

RUNE DICE



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Welcome to runecasting and congratulations on your new dice!

Here's how I set up the configuration of my own rune dice, to help you understand how they might be used in your own practice. This layout is specific to my own dice products, but you may find the interpretations useful for your own, too.

Everyone has their own style and method for reading runes and rune dice, and I encourage you to research and develop a method that works well for you.

I experimented with many different configurations for my rune dice sets, and I found that many sets tend to double-up meanings, or throw nonsensical readings fairly often. My final arrangement helped balance out the readings and made more sense as far as randomizing the runes you could roll with the dice. It also allows for grouping runes for a stronger reading dealing specifically with an area of concern.

The dice are designed so that you can throw a single die for a simple reading, or throw all four for a more in-depth one. I have also seen other casters throw sets of dice in multiple succession for longer, more detailed insights. How you use them will be determined by the meanings you attribute to each rune, and how many runes you typically use in a reading.

THE FOUR DICE

Each die is inscribed with six runes:





1	ᚦ	ᚷ	ᚨ	ᚢ	ᚱ	ᚫ
2	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ
3	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ
4	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ

Each die loosely contains one each of six areas of concern.
This equals four runes in each area:

Boon	ᚫ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ
Challenge	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ
Action	ᚢ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ
Time	ᚷ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ
Race	ᚦ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ
Luck	ᚨ	ᚱ	ᚱ	ᚱ

BOON RUNES





The runes everyone wants to see! The boons walk us through the stages of growth in our lives, from the very inception of a project or action, to the tending and nurturing of it along the way - and then the final harvest of what we've grown.

	Abundance. Planting seeds for the future and time for relaxation. A focus on family.
	Growth. Rejuvenation, regeneration, and beginnings. The start of a prosperous venture.
	Success. The realm of social and financial increase. Gaining what you've earned or won.
	Balance. Gifts, contracts, and relationships. Sacrifice and generosity in equal measures.

Some boons are hard won, and in the lore the best rewards are earned through devotion, labour, and constant attention to a goal. Nothing in life is guaranteed, but this tried and true formula has the best rate of success amongst the mythic heroes.

THE CHALLENGES

Challenges can be boons, too, if we keep an objective outlook. Through adversity, we develop new skills and realise new strengths. Without hardship, the opposite cannot exist.

	Strength. A time to develop the energy and tenacity to weather changes. Act in the moment.
	Patience. Frustration. A time when our mind is our worst enemy. Take a moment to seek clarity.
	Conflict. Delay. A time to face our fears and overcome. Look fate in the eye and meet it head on.
	Destruction. Trials. A time to test our resolve and tear down old habits. Control the chaos.

Difficulties will find us (or vice versa!) when we embark on a chosen path, and this is simply life. Other people, finances, physical limitations, and our own destructive unconscious patterns can work against us.

Rather than shutting us down or telling us “no”, the challenge runes offer guidance for how to persevere in a difficult situation.

Of course, there are times when a chosen path is destructive too, and it's important to realise this and back away.

ACTION RUNES

Every goal requires planning, effort, and follow through. The action runes suggest how best to proceed to achieve our goals.

↑	Leadership. Take charge and play to your strengths. Let rationality and logic guide you.
M	Teamwork. Move as a whole and make steady progress. Trust loyal companions to guide you.
Y	Protection. Defend your position and step up on behalf of others. Let your instincts guide you.
R	Evolution. Take a larger perspective and make changes. Travel can bring new perspectives.





Life is a balance of contemplation and action - complimentary forces rather than opposing. The two work together to help us identify what is best for us and what we need to do.

Even simple actions can have great outcomes. They confirm what we already know, bring new information to light, or reveal who our real friends are.

Action fires the engine of growth and progress.

RUNES OF TIME





Perhaps the hardest of the runes to pin down in a reading, time can seem to work for us or against us. Whether linear, cyclical, or all-at-once, our concept of time can make or break a project, goal, or endeavor.

	Dawn. Make plans. The time to embark on something new. Everything is in balance right now.
	Day. Positive change. The time to wield your power. Acting now offers the best chance of success.
	Dream. The unknown. The time to go with the flow. Let yourself experience the world organically.
	Harvest. Shifting seasons. The time to enjoy what you've earned. Changes come in their own time.

Runes will necessarily be vague on how long something will take and when we can expect an outcome, but they can offer us insights when it comes to the time to wait, to act, to plan, or to simply let things unfold in their own time.

THE FOUR RACES

The race runes represent the building blocks of our experience in Miðgarðr. The ebb and flow, contrast and blending of these forces drive how our lives unfold.

	Humans. The mundane, every day physical world. Practicality. Social order and cooperation.
	Gods. The divine, ethereal world. Spirituality. Communication and insight.
	Giants. The raw, chaotic elements. Change. Conflict and willpower.
	Norns. The unknown threads of our lives. Secrets. Fate and destiny.

In a reading, it may help us to understand what realm our concern resides within. We can most directly affect a situation that manifests within the physical world that we directly live in.





A spiritual concern may be in the hands of the gods, while our fates may be either hidden or revealed to us by the runes.

The realm of change affects all of the others - underlying everything we do and creating new concerns while it concludes others.

LUCK RUNES

Luck encompasses everything from spiritual health to the power of the Ancestors in influencing a current state. To the ancient Norse, luck was an important aspect of a clan's soul and power in the world.

I consider luck in these readings to be a persistent condition of the clan, tribe, or kinship as a whole. Some luck builds through successive generations of kin, whereas other forms of luck are tied to the associations a person makes through friends or business.

	Tenacity. The luck of determination, endurance, and drive. Strong and reliable.
	Creation. The luck of inspiration and making your own way. Skilled and inspirational.
	Joy. The luck of happiness, contentment, and fulfillment. Prosperous and comfortable.
	Heritage. The luck of physical belongings and material gains. Gifts of the Ancestors. Safe and secure.

Personal luck is a combination of our accumulated ancestral fortune and our world outlook. It is something we can build upon or squander as we choose.