandma Helen. The Wishing Circle is the most powerful way I know to raise and charge energy toward what you want to manifest. The Wishing Circle focuses on the purpose of your spell, uses your breath to give it life, and the friction of rubbing your palms together to raise powerful energy for your spellcasting. The ritual as I perform it that melds the Bohemian traditions I learned from my Grandma Helen and my own ritual creations. Ignite your casting power through this cherished ritual! Here are the seven steps.

1. **Think of a Wish.** Think of a wish that you would like to conjure into reality. If you are doing a solo spell, state in one positive sentence what you want the spell to accomplish. If you are working with a Coven or a large group of people, ask them to think of their own individual wishes but not say them out loud. You can also choose to do a powerful group working where everyone has the same wish.
2. **Visualize the Wish Coming True.**
   Close your eyes and visualize your intention manifesting into reality. Feel it. See the details of it. What does the air smell like around you? Is it night or day? What are you wearing? Who is there? What do you hear around you? What colors or objects do you see? Craft the world with your mind. Conjure the outcome of your spell with a clear vision in your mind.
3. **Enliven the Wish with Your Breath.** Cup your hands in front of you as if you were going to hold water in them. Imagine the curving lines of your palms holding your stories. See your vision in your mind and blow it into your cupped hands. This is the practice of blowing "life" into your wish and giving it oxygen. In Bohemian lore, you are using your breath and your thoughts to write that new story upon the lines on your hands.
4. **Build Energy for the Spell.** Clasp your hands shut, palm-to-palm in a prayer position. Rapidly move your palms back and forth against each other to cause heat and friction. This practice is raising the energy of your vision, building heat to sear it into your life story. Grandma Helen called this act of building energy "cooking up your palms." Continue to do this until you feel your hands burning hot with intention and surging with power, dear Witch!
5. **Charge the Spell with Energy and Cast the Spell.** You can choose to use this supernatural energy to cast a spell (option a), to charge up objects or items you make (option b), or to connect with an entire group to raise energy and cast it out in a spell (option c).

a. **If you are raising energy to cast a spell alone.** Once your hands are burning with hot energy, press your open palms against your heart. Close your eyes and breathe deeply. You will feel a hot surge of energy soar through you. This is your intention and vision igniting in your being.

b. **If you are raising energy to charge your intention into an object (an amulet, a bag, a dream pillow, a carved candle, a potion bottle).** Rub your hands together until they are burning hot, then clasp the object between your palms. Close your eyes and feel the electric energy from your palms charging up the object.

c. **If you are raising energy to conduct a spell as a group.** Stand in a circle. Everyone should rub their hands together until they are so hot they feel like they are burning. As a group, count to three slowly out loud. On three, everyone should extend their palms to the side so that each person's palms are pressed to the palm of the people on either side of them. The group should then close their eyes and take three deep breaths. You will feel the energy flow around the circle, raising the overall power.

6. **Show Gratitude.** If you are alone, extend your arms all the way up like you are reaching for the sky. Your fingertips should be held straight up, with your palms facing outward in front of you, as if you are a human Y. If you are in a group, continue to stand in a circle palm to palm, then raise your arms up to the sky together.

Thank the Spirits, Ancestors,
and Guides for their help.

If you are in a group, thank the people
who put their energy into the circle.

Send the force of the positive energy
out through your fingertips to all of
our brothers and sisters across the
world who need the magick.

7. **Send It to the Sky.** Hold your own hands out in front of you, palms up and side by side, as if you were making a platform on which a small invisible messenger bird stands. Count to three and blow the spirit bird up into the sky. Imagine that the bird carries your vision so that it soars out into the universe, reaching the highest points of the heavens!

Finally, here are two important things to remember:

ALLOW THE MAGICK TO DO ITS WORK.

Oftentimes when you cast a spell, you want instant results. The trick is to cast out the spell and not obsess over it or question your spellwork. Casting a spell is like casting a line to catch a fish; you let the line go and then you sit quietly and wait until you get a sign that your fish is on the hook. You would never catch a fish if you cast the line and then kept obsessively, repeatedly reeling it back in, checking the empty line, casting it out, and reeling it back in. When you cast a spell and let it go, you are demonstrating that you trust your magick, you trust your Wild, and you believe that all will unfold for the very best.

SPELLS ARE THE COMBINATION OF INTENTION AND ACTION.

Intention and action make a spell work. When you cast a spell and use only intention without action, it is like standing frozen six feet away from those sensor doors at the supermarket, waiting for them to open—but nothing happens. In other words, if you cast a spell, you then must do some work to help get results. If you are looking for a true love, for example, cast the spell to magnetize the right person to you, then make an active effort to meet people. Intention creates a magick vision, and action amplifies it, helping to make the vision real.

HOW *to* USE *the* MOON *in* SPELLCASTING

The moon is our nightly reminder of the sacred and the mystical. She is our lighthouse in the celestial sky, an ancient teacher and guide. Each of Her phases holds unique power, symbolism, and signs. When performing a spell, always consider the phase of the moon in order to optimize it! Call on Her when it is time and She will answer!

NEW MOON

The new moon signifies a fresh start. This is the time to perform spells that encourage new beginnings. Cast spells for calling in a new love, a new health program, or a new home, project, or idea.

FULL MOON

The full moon is Queen of the Night! Channel this peak energy to raise your supernatural instincts by charging your Witchcraft tools in Her potent light and gather moon water by setting out a bowl of water to use in spells and moon baths to amplify power.

WAXING MOON

The waxing moon is about growth. As the moon builds in the sky, you can harness that power in spells for things you want to build. This is the time to cast spells for abundance, notoriety, love, energy, growth, and luck.

WANING MOON

When the moon wanes, it is a time of letting go. As the moon disappears in the sky, cast spells to clear away obstacles, clean out or organize your home, or let go of old behavior or relationships. It is also an excellent time to look inward, to reflect and work on your intuition or divination skills.

OPTIMAL DAYS *for* CASTING SPELLS

Each day of the week has a secret held in its name that aligns it with certain magickal properties that can help you optimize your spellcasting. Sunday is the "sun's day," so it makes sense that it is a day of casting spells for happiness, joy, and playful creativity. Similarly, Monday is the "moon's day," so it's a good time to do spells that align you with the moon's mysterious affiliations: intuition, dreamwork, and connecting to the Otherside. Here's a list for the week in full.

DAY	RULER	RECOMMENDED SPELLWORK
Sunday	Sun	Spells for happiness, joy, childlike inspiration, creativity
Monday	Moon	Spells for heightening intuition, dreams and divination, and for connecting to family or friends on the Otherside
Tuesday	Mars	Spells for standing in your power, taking action, success
Wednesday	Mercury	Spells for adventure, communication and education, wisdom, and knowledge
Thursday	Jupiter	Spells for abundance, good luck, and good health
Friday	Venus	Spells for love, beauty, sex magick, and self-love
Saturday	Saturn	Spells for protection and for letting go

How to Write Your Own Spells

WITHOUT A DOUBT, SOME OF THE VERY BEST spells are ones that you write yourself. Here's how to use Spectaculus Spellcasting to craft a spell that's truly potent because it includes your unique and powerful Witchy spark!

When you are writing your own spell, it will be more powerful if you allow yourself a few days to plan it out. After all, you are getting ready for a sacred ceremony and summoning the supernatural to you! The thought, time, and creativity you put into your spell writing will exponentially increase its power—definitely worth your while!

Here are some tips to get the best spellcasting results:

Define the purpose of the spell in a single focused sentence. Before you cast any spell, you must be very clear about why you want to cast it and what result you hope to achieve. Just as you enter your destination into your GPS when you're taking a road trip, you need to know where you want to go before you start driving. The first thing you should do is write down the purpose of your spell in one focused sentence. Examples might be: "My efforts are noticed at work and I receive a promotion." "I am confident in my singing voice and I easily find the right band to join and sing my heart out." "My new home is a peaceful place filled with creativity, joy, and friends." Notice how I did not "wish" or "hope" or "want" anything—my sentence was structured as if I had already obtained my desire. You want to be making an empowered, fulfilled statement.

Decide how you want to set the Invitation. A high school friend used to call me "the ghostess with the mostess" because I loved to prepare my bedroom for the Spirits. The walls were covered from floor to ceiling with pictures cut from glossy magazines of the people on the Otherside who had inspired me and who I wanted to connect

with for guidance and inspiration. I would shut off the lights and play an isolated vocal track of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" starting at 0:43 seconds to hear Kurt Cobain call out "Hello" repeatedly in my dark room so I could invite him in.

Set up for the supernatural party, sweet Witch! Give yourself plenty of time to get any supplies you need or to set up your ritual space. Have fun and enjoy this process! Don't rush it.

Use your creative skills in the spell. Think about the Bones, babe. How do you want to express yourself in a creative way for the particular purpose of this spell? Do you want to write your own rhyming incantation to sing or speak under the appropriate moon phase? Create a collage of the things you want to manifest in the spell? Make an amulet to weave your intention into magickal jewelry created by your own hands? Make a meal and stir the contents, speaking your intentions over them? Paint a picture blindfolded and let the Spirits speak through you? Take your time to come up with something that feels right.

Align the timing of the spell with the optimal moon phase. Refer to "How to Use the Moon in Spellcasting," then select an appropriate date to cast your spell. Setting a date in advance treats spellcasting like an important ceremonial event. It's a special date, something to prepare for and put energy into, which helps you build your own power as a Witch and boosts the power of your spells exponentially.

SPELLCASTING
A Case Study

SO NOW YOU'VE DONE ALL YOUR PREPARATION WORK, your spellcasting date on the calendar has arrived, and the moon is in a favorable phase. Let's say you've determined the goal of the spell is that you want to increase warmth and passion with your partner. Your sentence of intention might be: "My relationship with my partner is filled with warmth and passion." Here's how you'd perform the spell step by step:

WRITE THE PERMISSION SLIP

This is a love spell, so you need to believe that you deserve the warmth and passion you are asking for. Write a Permission Slip that allows you to step into the most romantic part of your being, the part that bans negativity and excuses from your thinking by focusing intensely on what you desire and why you deserve it. A Permission Slip for this spell might look like this:

I give myself full, unrestrained permission to let my own wild passion flow through me and set sparks of warmth and excitement into my relationship. I do this because I give myself permission to live a FULL life of juiciness, and as a magic-maker I do not settle for less. I deserve to have delicious warmth and passion in my relationship and so does my partner. By taking the time and energy to cast this spell, I am already raising the connection between us.

I create with my word. I speak spells into existence. I weave my destiny with all the love, power, and divinity that courses through the blood in my veins.

See it. Be it. So be it.

SET THE INVITATION

In the preparation above, you've determined who you would like to invite to help you in this love spell. For this example, let's say it's your deceased grandparents, who had a sweet romantic relationship. Now is the time to set up an altar to call them in by placing on it the objects you gathered or special things they liked. You might put a picture of them together in the center of your altar with a lit candle in an empty bottle of their favorite red wine. You might put on the song they

danced to at their wedding and then perhaps lay Grandpa's favorite cigar and Grandma's favorite red lipstick on the altar. Now it's time to invite them over.

