



YOUR INVITATION TO LUNAR WONDER

MOONWISE



Know the sky.
Explore the stories.
Make the meaning your own.

A digital deck + a field guide to keep
A little lunar wonder from Moonwashed Apothecary



BEGIN HERE

A little knowledge. A little ritual.

No experience needed. Start with curiosity and make the practice your own.

Welcome to Moonwashed Apothecary. We made Moonwise to help you get to know the Moon through clear facts, meaningful stories, and small moments of reflection. Take what feels useful; leave room for wonder.

Read the labels

The Sky / The Calendar marks an astronomical or calendar statement. Numbered references point to the sources at the end of this guide.

The Story / The Tradition / The Practice identifies a named cultural story, community statement, or practitioner's account. A source documents that account; it does not prove supernatural effects.

Moonwashed / The Symbol / Try introduces our original interpretation or exercise. The eight phase themes, personas, prompts, and affirmations are editorial creations, not universal ancient correspondences.

Three ways to play

ONE CARD, TWO MINUTES

Look at the front and answer its question. Turn it over, learn one thing, and try the smallest useful action.

FOLLOW THE SKY

Start with Borrowed Light, then read the eight phases in sequence. Use a current local lunar calendar to choose a phase card; this deck is intentionally undated.

KNOW / FEEL / DO

Choose one Skywatch card, one phase card, and one Practice card. Say what you learned, what the symbol brings up, and what you will do next.

THE EIGHT PHASES

A rhythm you can remember

The phase names are astronomical. The action words are Moonwashed's original prompts.



New Moon

BEGIN

Begin before you feel ready.



Waxing Crescent

TEND

Small is a perfectly good start.



First Quarter

CHOOSE

Half lit. Fully in motion.



Waxing Gibbous

REFINE

Refine it. You do not have to perfect it.



Full Moon

WITNESS

Take up your share of the sky.



Waning Gibbous

SHARE

Let the lesson travel.



Last Quarter

RELEASE

Your no can make room for your yes.



Waning Crescent

REST

Rest belongs in the cycle.

Reference diagrams show waxing light on the right and waning light on the left. The Moon can appear rotated with latitude, time, and viewing angle. These are schematic phase illustrations, not a forecast of your local view. [01, 02]

FIND YOUR CARD

The whole deck at a glance

Read in order for a short course, or follow the question that catches your attention.

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| <p>01 Meet the Moon
FOUNDATIONS / 03</p> <p>02 Borrowed Light
FOUNDATIONS / 01</p> <p>03 New Moon
PHASES / 02</p> <p>04 Waxing Crescent
PHASES / 02</p> <p>05 First Quarter
PHASES / 02</p> <p>06 Waxing Gibbous
PHASES / 02</p> <p>07 Full Moon
PHASES / 01</p> <p>08 Waning Gibbous
PHASES / 02</p> <p>09 Last Quarter
PHASES / 01</p> <p>10 Waning Crescent
PHASES / 01</p> <p>11 Gravity & Tides
SKYWATCH / 04</p> <p>12 Eclipse & Blood Moon
SKYWATCH / 05</p> <p>13 Supermoon
SKYWATCH / 06</p> <p>14 Blue & Black Moons
SKYWATCH / 09</p> <p>15 Earthshine
SKYWATCH / 01</p> <p>16 The Far Side
SKYWATCH / 07</p> | <p>17 A World of Marks
SKYWATCH / 03</p> <p>18 Moonspotting
SKYWATCH / 01, 08</p> <p>19 A Moon by Any Name
LORE / 10</p> <p>20 Selene's Moon
LORE / 11</p> <p>21 Chang'e & the Moon
LORE / 12</p> <p>22 The Astrological Moon
LORE / 13</p> <p>23 Modern Moon Magic
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PRACTICE / Original</p> <p>29 Rest as Revolution
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PRACTICE / 08</p> <p>32 Your Moon Persona
PRACTICE / Original</p> |
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NAME YOUR OWN SEASON

Your own lunar calendar

Common English-language names are cultural labels, not separate physical kinds of Moon.

A familiar naming list

JAN	Wolf Moon	JUL	Buck Moon
FEB	Snow Moon	AUG	Sturgeon Moon
MAR	Worm Moon	SEP	Corn Moon
APR	Pink Moon	OCT	Hunter's Moon
MAY	Flower Moon	NOV	Beaver Moon
JUN	Strawberry Moon	DEC	Cold Moon

This popular list, summarized from Royal Museums Greenwich, is not a universal Indigenous calendar. Local and community traditions vary. Harvest Moon is defined by the autumnal equinox rather than a fixed month. [10]

Keep a two-column moon journal

I observed: date, local time, place, weather, lit shape, and any visible terrain.

I felt or imagined: a mood, a metaphor, a question, or tonight's invented Moon name.

