

The Moon for Pagan Kids

The moon hangs in our sky at night as a reminder that nature moves in circles. If you watch the moon every night for a month you will see it go from a tiny crescent, growing bigger (called waxing) until it is a bright circle, or full moon. Then it starts to get smaller again (called waning) until it seems like there is no moon at all in the sky, this is the dark moon. As it peeps into the sky again as a tiny crescent, this is the new moon. And the whole cycle starts again.



These different phases of the moon have different spiritual energies.



Because the waxing moon is growing bigger, this energy is about growth or things you want to attract. It is a good time to start making plans.

The full moon, so big and bright, is full of energy.



This is a good time to put those plans into action.

As the moon wanes and gets smaller, this is a good time to let go of things.



When the moon is dark and not visible in the sky, it is like it is hibernating. This is a good time for us to rest too, ready to leap into action when the moon waxes again.



Waxing Crescent



First Quarter



Waxing Gibbous



Full Moon



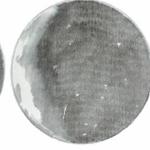
Waning Gibbous



Last Quarter



Waning Crescent



New Moon



Many Pagans associate the moon with 'triple' deities; that is Gods or Goddesses with 3 aspects, one for each phase of waxing, full and waning.



The hare is often linked to the moon because if you look at the moon when it is full you can see a hare holding an egg.

The moon affects the tides of the ocean so is linked to the element of water.



Nocturnal animals and night flowering plants are usually associated with the moon.

White and silver are colours associated with the moon.



Some metals and gemstones that correspond with the moon include silver, moonstone, selenite, aquamarine and clear quartz

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Full Moon



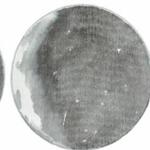
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New Moon