Greet them. Talk to them out loud. It might feel silly at first, but it helps a lot to talk things out. After speaking to them a short while, the energy in the room will shift—you will feel it, and your words will start to flow more easily. Get personal, dear Witch, let them know why you chose them to help you in this spell. In this example, perhaps you'd say that you were always inspired by their relationship and you're looking for their help to spark that sweet warmth and connection in your own union.

ADD YOUR BONES

Decide how you are going to use a creative talent in the spell. In the preparation, you've thought about this and made the decision about how you want this spell to take form. So, if you're looking to ignite warmth and passion in your relationship, how would you express that? Say you're really into crafting and you love to knit. You've decided that knitting a scarf that you make with your own hands for your partner is the perfect shape that this spell will take. Or you might knit a tiny red heart that you will sew into your lover's pillowcase so that they can rest their head on your love every night.

ADD YOUR SORCERY SIGNATURE

Here's where things get interesting and ramp up to the next level! Your creative Bones and your Sorcery Signature go hand in hand. They are the Spectaculus Spellcasting version of peanut butter and jelly—a winning combination! Let's say you decided that your creative Bones for this spell will be a scarf you knit or a small heart you knit and sew into your lover's pillow. Now you get to decide which Sorcery Signature would be best to include in your creation.

For this example, I'm going to give you two ideas. For the scarf, I'd suggest enchanting it with your Sorcery Signature by knitting in a strand, or even a few strands, of your hair so your lover will always be close to you. You can do the same for the tiny heart on the pillow, or you could add a drop of your own blood (menstrual or a tiny pinprick

from your thumb) and put it on the back of the heart so it is hidden. That way, your blood and life-force energy will be within the heart you made.

As a Witch, you're bringing these things to life with your Sorcery Signature. As you are adding the elements of hair or blood to the Bones of the spell, you can use the suggested incantation for hair and blood, which you will say out loud in a powerful voice to ignite the power.

RAISING ENERGY AND CASTING IT OUT

In this example, you would use the wishing circle ritual to charge this object you knitted with magick. Take a moment and think of your partner, imagine increased warmth and passion in your relationship. How does it feel? Let yourself daydream about this. Once you feel it and can see it clearly in your mind, cup your hands in front of you and blow that vision into your palms. Then press your palms together in a prayer position and rub back and forth to build friction and heat.

When your hands are so hot with energy that you can't handle it anymore, grab the scarf you made and hold it in your hands. Feel all that energy of your vision and your wish flow from your palms into the scarf. You are now magickally charging the scarf and casting an enchanted spell on it. Here is the moment that you might want to try your hand at writing your own rhyming incantations and saying them, or you can just say your intention out loud:

This magickal scarf knitted by my hands and entwined with my hair fills my partner with feelings of the sweet warmth and passion we have together. Our passion, warmth, and deep connection for each other thrives and flourishes with every passing day!

To finish your spell, send it off with the Spectaculus casting command:

See it. Be it. So be it.

Sigil Magick

IMAGINE YOU'RE WRITING A LOVE LETTER FOR THE first time to someone you are really hot for. You find a beautiful piece of paper, something that feels worthy of your words. You carefully craft your words in jet-black ink that swirls with the curves of your sensual handwriting. You go through an emotional process as you write, and the passion and the excitement of sending out the letter moves you. You are casting that electrifying love energy you are feeling into the words. That letter hums with energy; it's a love entity that you imbued with life—and believe me, when your lover receives it, they feel it!

And that, dear Witch, is exactly the magick that lies in a sigil. It's like a secret love letter you write in the shape of a symbol and send to the Spirits with the hope that they will support your intentions. A sigil is a one-of-a-kind symbol that you create to represent a specific magickal purpose. Think of a sigil as a spell in the form of a symbol rather than in words.

Sigils work by bypassing the conscious mind and diving straight into your subconscious. The conscious mind is where all our naysaying doubts and fears live, so if we can bypass the conscious mind, we can also bypass those doubts and fears!

Imagine seeing the word "peace." If you're having a bad day, your conscious mind processes that word and you might have a negative thought like, peace isn't possible. Now imagine you see a peace symbol. Its meaning connects directly with your subconscious mind, bypassing your conscious mind so you don't question its intention. The peace symbol goes into your brain with its original pure intention and meaning: "Peace." Sigils affect our brains the same way symbols do.

You can find sigils that have been designed and charged with a particular meaning, but it is far more powerful to design your own! It's like the difference between buying a greeting card and just signing your name versus making a card and filling it with your personal emotions and thoughts. Yes, they accomplish the same result, but the handmade one is more powerful, connected, and meaningful.

HOW TO CREATE a SIGIL · and · SPECTACULUS SIGIL SONGS

LEAN IN A LITTLE BIT CLOSER, MY DARLING WITCH. Grab your grimoire and get ready to take notes, because not only am I going to show you how to create sigils step by step, but I am also going to reveal a powerful magick technique that has not been written or shared anywhere else in the world—until now.

This technique is my very own magick invention, and I call it the Spectaculus Sigil Song.

The Spectaculus Sigil Song is an enchantment. The word "enchantment" is derived from the Latin *incantare*, meaning to "enchant with song," and this spell does just that. This technique drastically increases the power of your sigils and amplifies your manifestation power through a magickal melody that is all your own!

Behold now and enter the world of sigils and the secret enchantment power of the Spectaculus Sigil Song!

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Your grimoire**
- **Black pen**
- **Hand drum *(optional)***

CAST THE SPELL

1. Begin by writing down your magickal purpose in one word or one clear sentence on a piece of paper. For this example, let's make a statement for a sigil with the magickal purpose of evoking feelings of power and confidence as a Witch. The example sentence is:

I am a powerful and confident Witch.

2. Take your pen and circle all the vowels (A, E, I, O, U) in your magickal intention; they are not part of the sigil you will make, as sigils are formed only with consonants. In this example, you would circle the vowels and set them aside for later when you create your sigil song. They appear in this order:

I am a powerful and confident Witch.

I a a o e u a o i e i

3. Now focus solely on the consonants, as that is how you will create your sigil. With the consonants that you have in your magickal intention sentence, rewrite your sentence "I am a powerful and confident Witch" as if the vowels were invisible.

~~I~~ ~~am~~ ~~a~~ p~~o~~w~~e~~r~~u~~l ~~a~~nd c~~o~~n~~i~~d~~e~~nt W~~i~~tch.

M p w r f l n d c n f d n t w t c h

4. From that list of consonants, break it down so that each consonant is represented only once. In this instance, the letter c is repeated twice, as are the letters n and t.

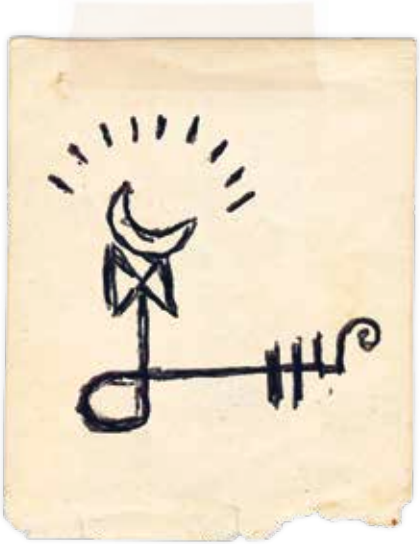
M p w r f l n d c ~~n~~ ~~f~~ ~~d~~ ~~n~~ t ~~w~~ ~~t~~ ~~c~~ h

M p w r f l n d c t h

5. Now is the time to make your sigil—and to get creative! Take a clean piece of paper and play with the letters. Always keep at least one letter connected to the others. You can merge the letters together or turn them upside down or sideways. You can make a letter upper or lower case or big or small on the page. You can add flourishes like dots, waves of light, spirals, or stars around the outside of the sigil. Take your time and play with

different options until you land on something that feels powerful to you. One of the coolest things about this form of magick is that the sigil you make will be unique. I often try the letters in several combinations and various flourishes in various configurations. I keep working on the sigil until I feel I have the most powerful representation of my intention.

Here is a sigil I created for our example statement, "I am a powerful and confident Witch."



6. Now you must imbue this mystical symbol with energy to give it life. Focus on the sigil and repeat this incantation three times in a strong and clear voice:

Sigil Sorcery born in this hour,
Magick symbol imbued with power.
Secret alphabet in a seal fulfill,
The fullest potential of my
purest will.

7. The final step is to craft your own unique Spectaculus Sigil Song. To do this, you will be taking the vowels you circled from your magickal purpose statement in step 2 and singing them back into the written sigil to imbue it with life. When you use your voice to sing the vowels back into the sigil, you give it life through the oxygen of your breath and the song itself. Singing vowels evokes something primal and ancient in our beings. A Spectaculus Sigil Song voiced sounds like something our Ancestors long ago would have sung around a bonfire.

   The vowels taken from this example are:

I a a o e u a o i e i

   Tap out a heartbeat rhythm on the floor, your thighs, or a drum. Look at the sigil as you sing this line of vowels three times. When you sing, hold each vowel for a moment before going into the next one. (For instance, the start of this Sigil Song would sound like: "iiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii ayyyyyyyyyyyyyyy ayyyyyyyyyyy ohhhhhhhhhh.")

   Don't judge your singing! Let your Wild flow and tap into that primal part of you. Let the vowel sounds come out of your mouth and enchant the sigil with your own potent and powerful one-of-a-kind song!

WHERE TO PLACE SIGILS

I put sigils anywhere that will remind me of the purpose of my magick spell. The energy and life you imbue into a sigil are captured within it in almost the same way a photograph can capture the magick of a special moment in your life. Every time that you look upon a sigil you've created and imbued with purpose, it will fill you with its energy and remind you of your powerful intention.

Use your imagination when placing your sigil; put it somewhere it will help you the most. You might paint a sigil for health on the tops of your workout sneakers so you can look down and gain power from it. You might draw a sigil for confidence on your arms like a mystical

tattoo. You could even etch a sigil for your protection in chalk on the walkway to your front door.

The sigil I made for our example "I am a powerful and confident Witch" would be perfect to decorate my grimoire, cauldron, broom, and other magickal tools. I could write it on a small piece of cloth and sew it onto my magickal red velvet cape. A sigil is your own secret symbol that is there to mirror that power to you any time you need it.

Candle Magick

CANDLE MAGICK WAS EXTREMELY POPULAR IN Bohemian culture, partly because it was readily available and easy to do. You could take any type of candle, carve your magick intention on it in the form of words, a symbol, a sigil, or a combination of all three, then strike a match to set it afire for a powerful spell. Grandma Helen believed that when you light a candle, the good Spirits can find you and help you with your magickal wish.

Just as lighthouse beams cast their glow into the darkness to help ships find their way to shore, a candle that you've carved beams energy to you when you need it. When you craft magick with your own hands, the spell becomes more personal and potent.

A Lighthouse Candle is a powerful spell full of intention and artistic decisions that are uniquely yours. Choose a clear one-sentence purpose for your spell. The sigil, symbol, or word you choose to carve into the candle represents the essence of what you want your spell to achieve. Then, based upon your spell's purpose, choose a candle color, an essential oil, and glitter that correspond to that intention. The color of the glitter should be in keeping with the vibe you want to sprinkle onto your magickal purpose. (See my note about candle safety on the opposite page.) For instance, if you choose red for a love candle, how about gold glitter sprinkled on your design to give you that boost of happiness and joy for your love spell? Each aspect of this candle has a purpose that you custom design! Finish by setting your Sorcery Signature into the candle to amplify its power to you.

