

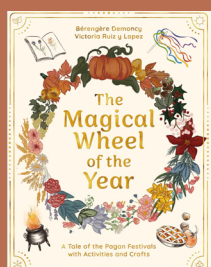


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Activity Pack

The Magical Wheel of the Year

A Tale of the Pagan Festivals
with Activities and Crafts



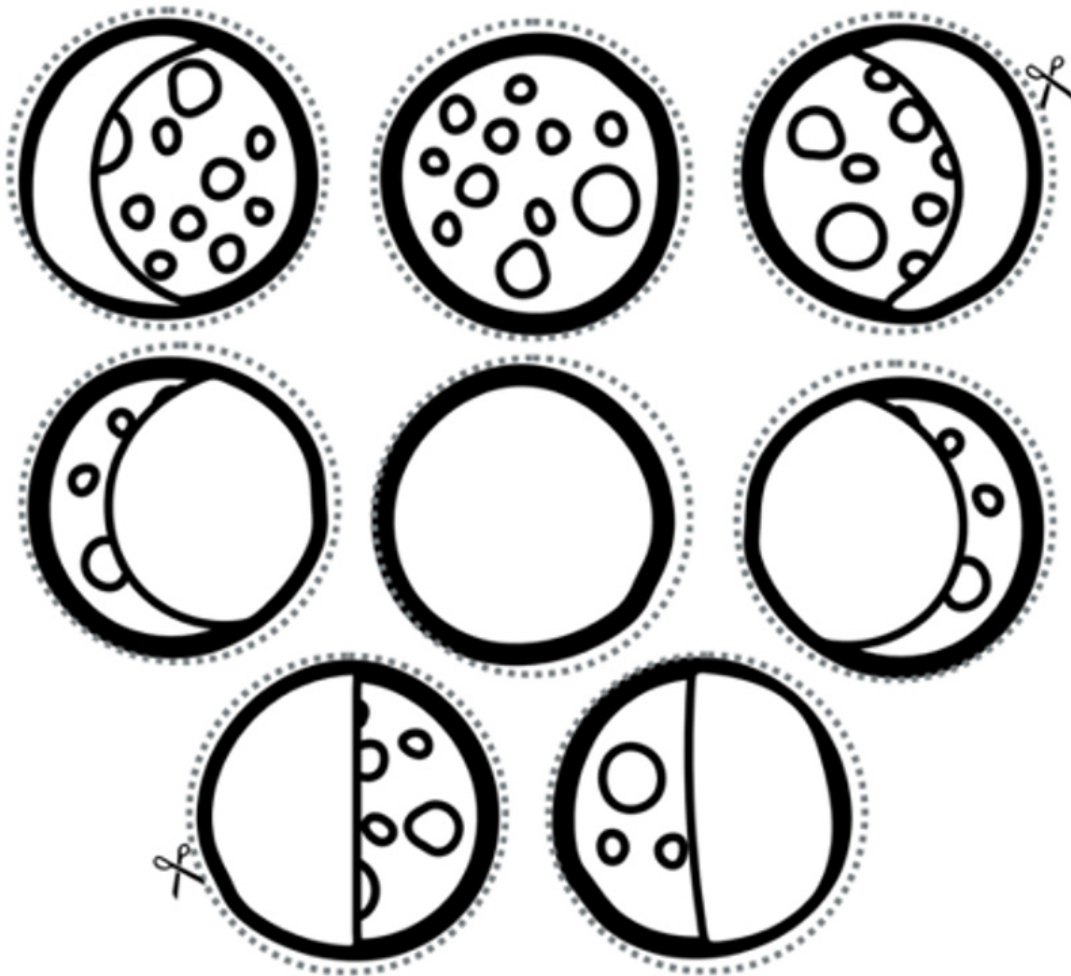
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Make A Moon Phase Garland

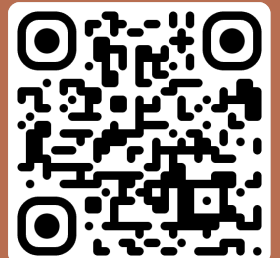
Decorate the below moon phases, cut them out and tie them to a long length of string to make a magical moon phase garland. Remember to put them in the correct order of the moon phases!