Make a two-card moment

New Moon + Intention into Action: choose a small beginning.

Last Quarter + Release & Boundaries: make room for a clear no.

Waning Crescent + Rest as Revolution: let enough be enough.

Coven Tide + a willing friend: choose a little mutual care.

These are original Moonwashed pairings, not historical correspondences. All genders and bodies are welcome. Any prompt can be skipped, adapted, or kept private.

MAKE IT YOURS

A keepsake for tonight

A small experience built around choice, with no required purchase or spiritual identity.

Choose / practice / keep

Choose Crescent Starter, Quarter Boundary-Keeper, Full-Moon Truth-Teller, or Waning Rest Witch. Pair that choice with a phase card and a practical action. Your persona describes tonight's intention, not who you must always be.

Your tiny spell card

Tonight I choose _____

My next step is _____

I will make room for _____

Save this little spell card in your notes, keep it in a journal, or share it with a willing friend. An intention can be quiet and still count.

Welcome to Moonwashed

Moonwashed Apothecary brings lunar curiosity, meaningful stories, and small rituals into everyday life. Think of this as an invitation to look up, slow down, and choose what feels like yours.

Return whenever you like

Save the deck and this guide somewhere easy to find. In the deck, tap READ or FLIP to turn a card, INDEX to browse, and the source numbers to learn more. Your PDF reader may need to open the file fully for its links to work. Invite a friend through the Moonwise invitation you received.

Follow the footnotes

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[01] Moon Phases

NASA Science / Astronomy

Phase sequence, timing, reflected light, earthshine, and daytime visibility.

<https://science.nasa.gov/moon/moon-phases/>

[02] What Are the Moon's Phases?

NASA Space Place / Astronomy

How changing viewing geometry creates lunar phases.

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/moon-phases/en/>

[03] Moon Facts

NASA Science / Astronomy

Natural satellite, distance, maria, highlands, and impact craters.

<https://science.nasa.gov/moon/facts/>

[04] Tides

NASA Science / Astronomy

Lunar and solar gravity, spring and neap tides, local variation.

<https://science.nasa.gov/moon/tides/>

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[05] Eclipses and the Moon

NASA Science / Astronomy

Shadow geometry, lunar reddening, tilted orbit, and eclipse viewing.

<https://science.nasa.gov/moon/eclipses/>

[06] Supermoons

NASA Science / Astronomy

Perigee, apparent size, and the informal term supermoon.

<https://science.nasa.gov/moon/supermoons/>

[07] Tidal Locking

NASA Science / Astronomy

Synchronous rotation and the distinction between far side and dark side.

<https://science.nasa.gov/moon/tidal-locking/>

[08] Moon Viewing Tips

NASA Science / Astronomy

Naked-eye observing, binoculars, terrain, and the terminator.

<https://science.nasa.gov/moon/viewing-tips/>

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[09] What is a blue moon and when will the next one occur?

Royal Museums Greenwich / Calendar & terminology

Monthly and seasonal blue moons; one usage of black moon.

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/stories/space-astronomy/what-blue-moon-how-often-does-it-occur>

[10] What are the names of full moons throughout the year?

Royal Museums Greenwich / Calendar & folklore

Popular English-language names and Harvest Moon definition. Its broad cultural attributions are not treated here as a universal Indigenous calendar.

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/stories/space-astronomy/what-are-names-full-moons-throughout-year>

[11] Marble sarcophagus with the myth of Selene and Endymion

The Metropolitan Museum of Art / Material evidence & mythology

Roman, early 3rd century CE; accession 47.100.4a, b. A documented depiction of the moon goddess Selene.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/254590>

[12] Moon Festival

Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art / Cultural education

Museum-produced telling of Chang'e and Hou Yi. Retrieved via the museum's indexed description; the full page did not load during review.

<https://asia.si.edu/education/educator-resources/teaching-china-with-the-smithsonian/videos/moon-festival/>

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[13] Moon Planet Meaning in Astrology

Astrology.com / Practitioner perspective

Documents contemporary Western astrological associations with emotion, instinct, and nurture. Evidence of beliefs, not proof of causal effects.

<https://www.astrology.com/planets/moon>

[14] Circle Craft: Full Moon Rituals

Selena Fox / Circle Sanctuary / Practitioner perspective

First-person Circle Craft practices: greeting the Moon, moonlight meditation, sacred objects, ritual water, and Drawing Down the Moon. Adapted from a March 2001 presentation.

<https://circlesanctuary.org/Circle-Craft-Full-Moon-Rituals>

[15] Principles of Unity

Reclaiming Collective / Arizona Reclaiming / Community statement

Personal spiritual authority, inclusive feminism, shared power, and political action. Adopted 1997; updated 2012 and 2021.

<https://www.arizonareclaiming.org/about/principles-of-unity>