When you light the wick of this candle, you cannot help but be blown away by the beauty that you crafted into the spell through the candle-making process. This is one of the favorite crafting spell projects at Witch Camp, because after camp is over and we all go home to our places in the world, we still have our Lighthouse Candles that we can burn whenever we need a reminder to focus on the magickal intention with which we crafted the candle.

You can make Lighthouse Candles for any purpose—love, abundance, confidence building, house blessings, you name it. Refer to the Spectaculus Color Magick Chart to choose a candle color that's aligned with the intention of your spell and a complementary glitter color to boost your magick! If you're having trouble choosing color for glitter, gold or silver is a good choice: both always add some supernatural sass to a spell. The Spectaculus Essential Oils Magick Chart will help you choose the right essential oil to boost your intention. Now you've got everything you need to get started.

USE NONTOXIC, SAFE-BURNING CANDLES IF YOU CAN

Even though lead has been banned from use in candle wicks since 2003, some wicks have a metal core that contains lead and other toxins that release as the candle burns. Sometimes you can see the metal, but not always, so err on the side of caution and buy nontoxic, safe-burning candles.

Here are a few tips:

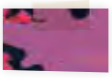
Look for a 100 percent cotton wick or cherry wood. Don't buy a candle with a wick that's too large for the container you're using, as this can create a lot of heat and produce excessive soot and residue.

Look for candles made of 100 percent clean-burning soy wax or beeswax, as both paraffin- and petroleum-based waxes release chemicals when burned. Check the label carefully, as many candles are made of a mix of paraffin and other waxes. It's also a good idea to buy sustainably sourced and naturally derived candles, if you can.

If you want a fragrant candle, add your own essential oils. Buy a candle without fragrance. It's safer. You don't know what you're getting when the label on the side lists "fragrance" as an ingredient. Spectaculus Witches add their own 100 percent naturally derived essentials.

SPECTACULUS COLOR MAGICK CHART

Colors speak to us on a subconscious level and have a magick language all their own. Here are some helpful color associations for your magickal workings. You can use color magick in anything, from your color choice of an outfit for a special occasion to your magick candles and the glitter you decorate them with, from the cloth that you spread over your altar to the color of your bedroom!

	Red	Love, passion, and romance
	Pink	Self-love and friendship
	Orange	Drawing praise, notice, and attention to you and opening communication
	Yellow	Sunshine energy! Happiness and joy
	*Purple*	Standing in your power, strong sensual mojo *(no wonder Prince's favorite color was purple!)*
	Blue	Peace, dream magick, and healing
	Green	Abundance and growth
	Black	Deep wisdom, Ancestor magick, and protection
	White	New beginnings, projects, and ideas

SPECTACULUS ESSENTIAL OILS MAGICK CHART

Smell is our strongest sense for evoking memory. A whiff of a scent can draw you back to a place or time. The scent of vanilla might bring warm memories of your mother's kitchen when she made you cookies when you were little, or the scent of coconut might evoke the memory of putting on suntan lotion and carefree days at the beach.

Scent is highly emotional and works its own magick. Here are some suggestions for the scents and what they might stir in you to enhance your spells. I recommend using 100 percent naturally derived essential oils.

Citrus oil (grapefruit, orange, lemon, lime)	Happiness and joy
Sandalwood or jasmine oil	Love, sex, and romance
Peppermint oil	Drawing energy, notoriety, and abundance to you
Lavender or cedarwood oil	Calm and inner peace
Bergamot oil	Self-love and friendship
Frankincense oil	Wisdom

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **One seven-day pull-out candle in a glass container**
- **Carving tool (any clay carving tool, pencil, or small pocketknife)**
- **Nine drops essential oil**
- **Large glass bowl**
- **Latex gloves *(optional)***
- **Two ounces nontoxic metal glitter**
- **Measuring teaspoon**
- **One teaspoon honey, agave, or maple syrup**
- **One teaspoon sandalwood-based powdered incense or a stick of sandalwood incense**
- **Lighter**

CAST THE SPELL

1. **Set the Intention.** What are you creating a Lighthouse Candle for? Write a sentence declaring its purpose in your grimoire.
2. **Choose the Color of the Candle and Complementary Glitter.** Color has a deep effect on our subconscious. Choose a candle color that best represents your intention and a complementary color for the glitter. Refer to the Spectaculus Color Magick Chart.
3. **Carve the Candle.** With your carving tool, start about one inch below the top of the candle and etch your name vertically down the side. Next, decide what would represent your intention best: a word, a relevant symbol (heart, sun, moon), a picture, or a magickal sigil. Lightly carve the shape into the candle to outline it. You can work freehand or use stencils. Make sure you always go back over your design once you are satisfied with it to carve the lines deeply so that the glitter can sink into the grooves when you decorate it in step 5.
4. **Dress the Candle with Essential Oil.** The proper way to anoint a candle is by leaning the candle on its side with the design facing up. Place nine drops of oil onto the candle. Take both of your palms and wrap your hands around the candle and rub the oil into all the grooves in an up-and-down motion.

5. **Adorn the Candle.** After you have oiled the candle, hold it over a large bowl and sprinkle a generous amount of glitter all over the design of the candle. You can use a damp paper towel or latex gloves to wipe the glitter off and into the grooves in a wringing motion, or you can just do what our Witch Camp sister Kristi does: wipe off the glitter with your bare hands and then wildly rub all the excess glitter into your hair. It's a look, babe!
6. **Purify the Candle.** Scoop a teaspoon of wood-based powdered incense. Take a lighter and wave it over the incense on the spoon so that it catches fire. Lightly blow out the flame so that the incense is smoking embers. Overturn the incense into the bottom of the empty glass of the candle. The incense smoke will travel up through the glass to purify it for the candle—and it looks like a magick potion steaming from a glass! Alternatively, you can also extend a lit stick of sandalwood incense into the glass and swirl it around so that the glass fills with smoke. Take the glass and "toast" it to the sky, repeating this incantation three times with power:

Wick, Wax, Fire Light.
Beacon in the dead of night
Toast the Spirits in the sky
Magick. Spellcast. Multiply.

7. **Feed the Candle.** Feeding a magickal candle is an offering to thank the Spirits for their help. My Grandma loved feeding her candles honey to make things "sweet." You can also use agave or maple syrup. Take a tiny bit on a teaspoon, have a taste, then feed the candle by dripping the honey into the base of the empty candle glass.
8. **Add Your Sorcery Signature.** If the candle has a metal disk at the bottom that holds the wick, pry it out with your fingertips and pull the wick out of the bottom of the candle about a half inch. Then wrap a piece of your hair around the wick and push the hair-wrapped wick back up into the candle. You can also put

one of your crescent-moon-shaped fingernail clippings inside or even a drop of blood (either menstrual or a pinprick from your thumb). This is a tradition that I created to use my DNA as a magnet at the foundation of the candle. If the candle doesn't have a metal disk at the bottom, I lick my fingertips and swipe the saliva over the top of the wick as a pact of truth. A word of caution: you should only lick the wick.

9. **Light Your Finished Candle and Charge It Up with Grandma Helen's Wishing Circle Technique.** Slide the designed candle back into the glass. Charge the finished Lighthouse Candle with intention by using Grandma Helen's Wishing Circle technique: Close your eyes and visualize the positive outcome that you desire for your spell. See the details. Let your mind roam so that you really feel it happening and coming true. When you are ready, put your cupped hands in front of you and blow your vision into your hands with your breath. Put your palms together in a prayer position and rub them back and forth quickly to cause heat and friction. When the heat and the energy of rubbing your palms together is so intense you can't do it anymore, grab the candle in the container in your hands and hold it. Close your eyes and take three deep breaths. Feel your energy and your intention travel from the palms of your hands into your candle to enchant it. Once you have charged the candle with your intention, light up the wick and watch good things come to you!

PART II

THE
Initiations

Initiation I

The RESURRECTION of YOUR WILD

The Spells

HELLO, I LOVE YOU

NOT ALL SPELLS REQUIRE CANDLES AND CAULDRONS. Word Witchery is my favorite way to summon powerful mojo. This simple yet profound spell is the basis for all the magick that I work, and this is why: you show others how to treat you by how you treat yourself. This includes how you speak about yourself as well as the way you speak your own name. Believe it or not, the tone in which you say your name reveals a lot about your self-esteem.

In this spell, you will learn to speak your name as a magickal word.

You will speak your name clearly and powerfully, the enchanting melody of its syllables moving into the air to bewitch those around you.

You are going to let your name flow from your lips with the full belief that you are speaking the secret incantation to open the lost doors of the ancient Temple of Apollo in Delphi.

Now, you might think that this concept is simple, so simple in fact that you should just skip it and jump forward to the mind-blowing love spells.

Do not do that. If you cannot say your name as a spell, none of the spells in any book of magick will help you. They will not work because your unique power lies within you. If you cannot wield your own name with power, you will not be able to cast any spell with authority.

The way you say your name also speaks volumes about the potential power of your magick. Imagine, if you will, that you are performing a spell to call down the moon—you are reciting an invocation on a mountaintop under the stars. Do you ask the moon to be present in your sorcery in a barely audible voice, your shoulders hunched and your head down? Or do you hold your arms open to the sky, open all the power in your voice, throw your head back, and *command that moon down*? Say your name as if you are calling upon ancient gods.

In the Hello, I Love You spell, you will be using mirror magick to cast a deep hypnotic spell on yourself. It's been said that "the eyes are the windows to the soul," so it makes sense that when you look into your own eyes in a mirror, you can access your Wild. The key to practicing successful mirror magick is to connect with your eyes as you gaze at your reflection and then tell yourself out loud what you need to believe about yourself on the deepest level. Look deeply into your own eyes. Speaking to yourself in this way is like sending yourself a verbal love letter that you receive on a deep, subconscious level. Talking to yourself like this is a form of self-hypnotism. Weave a spell on yourself with your own words and watch the world follow suit, my darling Witch!

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **A mirror in which you can see your full face**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. In a place you will not be disturbed, sit comfortably before the mirror. Sit up straight as if there were a string at the top of your head pulling you upward. Cast your gaze upon your own eyes in the mirror. Remember that you have that power within you and that it is ready to be called upon now. Know this.

Imagine now that you are standing in a circle with other powerful Witches on a high hill. You are wearing a long cream-colored dress that whips in the howling winds. One by one, each Witch in the circle says their name forcefully into the night sky, which responds with deep thunder and loud flashes of lightning. Now it is your turn. Look into the mirror, connect with your eyes fully, and say this phrase out loud, slowly and with strength, nine times:

I am [full name].

3. Enchant your words. Continue to imagine standing in this circle of great and mighty Witches as you gaze into your own eyes in the mirror. You belong there with them, as none of you is frail, weak, or shy as you speak. The words that leave your lips are spells cast with thundering power! Now, say this phrase nine times, slowly, and with passion and intention:

I am [full name],
and I am someone you need to know.

4. You will feel a change happening now. It will feel like a rise in energy in your body. You might even get goosebumps or feel slightly lightheaded; that's the stirring of the Wild within. This is why mirror magick is so intensely profound. When you meet yourself in your own reflection and speak words of power, it elevates your self-esteem. Your soul hears you when you look into your own eyes and speak. Now, look in the mirror and say out loud:

I am [full name]

Finish the rest of the sentence

and I am someone you need to know

in your mind as if you were communicating the thought with your eyes.

Do this twenty-one times.

5. Look into the mirror and out loud this time say:

I am [full name],
and I stand in my full power
to draw in the very best
for my legendary life.

See it. Be it. So be it.

Practice this spell for seven days straight to create a strong foundation from which to build your mojo, confidence, self-love, and electrifying presence!

CROSSFIRE HURRICANE

AFTER INQUIRING ABOUT YOUR NAME, THE second question people most often ask is the hopelessly boring "Where are you from?"

Consider these two answers:

Basic option: "I grew up in Florida."

Mojo option: "I grew up in the slow heat of the swampland and the mangrove trees on the river. I am the firstborn daughter to five generations of firstborn women. I was born in a sultry springtime heatwave under the sign of Taurus, ruled by Venus. I arrived marked with a kiss of fire on my right wrist that I still carry to this day."

Who would you rather meet?

When Keith Richards wrote "I was born in a crossfire hurricane," the first line of "Jumpin' Jack Flash," he was talking about himself. He was born during World War II to the sounds of sirens and blasts of air raids and bombs. The song is its own thing, of course—it's not biographical, but it was born of a literal bang that begat a colorful, crazy life story: "howled at my ma in the driving rain," "raised by a toothless, bearded hag," "crowned with a spike right through my head." And the way Mick Jagger belts it out is ferocious, the lyrics are precise and powerful, and the energy of Jack's persona is inspiring.

Do not live in a story that is too small for you.

Dare to paint yourself among gods and ancient lore. Blasphemy? Maybe. But isn't it more blasphemous not to grab this life with both hands and squeeze the sweet, succulent juice out of every second until your dying breath?

The Crossfire Hurricane spell will help you see yourself and your life story anew. It will empower you to paint your life story with poetry, not unlike a great rock poet whose lyrics create an iconic song. We love

to sing along to those lyrics because they are swirling with power and art and legend. They are what we wish we could be—and we can be! Your life is your art. This spell gives deep respect to the power of your life story. When you allow yourself to see yourself as legendary, you can become legendary. Rise up and claim your magick of you! Bewitch yourself in your own story.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Grimoire or journal**
- **Pen**
- **One sheet of 8½ × 11-inch parchment paper**
- **Tape**
- **Twine or ribbon**
- **Mirror, any size**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. Write down the answers to the following questions in your personal grimoire or journal.

ON THE DAY YOU WERE BORN:

What phase was the moon in?

What was the weather like?

What were the surroundings of the land near where you were born? Rivers, mountains, deserts, valleys, forests?

What wildlife, birds, plants, and trees are native to the place you were born?

What astrological sign were you born under? What element is it—air, fire, earth, or water? What planet rules that sign?

What time were you born?

You can also look up your birthdate to see what historical events, discoveries, and so on occurred that day.

3. Summon your legendary mojo. This is a vital step, so don't skip over it. Close your eyes and imagine yourself as the hero of a story. Sometimes that can be hard, so let's just take a page from some wild Hollywood blockbuster film and imagine yourself as the star of the film. It's the last scene. You've saved the day—and you are done! You're walking with a swagger in slow motion as everything blows up behind you and you turn around and light your cigarette off the wreckage as the music kicks in. Conjure that kind of hero vibe.
4. Then take the piece of parchment paper and write at the top, **I am [full name]**. Underneath that, write down three of your favorite responses to the questions you answered in step 2.
5. Tape this piece of paper to a mirror for nine days. Every time you look in the mirror, read these sentences aloud and look at your reflection as you do. This is a mirror magick technique of sticking words to your image—and it works.

6. After nine days, roll the parchment into a scroll toward you to bring those words into you. Tie the scroll with twine or ribbon. Hang it over the door on the inside of your bedroom or above your bed. As we continue our hot spellworking journey, you will be using these sentences you wrote to enhance other spells, and later we will be using these words to make a powerful amulet for you.

WALK THIS WAY

THE WORDS THAT WE USE TO DESCRIBE ourselves are the cloaks of our own design. We wrap our stories and our experiences around us just like clothing. Don't believe me? Watch any film, television show, or music video with the sound off, and I guarantee that you will know who has the mojo just by how they walk and move.

Our self-confidence and our capacity for self-love are directly tied into the words we use to either honor or destroy ourselves. When you attach positive, powerful, and sensual words to your self-description, it is an act of self-love and an honoring of your Wild.

The Walk This Way spell is designed to amplify your own power and confidence by using positive descriptive words that you "attach" to your aura. Imagine going to a perfume counter, spraying an intoxicating scent into the air, and walking through the cloud of it. The fragrance clings to you. This spell is exactly like that, but rather than fragrance, bold descriptive words illuminate the essence of what you want to be out in the world.

When you do this spell, it is important to dress the part. Research has shown that dressing with intention and confidence boosts our self-esteem and our mood. It not only communicates to others a nonverbal message about how we feel about ourselves but also reflects back on our own confidence and self-esteem when we look in the mirror.

How do you want to feel? What is the clothing or makeup that

you dig the most that gives you power? Sid Vicious had his chain and metal lock necklace, Billie Holiday had her white gardenias, and John Lennon had his round, wire-rimmed glasses. Use your adornments like magickal tools for this spell.

I like to do this spell every year, either on my birthday or New Year's Eve because it is not only a powerful spell, but it is also a great way to check in with yourself on a yearly basis! This spell helps define who you want to be and sets you on the course to achieve it. Let's get your mojo rising, sweet Witch!

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Your personal grimoire or a journal**
- **Nine 8-inch white taper candles**
- **Carving tool (any clay carving tool, pencil, or small pocketknife)**
- **Matches**
- **Nonflammable surface on which to burn the candles such as a medium-sized terracotta clay saucer that comes with a planter (you can buy the saucers separately) or a china plate**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. Imagine for a moment that you are going to be on the cover of a top magazine with twenty million subscribers. You happen to know one of the writers, who owes you a favor. You will be able to choose nine words that they will print next to your cover photograph to describe you.
3. In your personal grimoire, write down as many adjectives as you like to describe this empowered version of yourself. Even if you don't feel aligned with bold descriptions of yourself right now, consider that whatever words are put on this magazine cover, twenty million people around the world are going to see them and believe them. Allow yourself to blow your own mind.
4. Narrow your list down to the nine adjectives that feel the most electric, bold, and badass to you. You can even say them out loud

and see how they sound together!

5. Beginning at the top of the candle and working downward, use your carving tool to inscribe one adjective on each candle.
6. Once you've inscribed a word on every candle, light one and drip a small pool of wax on the terracotta saucer or china plate. Press the bottom of the lit candle into the wet wax; hold the candle upright until the wax hardens enough to keep the lit candle in place.
7. Light the second candle from the wick of the first, again dripping a small pool of wax on the saucer or plate and letting it harden so that the candle will remain in place. When it is set, light the third candle from its wick. Repeat until all nine candles are lit. As you light each candle, say:

> My name is [full name] and I am
> [word on that candle].

8. Once you have lit all the candles, repeat this invocation three times:

> Flame, ignite the mojo on these
> Wild candles nine,

I hereby will the words and
my being to entwine.

For every day that passes,
my confidence does surge,

By the nine enchanted candles,
carved with my own words.

After you repeat the invocation three times, close with:

See it. Be it. So be it.

9. Look at the candle flames and imagine the words attaching themselves to your being. When you feel them in your bones, blow out the candles and watch the smoke trail into the sky.

   Sit in front of the candles and repeat steps 6 to 8 of the ritual every day for nine days. At the end of day nine, burn the candles down completely to seal the spell. Wrap the remaining candle wax in a cloth or put in a resealable bag and place under your mattress so you can sleep and dream while soaking up all those powerful vibes!

MAGIC BUS

THE MAGIC BUS SPELL SUMMONS A POWERFUL group of your heroes from the Afterlife to assist you in manifesting your desires. Think of this spell as an opportunity to form your very own supernatural board of directors—all invested in helping you achieve your dreams. Imagine hanging out with heroes who no longer walk the earth as they share their mojo, expertise, and wisdom with you.

In this spell, your destination is your dream, babe, and you've got a ticket to ride! Now imagine that you have six companions hanging out with you on this psychedelic bus, people who inspire you and whose advice you'd seek if you could readily consult them, since they have been down the road you wish to travel. They know the shortcuts, the places to avoid, and the best ways to go. They are here to help you have the trip of your life and get to your dream destination in style.

The spell focuses on a single aspiration and a group of six people you've chosen to help you. It uses visual magick that enables you to see yourself surrounded by support!

When you are calling upon the Spirits, it is a tradition in the magick of Bohemia to make an offering. Generally, these offerings are vices, treats, or sweet things—perhaps alcohol or cigarettes, chocolate, or flowers. If you can find things that the person loved in life, it will help your cause. As an example, I might offer a flower crown for Frida Kahlo, a pack of Turkish cigarettes for Leonard Cohen, or a psychedelic silk neck scarf for Jimi Hendrix.

Before you begin, write down and answer this question in your grimoire:

What is one thing that I wish to be or one goal that I want to achieve in my life that I could use some supernatural help or guidance with?

Below your answer, write down the following question:

Who are six people in the Afterlife who inspire me and who embody a trait that I wish to possess or have successfully done what I want to do?

Choose six people in the Afterlife you admire or who inspire you and who have successfully done what you want to do while they were alive. Once you've decided and gathered your tools, proceed to step 1 of the preparation.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Images of the six supernatural superstars who you've chosen to accompany you on your journey, photocopied in color and cut to 4 × 6 inches or printed out in color to the same size on either luster or matte photo paper. It can be a mix of vertical and horizontal images.**
- **Your favorite photograph of yourself, also photocopied or printed in color and cut to 4 × 6 inches**
- **Glue stick**
- **Seven 4 × 6 inch note cards**
- **One pair multipurpose scissors**
- **Seven tealight candles**
- **Matches**
- **Offerings for the Spirits**

PREPARATION

1. Use a glue stick to mount a note card to the back of each photo to make it stiff enough to lean against something and remain upright. Use the scissors to trim around the edges so that all the cards are the same size if necessary.
2. Clear a special space to set up your supernatural board of directors. The images must stand upright, so use a single shelf or a small table pushed against the wall.
3. Assemble your gang in your chosen location. Stand your picture at center, and place three heroes to each side of you. This is important visual magick, as it allows you to see yourself surrounded by support. Step back and admire your badass gang of inspiration.

CAST THE SPELL

1. Place a tealight candle in front of each photo. Strike a match once and light the first wick, then amplify the power of the flame by lighting each candle from the previous one. With each flame that you light and place in front of a photo, say:

   I call upon you, [their full name], to
   help guide me on my way.
   I give you this offering
   in thanks for your inspiration and
   guidance.

   Then add your own personal words of what you'd like to say to them. In my experience with connecting with the Spirit realm, I have found that it is helpful to talk to them out loud, as if they are sitting there with you. Go for it! Let it out. Don't censor your conversations; tell them anything that is in your heart.
2. Set up the offerings to the Spirits in front of their individual photos and candles.
3. Now, standing before your gang, recite this invocation three times:

I summon Muses and Spirits, heroic and wise,

Help to guide my truest vision and be my allies.

Give me the courage to do the thing that I dream,

Brave and inspired by this supernatural team.

To cast the spell in motion, say:

See it. Be it. So be it.

4. Take the time to work on your dream while the tealights are burning. Blow out the candles when you are finished, then thank and say goodbye to your supernatural friends. You can relight or replace candles to keep this badass gang of inspiration altar going whenever you are working on your dream. It will help to keep you motivated and in good company. The constant visual reminder helps activate the magick on a deeper level and it brings strong results!

NOTE: Leave the offerings at your altar for as long as it's appropriate for your spell; freshen them up when needed. When you feel like you have received the motivation and mojo needed from your gang or your current project is drawing to a close, you can bury the offerings in the ground or bring them to a cemetery and leave them just inside the gates. Take the photos and tape them into your grimoire so you can always have the support of your supernatural gang.

Initiation II

WE CAN BE HEROES

The Spells

SEARCH and DESTROY

THE NEGATIVE WORDS THAT YOU TELL YOURSELF are hexes you impose on your own life. Whether the words recall a past version of yourself that you've outgrown, or they are someone else's words that you've allowed to haunt you, if you let your heart believe them, you give your power away. Identifying and removing those words from your mind may be the biggest battle that you will wage in your lifetime, because the enemy is within—and it feeds on your fear.

Grandma Helen used to say that FEAR stands for Forgetting Everything is All Right. She believed that fear is an emotion that comes up to hold us back from doing phenomenal things. I'm willing to bet that most things that you are proud of achieving in your life started with a deep feeling of fear that you bravely ignored or conquered. In that sense, fear may be a powerful clue to something you want to do or express. On the other side of the door of fear is the extraordinary life you were meant to lead. Take my hand and let's push through it together.

In this spell, I will guide you through calling your power back to you in the same way, by banishing words that wish to destroy you. And part of the thrill, my dear Witch, is the way in which we are going to do that!

This ritual works because it ignites something deeply instinctive. It allows us to release hurt and anger freely, with absolute force and without a hint of inhibition, in a way that most of us have never had permission to do in our lives.

Some of the most exhilarating personal transformations that I've ever seen took place at my Witch Camp, where we go out to the tree-stump altar in a field surrounded by forest to carry out this ritual. We perform it on our first night gathering because under the cloak of night there is greater freedom for full expression. In the darkness, it is easier to confess the things that we allow to hold us back. It is easier to cry, to scream, to let our faces screw up in agony.

The ceremony begins as we gather in a circle around the tree-stump altar. Each person holds a single lit candle, and we stand silently in our illuminated circle for a moment. When I tell them what we are about to do, their faces change. They are apprehensive, surprised, even terrified.

I go first. I step into the center of the circle and read the poisonous words I've written on my plate out loud into the night like curses, then I swing the hammer back over my shoulder and let out a guttural scream as it crashes down to shatter the porcelain plate.

At first, I feel their shock and their silence: *Am I allowed to do this?* We are taught to fix things, to soothe and to smooth everything over, not to break things violently. Yet when we take that physical action against our own demons, it heals us on a deep level. I have seen the transformation as one by one they smash their own plates to bits and walk away from the stump triumphant, the hammer raised above their heads as they howl to the night sky in victory.

Take your power back! Protect yourself! Fight! Too many times in life, we've been told to be nice, sit down, and be quiet. We stifle our feelings; we repress who we truly are. You can find your strength in the feelings or parts of yourself that society doesn't want you to express, and you can transform it into your own raw power. So, let it all go and obliterate the stories you tell yourself, the hurt, and the anger. This

spell is your liberation. This spell is your resurrection. Be brave, dear Witch, and bring the hammer down!

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **One 12-inch white dinner plate**
- **Black marker**
- **Standard pillow cover with zipper**
- **Two heavy-duty eight-gallon (kitchen sized) garbage bags**
- **Safety goggles or other eye protection**
- **Hammer**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. With the black marker, write down all the things that have made you feel unlovable and unworthy. Don't censor yourself. These words are your wounds. Write down all the things you currently shame, scold, or terrorize yourself with. Write down the demoralizing things you tell yourself about yourself—the kinds of things that if you heard someone else say to your five-year-old self, you just might consider calling the authorities. Remember: the more raw and real the words are, the more exhilarating they will be to smash!
3. Read aloud the words you wrote. Doing so is an act of calling out the things you want to destroy. When you give them attention *on your own terms,* you call your power back to you, which means they won't have the dark hold on you that they once did.

   If you do this spell with a friend, sharing the words out loud is often very helpful in taking back your power, as we all fight similar demons. Even just the realization of that fact helps dissipate the influence of the poisonous words.
4. It's time to destroy your demons! Put the plate in a garbage bag, then put it into the pillow cover. Zip up the pillow cover and put it inside the second trash bag and tie it securely.
5. Take your safety goggles, hammer, and the wrapped-up plate somewhere outside to destroy it safely. If you live in the city,

you can do this on the roof of your building, in an alley, or at a playground or park when there's no one around.

6. Put on your safety goggles. Place the bag on a hard surface, like a tree stump, a big flat stone, or concrete. Grab that hammer and destroy that plate! Feel the powerful pleasure of breaking apart the things that would have destroyed you.
7. Throw your head back and howl! Feel the exhilaration of the Wild jolting through your being. Nothing can stop you.
8. Now, let's bury the dead. There are two important things you must do that are essential to the success of this spell. First, throw the bag in a trash can with a lid that is *outside* your home. Second, once you put the lid on the can, turn your back, walk away, and *don't look back*.

REMEMBER: sanitation workers can be angels. When I've done this spell at home in the city, I've made sure to wake up at 6:00 A.M., when the garbage truck arrives, to take my poisoned words away. I stick my head out of my fourth-floor window and cackle as their compactor smashes the pieces even more. Then I watch in glee as they disappear from my street to bring it to the dump where it all belongs.

RETURN to SENDER

THERE ARE MANY REASONS YOU'D RETURN AN unopened letter to its sender, but imagine you know that the contents of the letter is toxic. You don't want to engage with the low realms of hate and negativity, so you simply deflect it by sending it right back. Similarly, this old Bohemian spell helps protect you from bad vibes by returning them, as you might return a letter, to the person who generated them.

This is *the* spell to do if someone is gossiping about you, messing with you, trying to break up your relationship, or throwing bad mojo your way.

For the Return to Sender spell to be successful, it is important to focus simply on reflecting the energy sent your way back to its source and nothing more. The spell is a shield, bouncing the bad vibes back and, in the process, releasing their harmful intentions from you. It's also vital that you do not add your anger, hatred, fear, or loss to the spell. If you do, it won't work. You don't have time to waste on toxic people because doing so just feeds their power. Performed as instructed, this spell puts all the power back into your own hands, where it belongs.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **One 5-inch candle**
- **Carving tool (any clay carving tool, pencil, or small pocketknife)**
- **Wood cutting board**
- **Utility knife**
- **Lighter**
- **Candleholder**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. With the carving tool, carve the words "Return to Sender" into the candle. Begin about one half inch from the top, where the wick is, and carve so that the phrase reads vertically down the side of the candle.
3. Lay the candle on a cutting board. With your utility knife, slice off about one half inch of the candle on the wick end—without cutting into "Return"—so that the candle is flat on both top and bottom and no wick shows.
4. Flip the candle upside down so that the original bottom of the candle is facing up. "Return to Sender" will read upside down and the letters will be facing in the wrong direction.
5. Place the candle upside down in a candleholder. By burning the candle in this position, you will send the energy back to whomever sent it to you.
6. With a lighter, hold a continuous flame over the new top of the candle for about sixty seconds. The wax will melt and reveal the wick.
7. Begone! Burn the candle in a safe place. As it burns down, the candle will release all the negative thoughts, bad vibes, and drama that aren't yours. Allow the candle to completely burn down in one sitting, occasionally glancing at it to take pleasure in the fact that it is disappearing more from your life, but don't meditate over it. It's not your business what other people think about you. You're just sending back what isn't yours.
8. Once the candle has burned down, scrape off any remaining wax from the candleholder. Dispose of the wax away from your home, either by burying it in the ground or tossing it in an outdoor trash can. Once you have disposed of the wax, leave the site and do not look back. Know that every forward step you take is one step further away from the drama.

BREAK on THROUGH to the OTHER SIDE

MISTAKES HAVE BEEN MADE, FEELINGS HAVE been hurt, mournful songs of regret have been playing on repeat. This Bohemian candle spell works as supernatural surgery to heal a rift while sending healing energy, understanding, and compassion to all involved. Performing it before trying to make amends with the person involved will help the talks exponentially. Of course, all people have free will and not all hurts can be mended, but at the very least you will heal the hurt in yourself by performing it.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **One 9-inch white taper candle**
- **Carving tool (any clay carving tool, pencil, or small pocketknife)**
- **Wood cutting board**
- **Tinfoil or parchment paper**
- **One pink chime or taper candle**
- **Lighter**
- **Photo of the person you want to heal a rift with**
- **Candleholder**
- **Standard size or small envelope**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation.
2. Break the white candle in half, but don't separate the halves; allow the wick to remain. The wick symbolizes the energetic cord between you and the other person, and the broken wax symbolizes the rift itself.
3. With your carving tool, inscribe your name on one of the two broken pieces. Repeat for the other person on the remaining half of the candle.

4. Cover the cutting board with a layer of tinfoil or parchment paper.
5. Take the candle and hold it by its wick to slide the two broken pieces together again. Lay the candle on its side.
6. Light the pink candle and drip its wax into the crack of the broken white candle. As you drip the pink wax to heal the break, whisper this invocation repeatedly:

Wax to heal, fire to feel, love to seal.

7. The hot wax from the pink candle will start to repair the broken white candle. Slowly rotate it and allow the pink wax to fill in the break all the way around the candle.
8. Once the break is completely filled with pink wax, stop chanting. Let the wax cool and set for ten minutes on the tinfoil- or parchment-covered cutting board.
9. Look at the person's photograph. Imagine the best possibilities and outcomes for healing to take place. Imagine meeting up with this person and that they are open to healing this rift too. See a conversation between the two of you that is kind and generates understanding and genuine apology. End the visualization by giving them a hug or waving goodbye.
10. Once the pink wax has cooled, set the fully repaired candle of white and pink wax into a candleholder. Light the candle. Repeat three times:

Flame alight, set it right.

11. The spell is cast. Sit with the candle as it burns for the first half hour, visualizing a radiant pink healing light filling your chest and beaming outward toward the person you are performing it for. Keeping an eye on the candle, let it burn down completely. The healing has begun.

Initiation III

A SELF-LOVE SUPREME

The Spells

WALKING on the MOON

SOME DAYS YOUR ELECTRIC SURGES THROUGH you, giving you a supernatural boost that makes you feel weightless, as if gravity itself no longer has command over you. And on grayer days, it can be harder to recall that buoyant vibe. That's why I invented this spell: to revive you with a blast of self-love, helping you see the light on the other side of any darkness you might be going through.

In magickal spells throughout time, the moon has played a central role in illuminating beauty and enhancing power and allure. It is a sacred Bohemian rite to call down the full moon and let her fill your spirit with ancient magick and magnetism. The full moon phase is the optimal time to perform this spell because it is at its magickal peak. The moon is fully present, fully illuminated, and you, my dear Witch, can harness that power.

This spell draws down the full power of the moon by using the energy of the elements in conjunction with crafting a Lighthouse Candle. You'll call on the ancient mystery of the moon to charm and bless your own sacred temple—your body. Performing these rites is enlivening—it is at its essence what being a Witch feels like, an invigoration of the mind, body, and spirit that comes with holding hands with the natural world and its mysteries.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

For the Candle

The instructions here utilize a Lighthouse Candle that you carve and anoint yourself, but if you would rather not to do that, you can use a standard seven-day glass candle in either red or white and simply skip Step 2 of the instructions.

- **Red seven-day pull-out candle in a glass container**
- **Carving tool (any clay carving tool, pencil, or small pocketknife)**
- **Nine drops lemon essential oil**
- **Two ounces nontoxic gold glitter**
- **One teaspoon honey or alternative sweetener**

For the Spell

- **One stick of incense in any scent that you enjoy**
- **One found feather or one from a craft store**
- **One large long-stemmed pink rose**
- **Lighter or matches**
- **One cup water in a small bowl**
- **12-inch length of string**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. Use the red candle to make a Lighthouse Candle. Carve a large heart on one side and your name on the other. Anoint the candle with the lemon essential oil and adorn it with the gold glitter.
3. On the night of a full moon, take the candle, incense stick,

feather, pink rose, and bowl of water outside to a spot where you can view the moon clearly, or bring your supplies to a spot by a window where the moonlight reaches.

4. Light the incense stick and hold it in your Spirit Hand (nondominant hand). Take the feather in your dominant hand and waft the incense smoke toward you, starting from the top of your head and moving down toward your feet. As you do this, speak this incantation:

Smoke of incense, feather of air,
For my sexy, sultry self-love affair,
Swirl around me on this night,
Enchant me by the sweet moonlight.

5. Take the feather, quill facing up, and place it against the outside of the glass container, about an inch below the top. Secure the feather in that position with the string. This helps to further mark your candle as a reminder that you have claimed a new beginning for your own Electric as a result of performing this rite.
6. Light the candle and hold it up to the moon. Speak this incantation in a clear, strong voice:

Candle be a lighthouse in the dark,
And in my soul, ignite a spark.
I am passion, light, and flame,
Blessed is my very name.

7. Set the candle down in front of you. Take the bowl of water in both hands and hold it up to the moon to imbue the water with luminous energy. Speak this incantation in a powerful voice:

Beams of Mother Moon upon this water,
Hear me now at your celestial altar.

Droplets touch my skin and shall bless
The beauty, courage, and love I possess.

8. Dip your fingertips in the water and give yourself a moon bath by pressing the water droplets on the top of your head, your third eye (the space between your eyebrows), your throat, behind your earlobes, your heart, your stomach, your sacred parts, your thighs, behind your knees, your calves, and your toes.
9. Take the rose and hold it up to the moon. With power in your voice, say:

Pink rose of earth, growing wild,
Bestow self-love upon your child.
Remind me when I need it most,
As I hold these petals close.

10. Take the rose and place its petals against your third eye, then slowly drag the flower down the curve of your nose until it is underneath your nostrils. Breathe in the fragrance deeply, then exhale. Repeat breathing in the scent of the flower and exhaling a few times, then drag the rose down the center of your throat and over your heart.
11. Take the petals from the rose and put a few in your underwear. Place the remaining petals in front of you on the ground before your feet.
12. Stand tall with your feet shoulder-width apart. Extend your arms above your head and in a Y shape. Hold your fingertips outstretched to the sky and, without changing the position of your hands, ball your fingers into fists and then release them repeatedly. Speak this incantation to the moon with power in your voice. As you speak, keep balling up and releasing your fists as if you are calling the power of the moon into your hands.

Mother Moon, I call out to you,

Fill me with love and keep me true.
Show me the power that I have inside,
Beacon of light, my luminous guide.
Roses at my feet, the world does swoon,
On this night that I call down the moon.

13. Inhale deeply and place your hands over your heart. Look up at the moon. Imagine her ancient power and magick surging through your skin, increasing your feelings of self-worth and love. Thank the moon, the elements, and the Spirits for supporting you through this ritual.

14. Gather the rose petals at your feet and place them in a small bag.

15. Blow out the candle. Imagine all the incantations that you spoke under the full moon have now transformed into cursive writing in the smoke trails going to the sky for the Spirits to read.

16. In your bedroom, sprinkle the rose petals on your pillow and place your Lighthouse Candle and whatever is left of your moon water on your altar. You may sprinkle the moon water on your magickal tools and items to bless them, and you may relight the candle whenever you need to ignite your own Electric feelings of self-love. When you wake up the next morning, tape the rose petals into your grimoire and record the experience of your moon rite.

SWEET CHILD O' MINE

THERE IS NO MAP OF THE ROAD OF LIFE, AND IT can be easy to feel like you've lost your way. If you're feeling unsure about making a decision or are having trouble seeing next steps toward achieving a goal, this spell summons strong decision-making abilities and a confident sense of direction in such a dynamic way that you will never second-guess yourself again! This spell helps you unlock your inner compass to conjure up the one person who knows what you really want, will hold you accountable, and keep you on course: your inner child, your Little Self.

You will need to perform this spell in a space where you can place a mirror—one large enough to reflect your face—upright and set a candle before it. A small table pushed against the wall is ideal since you will need to sit in front of the mirror to conduct the spell.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Childhood photograph of yourself**
- **Mirror that you can easily lean against the wall, at least 8 × 10 inches**
- **Tealight candle**
- **Lighter or matches**
- **9-inch ribbon that matches the color of something you are wearing in the photo**
- **Box of crayons**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. On a small surface with a wall directly behind it, place the mirror so it leans against the wall. Take your childhood photo and lean it against the mirror so the image faces you. Place the tealight candle a few inches in front of the photo.
3. Light the candle.

4. Sit down in front of the mirror to perform the following incantation. You will repeat it three times. The first time, speak in a whisper, as if you are waking your Little Self from a nap. The second time, imagine that your Little Self is awake now, so speak in a clear, determined voice. The third time, raise the energy for the spell by speaking loudly and with command.

As I light this candle flame,
I call the one who shares my name.
Whisper to me what we should do,
To call in our power and stay true.

5. Look into the eyes of your Little Self in your childhood photograph, then inhale and exhale slowly and deeply three times.
6. Close your eyes and imagine your Little Self standing in the doorway of the room, overwhelmed with joy at seeing you.
7. Call out your name and imagine opening your arms as your Little Self runs over to hug you. Wrap your arms around your Little Self. Imagine their heart pressed against yours and a deep feeling of safety, love, and joy. As you imagine this scene, wrap your arms around yourself in a hug.
8. Now imagine a wave of light moving through your heart that fills your spirit with understanding and care. Your Little Self and you know each other better than anyone else. Take a moment and feel how good it is to be understood completely and loved unconditionally.
9. When you are ready, tell your Little Self about your situation. You can open your eyes and look at the photo or you can keep your eyes closed and imagine your Little Self standing before you, listening to you and holding your hands. Describe the pros

and cons of the different paths that you might take. Spill it. Say everything. Your Little Self will never judge you. Talk it all out. Once you have relayed all, end with a clear question in this concise format: "Should I [first option] or should I [second option]?"

10. How does your Little Self react? Can you feel it in your body or see it in your mind's eye right away? Your Little Self will help you make the decision by giving you a gut feeling toward one or the other.

11. Imagine your Little Self hugging you tightly. Feel their love, support, and care. They want what is best for you and are invested in your ultimate happiness. Imagine your Little Self giving you a kiss on the cheek and letting you know that you have their love and support and that they are always there for you. They are so happy that you called for them!

12. Open your eyes and look at the photo. Take the ribbon and tie it in a bow around your wrist or your neck and wear it for three consecutive days to remind yourself of your commitment to stay true to yourself. As you tie the knot, speak this incantation to seal the spell:

With this knot I make a choice,
Guided by my own past voice.
I stand true to the life I desire,
Seal this spell with breath of fire.

13. Put your face near the candle as if you were going to blow it out. Instead, suck in your breath as if you were inhaling the power of fire and then blow it out to send the smoke trails of your incantations to the sky, where the Spirits and your Guardians can read them and make them so.

14. Imagine your Little Self jumping into your arms and embracing you with love and courage on your path. Say aloud:

15. Leave the box of crayons in front of the photo as a present for your Little Self. Keep the photo, the mirror, the tealight, and the crayons in place for three days. If you feel compelled to color with the crayons, go for it! It's your Little Self wanting to play!

DEARLY BELOVED, We Are Gathered Here Today to Get Through This Thing Called Life

WHEN YOU SAY "YES" TO WHO YOU TRULY are, all the doors will open. When you fall in love with yourself, the world falls in love with you. There is an old saying, "Energy flows where attention goes." When your Electric is flowing within you, when that bright illumination of self-love is on, the world takes notice. Performing this vow of self-devotion is essential to obtaining the courage and power to perform the spellcasting in this book. This self-marriage ceremony unleashes the vital personal energy you need to wield your own Electric, and it will help you perform all the spells in this book with more power. It will also electrify your magnetism, drawing those you wish to attract to you in relationships and friendships.

At Witch Camp, we perform our self-marriage ceremony as a group. We all walk down to the river and wade in. We marry ourselves at the same time, cheering one another on and throwing rose petals at one another after we declare our individual self-love vows.

The fun part is that you get to pick your own ring and your own look, and your judgmental Great-Aunt Ruth isn't going to be commenting about it! Your dress can be anything from a tattered vintage slip draped in pearls to a button-up white shirt and a black tie. Dress your fantasy! Your ring can be anything that makes you feel wonderful, from a splurge on a sparkler to a kitschy mood ring. One of my favorite rings belonged to Ruby, whose wedding band was a little black adjustable ring shaped like a bat!

Let your Electric self-love sizzle set your style. Your commitment to yourself should be done your way. Step up to the altar of you, my darling Witch, and say, "I do."

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Three red roses**
- **Thirteen tealight candles**
- **A ritual adornment (beautiful necklace, flower crown, or accessory that makes you feel incredible when you wear it)**
- **Small altar**
- **8½ × 11-inch piece of writing paper (thirty-two pound)**
- **Pen**
- **6-inch piece of twine or ribbon**
- **Your wedding attire (clothing that fully expresses who you are)**
- **Three 8-inch taper candles: one yellow, one orange, one red**
- **Three candleholders**
- **Ring of your choice**
- **Small bell**
- **Lighter or matches**
- **Your favorite three sentences you created when you performed the Crossfire Hurricane Spell**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Choose your special date. The date you pick is like a new birthday but even more powerful because it's the day that you will commit to your own power and passion.
2. Decide on the ceremony space. You can perform it in your bedroom, in a dreamy nature spot, or anywhere you feel strong. Where is a power spot for you?
3. Decide on attendees. You can send out invitations to friends to witness your ceremony, or you can do it solo.
4. Set the Invitation as instructed.
5. Draw a ritual bath with rose petals scattered from one of the three roses. Place thirteen tealights around the bathtub. In Bohemian magick, it is customary to take ritual baths naked but adorned (the adornment is what differentiates a ritual bath from a regular bath in Czech Romani culture). Take off your clothes and adorn yourself with a beautiful necklace, bracelets, a flower crown, or whatever makes you feel divine. If you don't have a bathtub, a shower will do. The core intention is to pamper yourself. You can place the rose petals at your feet in the shower and set the tealights on a counter in your bathroom.

6. Let the calming water soothe your mind, and begin to fantasize about your wedding vows. What gorgeous practices, acts, and ideas do you want to commit to? They can be sexy, creative, mystical, and adventurous. Have fun with it!
7. When you are done with your ritual bath or shower, imagine the water going down the drain carrying away anything that you no longer need. Dry yourself off and slip into something comfortable.
8. It's time to write your magickal vows. Traditional vows like "I vow to honor, to love, and to cherish myself" can be a good place to start. You can also add spice by creating your own, for example,

> I vow to indulge my wild creative spirit, to adventure boldly, and to bewitch my days with music, art, poetry, love, and sex magick. I vow to see the best in me and the best in others.
> I vow to know, without a doubt, that my time here is precious, and I will spend it on things that are worthy, exciting, awe-inspiring, passionate, and nurturing.

Put on music you love and write your vows. Take your time. When you are satisfied with them, scroll the paper toward you, as the vows written upon it are something you want to bring to you. Tie the scroll with ribbon or twine, then set it aside to bring with you to your ceremony.

9. Change into your wedding attire.
10. In the ceremonial place of your choosing, set up a small altar. This can be a small table, a tree stump, or even a piece of cloth to set your ceremonial things on. Place the three taper candles in their candleholders in a row that sits at the edge of the altar that is farthest away from you. They should sit in this order, from left to right: red, orange, yellow. Slide your ring onto, or place it in front of, the red candle for vibrant self-love and passion.

11. Place two red roses in the middle of the altar with their stems crossing in the shape of the letter X. Beneath the roses, place the scroll of your vows. Place the bell beneath the scroll of your vows and closest to you.
12. Imagine four powerful Witches holding their arms to the sky to cast their spell as rain pours down and lightning bolts flash. That's the vibe you want! Now it's your turn to cast the spell. You are the powerful Witch in this story. Stand tall and hold your arms up to the sky like you own it. Let your personal power radiate through your speaking voice and declare your arrival!

I am
[full name],

born under
[zodiac sign],

ruled by
[ruling planet],

born of the
[desert plains / high mountains /
wild forests / ocean shores / etc.].

Add your three favorite sentences that you wrote in the Crossfire Hurricane spell. Continue:

On this day, the [date, month, and year],
I make an eternal vow to myself. With the
ringing of this bell, I call my supportive
Ancestors and my guiding Spirits to witness
this ceremony.

Ring the bell.

13. Light the red candle, then light the orange and the yellow candles from the red candle's flame. Recite this incantation in the gender appropriate to you:

Girl that I was, Woman that I am,

Goddess that I become,

I ignite the fires of love in the colors of the rising sun.

With all the versions of me, I call back my power now,

I summon up my Electric Wild with the voicing of this vow.

14. Take the scroll from your altar and untie the twine or ribbon. Read your vows out loud, ignited with your power and passion. The confidence with which you speak this spell is the confidence that will continue to radiate in your life.

15. Once you have read your vows, say:

I place this ring upon my finger as a reminder of my vow

and commitment to myself and my own Electric Wild.

As I blow out the candle that holds my ring,

the smoke sends my vows to be written in the stars for all time.

Blow out the red candle. Slide the ring off the candle and onto your finger.

16. Pull the petals off one rose. Cup the petals with your palms together, hold your hands to the sky, and shower the petals all over the top of your head and body.

17. Stand strong and hold your arms to the sky. State the following with determination:

Beginning on this day and for eternity,

I claim my OWN Electric.

It belongs to me.

This body is a divine temple.

I give myself

FULL UNRESTRAINED PERMISSION

to fall madly, to fall deeply,
to fall wildly in love

With my body

With my mind

With my soul

With my being.

This creates the foundation for my
juicy, luscious life.

The Legendary Love that runs through
me is eternal.

I am beautiful. I am beloved.
And I am BADASS.

Go and tell that.

18. Blow out the orange candle to seal your declaration.

19. Thank the Spirits and those who gathered to witness your vow. Blow out the yellow candle to send your gratitude to them through the smoke going up to the sky.

20. Take the last rose and give it to someone who could use the power, love, and energy that is locked into it. You can give it to someone you know, or you can pass it to a stranger on the street. This is symbolic of building yourself up and then spreading the good love and energy to others to make the world a better place.

21. If you performed the ceremony outside your home, create a special altar space inside your home when you return. Put the red, orange, and yellow candles in this special place where they will not be disturbed. Light them for an hour every day for the next seven days. When they are lit, consider this time your Electric Wild hour and do things that promote your self-love. You can work on one of your dreams, put on music and dance up a storm, read your vows aloud again, write in your grimoire, dress up, or whatever makes you feel inspired and good about yourself! When the candles have burned down completely, take the wax and wrap it in a cloth or put it in a resealable bag and place it under your mattress so you can continue to get these juicy vibes while you sleep.

Initiation IV

LOVE MAGICK

The Spells

THERE IS a LIGHT THAT NEVER GOES OUT

THIS WITCH "CRAFTING" RITUAL USES CRYSTALS to increase your love mojo and confidence by helping you to define more clearly what you want in a relationship. After all, nothing is sexier than someone who knows what they want and takes action to get it!

If you are single, this spell works to draw someone to you who has the traits you feel are important. If you are in a relationship, this powerful spell not only reminds you what specific traits are important to you in the relationship but also enhances those traits to keep the connection vibrant and bright. To have a legendary love, you must tend to it; you must see the gems in your relationship and take action to bring them to light. Remember: choose three love traits that will be the strong foundation of a love that will last.

Old Bohemian folklore says that crystals and rocks are the bones of the earth. Crystals hold the ancient stories within them, and if you

charge them by placing them in a bowl of saltwater under the light of both the sun and the moon, you can whisper to them what you wish for. The belief is that they will work like magnets to draw your desire to you.

First, define three traits that are important to you in a relationship. Once you have selected them, you'll enchant the crystals by charging them with your wishes. Finally, you will create a beautiful, light-catching crystal-and-rose crown that you can wear as a powerful talisman while performing rituals and spells.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Plastic fabric-covered headband**
- **Three raw aura quartz crystal points, 1¼ to 3 inches long, with holes drilled through them**
- **A small bowl with a liquid capacity of one cup**
- **One cup of water**
- **Two teaspoons sea salt**
- **Wire cutters**
- **One spool of one millimeter, eighteen-gauge, tarnish-resistant copper jewelry wire**
- **Tape measure**
- **Dressmaker's chalk**
- **Four silk or velvet red roses with 5-inch wire stems**

PREPARE TO CAST THE SPELL

Before you begin the spell, you need to prepare the crystals. Do this on a night between the new moon and the full moon (any type of weather is fine) since that is when the moon is increasing in its energy and power. You want to draw on that power for this love ritual.

To cleanse the crystals, place them in a small bowl filled with the water mixed with the sea salt. Set the bowl outside on a window ledge or another place where it can receive twelve hours of sunlight and twelve hours of moonlight consecutively. This provides a beautiful balance of energy as it honors the joyous light of the sun and the dark sensual mystery of the moon.

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. Once you have cleansed and prepared the crystals for the ritual as instructed in "Prepare to Cast the Spell," sit down in a comfortable, quiet place and take the crystals into your palms. As you hold them, close your eyes and think of the three most important qualities you desire in a love relationship. Consider which traits will bring you and the relationship vibrancy, happiness, fun, and connection even fifty years in the future. If you have a partner, consider your favorite three traits of the relationship and imagine those being enhanced. Allow your imagination to run free as you choose these three important traits. Don't censor yourself; choose what is vital to you.
3. When you are ready, bring the crystals up to your lips and say out loud the three traits of your ideal love relationship and partner. You may add details to how each trait works in your love relationship. For instance, if one of your traits is trust, you can add, "My partner and I have clear, honest communication with each other. We both feel safe in our relationship because our bond of trust is strong. This acts as a solid foundation for us to grow." The crystals act like magnets, drawing to you the story of the love life you wish to have or amplify. Once you have told each crystal the story that it will hold and strengthen for you, take a deep breath and exhale, blowing onto the crystals to share with them the power of your vibrant life force.
4. Now, place all the tools and materials listed for this ritual on a table in a comfortable, well-lit area.
5. The headband will be your crown, so instead of wearing it customarily, with the top of the band extending across the top of your head, you will wear it with the top of the band extending across your forehead. Lay the headband down on the table before you, with the center top facing upward.
6. With a tape measure and chalk, mark the center point of the headband. Then mark the headband about one half inch to the left

and right of that center point. These are the three points at which you will attach the crystals.

7. With the wire cutters, cut three 18-inch-long pieces of wire, one for each crystal.
8. Pick up the first crystal and a piece of wire. Thread half of the wire through the drilled hole.
9. Place the crystal on the headband at the rightmost point. Position the crystal so its point is facing upward and outward, like the right arm of the letter Y. Wrap the wire that you have threaded through the hole around the base of the crystal and headband to join them and to secure the crystal in place.
10. Wrap the remaining wire around the base of the crystal and headband to secure tightly. Tuck the ends of wire under the crystal to prevent them from scratching your forehead when you wear the crown.
11. With the second crystal and wire, repeat steps 8, 9, and 10, positioning the second crystal on the center chalkmark of the headband, with the pointed side facing downward toward your third eye.
12. With the third crystal and wire, repeat steps 8, 9, and 10, positioning the crystal so that it faces upward, like the left arm of the letter Y.
13. About three inches from the center of the crystal Y formation, wrap two rose stems around the headband so that the flowers sit side by side and are firmly attached. Repeat with two additional roses three inches on the other side of the center crystal formation. Secure with additional wire if needed.
14. Once you have finished the crystal-and-rose crown, stand or sit in front of a mirror. Place the crown on your head so the center crystal hangs between your eyebrows. Repeat this incantation three times in a powerful voice:

Three points of crystals and red roses four,
I hold the key to open Love's door.
By the powers of air, earth, water, and fire,
Conjure the love life that I desire.
The words I speak cast an auditory potion,
For our love to be poetry and deep devotion.
See it. Be it. So be it.

Your crown is now charged with your words, your desires, and the light of the moon and the sun. When you crown yourself in your spells and your clear intentions, true magick arises.

I MELT with YOU

TO CAST THE SENSUAL SPELLS OF LOVE SORCERY, you have a sacred commitment to honor and elevate your love relationship with ritual, ceremony, and the Wild within you. Set aside an enchanted evening to perform this passionate ritual and to create a deep bond between you and your beloved as you cook up a love spell designed to set the night on fire!

I Melt with You combines candle magick and the traditional Bohemian practice of working with the magickal essence of oils, spices, herbs, and flowers to elevate your connection with your beloved. In Spectaculus Witchcraft, we acknowledge that spices, herbs, and flowers are a gift from the natural world and hold vibrant life-force energy that can boost our spellworkings. When you chant this spell's incantations with your lover, mixing your voices together with the poetry of magick, the words will create a powerful purpose for your relationship as you express the blessing bestowed by each flower, herb, and spice.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Two 7-inch red taper candles**
- **Carving tools (any clay carving tool, pencil, or small pocketknife)**
- **Citrus oil (orange, lemon, lime, or grapefruit)**
- **8-inch pie plate**
- **One ounce rosebuds or the petals from two red roses**
- **Nine cinnamon sticks**
- **One ounce dried orange peel**
- **Two ounces nontoxic red glitter**
- **Lighter or matches**
- ***Optional:* 12 × 12 inch cloth or one-gallon resealable plastic bag**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. Get comfortable with your beloved on a blanket or pillows on the floor, sitting cross-legged across from each other with your

knees touching. Press your right palm to your lover's heart and your left palm to your own heart. They will mirror you, by pressing their right palm to their heart and their left palm to yours. Take a moment to let your breathing synchronize. Let the intimacy of this moment weave its own magick in your hearts. Kiss your partner's third eye. Let them kiss yours.

3. Take one red candle for yourself and give the other one to your lover. Carve your name vertically down the side of your candle, beginning one inch below the top. Your lover should do the same, carving their own name.
4. Add your Sorcery Signatures: Lick your name on your own candles to add your DNA to the spell.
5. Ask your lover to hold out their dominant hand to you, palm facing up. Put nine drops of citrus oil upon their palm, and as you rub it in be mindful of your intention to create bright vitality and happiness in your union. Your lover will then rub the oils from their palm onto your red candle.
6. Next, hold your dominant palm face up and out to your lover. They should place nine drops of citrus oil into your palm and rub it in with the same intent described in the previous step. Then you will anoint their red candle.
7. Place the candles side by side in the middle of the pie plate before you. Take a lighter and wave the flame under the base of each candle so the wax melts and forms a small puddle on the plate. Stand the candles up and push them into the hot wax, holding them upright until they set.
8. Together, split the rosebuds between you and take an equal amount in each of your hands. Speak this incantation and those that follow powerfully. Say this incantation three times as you both scatter the roses in a ring around the two candles:

A circle of roses to enchant our love,
root in the ground and rise high above.

9. Together, place nine cinnamon sticks around the two candles, arranging them like rays of the sun, then say the following three times:

Cinnamon sticks spark the fire,
ignite our deep sensual desire.

10. Together, scatter the dried orange peel inside the ring of roses around the base of the candles and say three times:

Dried orange peels to bring delight,
from break of day to starry night.

11. Pull the wicks of the candles toward each other and light them at once from a single flame. Together, say three times:

Fire of passion, spark the flames,
ignite the two candles that bear
our names.

12. As the candles begin to burn, sprinkle the red glitter onto them and watch the flames pop and spark. Together, say three times:

Blessings and enchantments for
legendary love,
rain of glitter from above.

13. Now it's time to enchant your bedroom. Bring the two burning candles on the pie plate to a safe place at the foot of your bed.
14. Get in bed and kiss slowly. Take your time to explore each other, looking into each other's eyes while you caress each other. Kiss your lover's earlobes, neck, and mouth. Have them do the same to you. Make love slowly as the candles burn down at the foot of your bed.
15. When the candles have completely burned down, you will have a red wax pie with the roses, the orange peels, and the cinnamon sticks all held within. Take the cooled wax pie out of the pie plate and place it under your mattress. To avoid staining the underside of your mattress, wrap the wax in a cloth or seal in a resealable bag. The beauty of this powerful love spell will keep you both enchanted nightly as you sleep atop your candle-wax love spell.

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

BOHEMIAN KNOT MAGICK (YES, AS IN "TYING the knot") invites clear communication about desires and dreams for you and your beloved and engages in the art of sharing stories to create a deep connection. My Grandma Helen's powerful Bohemian knot magick technique is like making a wish on birthday candles, but instead you seal the wish or gratitude into the ribbon by blowing life into it and then sealing it in the knot. This spell guides you by recalling unforgettable memories you and your partner have built together, expressing gratitude for the present, and dreaming up wild, gorgeous wishes for the future.

Giving and receiving is an active process. Open your heart. Be vulnerable. Break down barriers. Invite love in. This ritual is a confession of one soul to another. Honor each other with love and story and truth. Weave a spell of your legendary love.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- **Six feet of red silk ribbon**

CAST THE SPELL

1. Set the Invitation as instructed.
2. Get comfortable with your beloved on a blanket or pillows on the floor, sitting cross-legged across from each other with your knees touching. Press your right palm to your lover's heart and your left palm to your own heart. They will mirror you, by pressing their right palm to their heart and their left palm to yours. Take a moment to let your breathing synchronize. Let the intimacy of this moment weave its own magick in your hearts. Kiss your partner's third eye. Let them kiss yours.
3. Take the red silk ribbon and have your beloved hold one end of the ribbon while you hold the other end. You will now be

creating your Bohemian Rhapsody ribbon that comes from traditional Bohemian knot magick. To do this, simply say one thing that you are grateful for in your relationship. For example, "I love your sense of adventure and how much fun we have together when we explore." "I'm grateful for the time you set aside for us to do spells like this." "I love how I can be myself around you and you can be yourself around me." "I'm really proud of our clear, honest communication with each other."

4. Once you have shared your love gratitude, make one knot in the ribbon about seven inches from your end while blowing the thought of your gratitude into the knot as you tie it.
5. Now it's your lover's turn. They will now share something they are grateful for in the relationship and then they will tie a knot seven inches from their side of the ribbon, blowing the gratitude into the knot as it is tied.
6. Now it's your turn again. For the rest of this ritual, you have a choice of what to share each time. You can share a love gratitude, a positive memory, a future wish, or blessing. Blow your wish into the ribbon and seal it with your second knot seven inches away from your first knot. As you and your lover share or make a wish, your knots will move closer together each time, eventually meeting in the center.
7. Now it's your lover's turn to share.
8. Perform this exchange a total of four times each, so that there are eight knots in the ribbon. Take your time and enjoy this ritual. If you want to share a story or a memory of the two of you that connects with your gratitude, then go for it. Sharing stories enhances the connection between the two of you and creates a stronger bond. Once eight knots have been tied, loosely tie the ninth knot in the middle but don't pull yet and speak this incantation together powerfully three times into the ninth loose knot:

The North, the South, the East, the West,
My Beloved and I, eternally blessed.
We stand at the altar of our Love Divine,
We open the secret portals in between time.
We call in the sacred power of three,
The Spirits who watch over us, my beloved and me.
Immortal lovers, so mote it be.

After you speak this incantation the third time, tie the center knot together as you blow into it. Then meet in the middle for a kiss.

9. Spend slow, quality, connected time gazing into each other's eyes and kissing. When you are ready, decorate the back of your headboard with the Bohemian Rhapsody knot magick ribbon or hang it above your bed. This enchants your bed and is a visual reminder of your love gratitude, happy memories, future wishes, and blessings as a magickal couple.

See it, be it, so be it!

Spectaculus Wordery

A POCKET LEXICON

HERE ARE DEFINITIONS OF MAGICKAL WORDS commonly used in this book. Some are phrases I've invented, while others are classic magickal terms and concepts.

- **ALTAR:** A dedicated sacred space (usually a shelf or small table) where you can work your magick, light candles, talk to the Spirits, and place ceremonial items.
- **ANCESTORS:** Traditional forms of Witchcraft will argue that the term "Ancestors" applies only to those in your family line that have preceded you. In the Witchcraft of Spectaculus, Ancestors can include anyone who is on the Otherside who has given you a new belief system or core value life inspiration. My definition of an Ancestor is someone whose life, teachings, and work helped shape part of the person you are today. Your Ancestors could include people like Mr. Rogers or Martin Luther King Jr., if they influenced who you are today and a part of their legacy lives on in you.
- **THE BONES:** The Bones is the phrase I use for adding your personal artistic essence to your spells, like writing a poem, singing a song, creating a ritual dance, or painting a magickal symbol.

- **CHARGING AN OBJECT:** This is when you transfer your energy, usually through the palms of your hands or through your breath, to put your vision, intention, or power into an object.
- **CONJURE CASTING:** This term refers to a clear and focused statement of what you want to manifest when casting an effective spell. Phrasing is vital. Be bold. Use confident, focused words like "I am" and "I have." Never use words like "I wish" or "I want" because they're ineffectual; they will keep you wishing and wanting forever.
- **THE ELECTRIC:** The phrase I use to describe self-love. The Electric is a core belief in your own power, presence, and truth.
- **A FAMILIAR:** A loyal animal companion of a Witch. The two are deeply tied in spirit, emotion, and magick workings. A Familiar and a Witch walk together, connected by a stronger bond than human language can define. In Bohemia, animals were seen as protectors and teachers because of their otherworldly heightened senses and focused natural instinct. When we allow our Familiar to be a teacher, we gain a greater understanding of instinct and our own Wild magick.
- **GRIMOIRE:** A magickal book filled with spells, potions, enchantments, and charms.
- **THE INVITATION:** The phrase I use for the act of calling upon supernatural inspirations of yours to help guide you in your journey.
- **THE MUSES:** When I refer to the Muses, I am talking about the unseen goddesses of creativity and art who strike us with inspiration and moments of recognition. In Greek mythology, there were three original muses: Melete, the muse of meditation, contemplation, and thought; Aoide, the muse of voice and song; and Mneme, the muse of memory.

- **THE OTHERSIDE, or the AFTERLIFE:** The Otherside is the realm where we go when we leave this physical world and move to the next plane. My Grandma Helen believed the Otherside is a vibrant and higher plane of being and understanding. She believed that there is no death and we continue on there.
- **THE PENTAGRAM:** The pentagram is a five-pointed star that symbolizes air, fire, water, earth, and spirit. In Spectaculus Witchcraft, the pentagram point is a positive and powerful reminder of our connection to the elements and to our own Wild spirit and the Spirits above.
- **"SEE IT. BE IT. SO BE IT":** The phrase we use in Spectaculus Witchcraft to seal a spell and cast it off into the Universe.
- **SORCERY SIGNATURE:** The phrase I use for adding your hair, saliva, fingernails, or blood to a spell. Because they contain your unique DNA, these items are your magickal signature and they will strengthen your spells.
- **SPIRIT HAND:** Your nondominant hand. In Bohemian magick, it is believed that a magickal person has one hand for themselves and the other to work with the Spirits. Because you have less control over your nondominant hand, it is believed that the Spirits have greater ease working through that one.
- **THE SPIRITS:** The Spirits are what I refer to as a combination of loved ones (both people and animals) that have crossed over to the Otherside as well as Ancestors that you have not personally known in this lifetime but who look out for you. My Grandma believed we are assigned Guardians at birth. She also believed that the Spirits take care of us, guide us on our path, and open doors of opportunity or blessings. In my version of praying, the Spirits are who I talk to.
- **THE WILD:** Your truest self. The essence of your being, the version of yourself where ancient magick lies.

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