Put them in order:



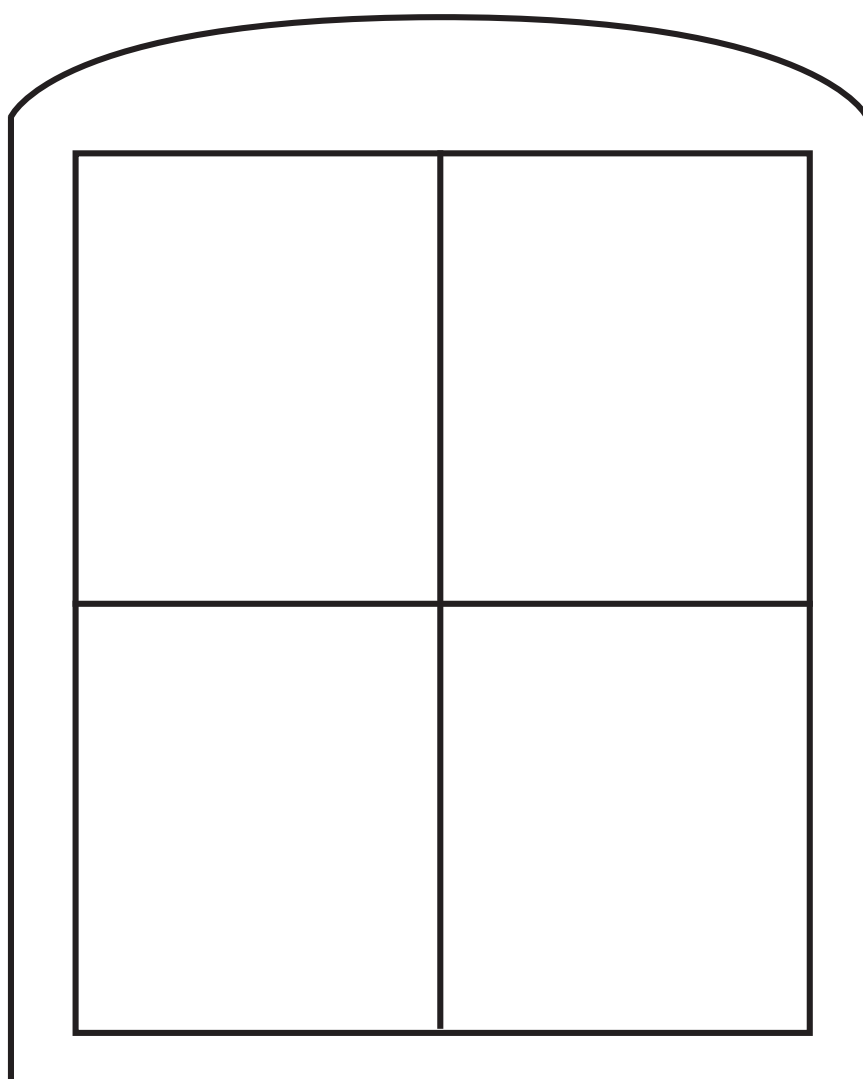
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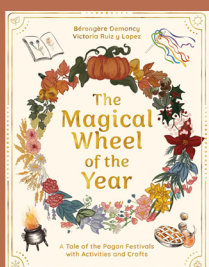
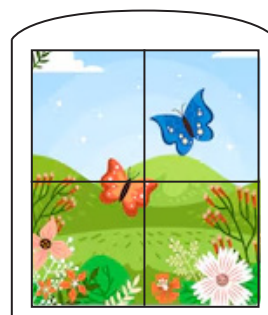


Draw A Stained Glass Window

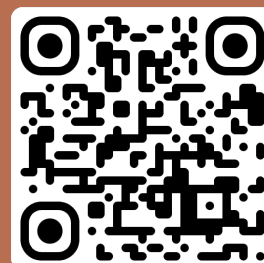
Decorate this window inspired by the seasons – be as creative as possible with different patterns and colours. Stained glass windows are always beautiful! You can even cut it out after and display it for everyone to see.



Here are some examples to help you get started:



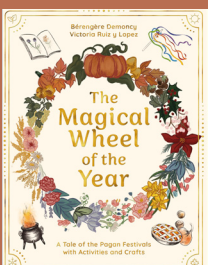
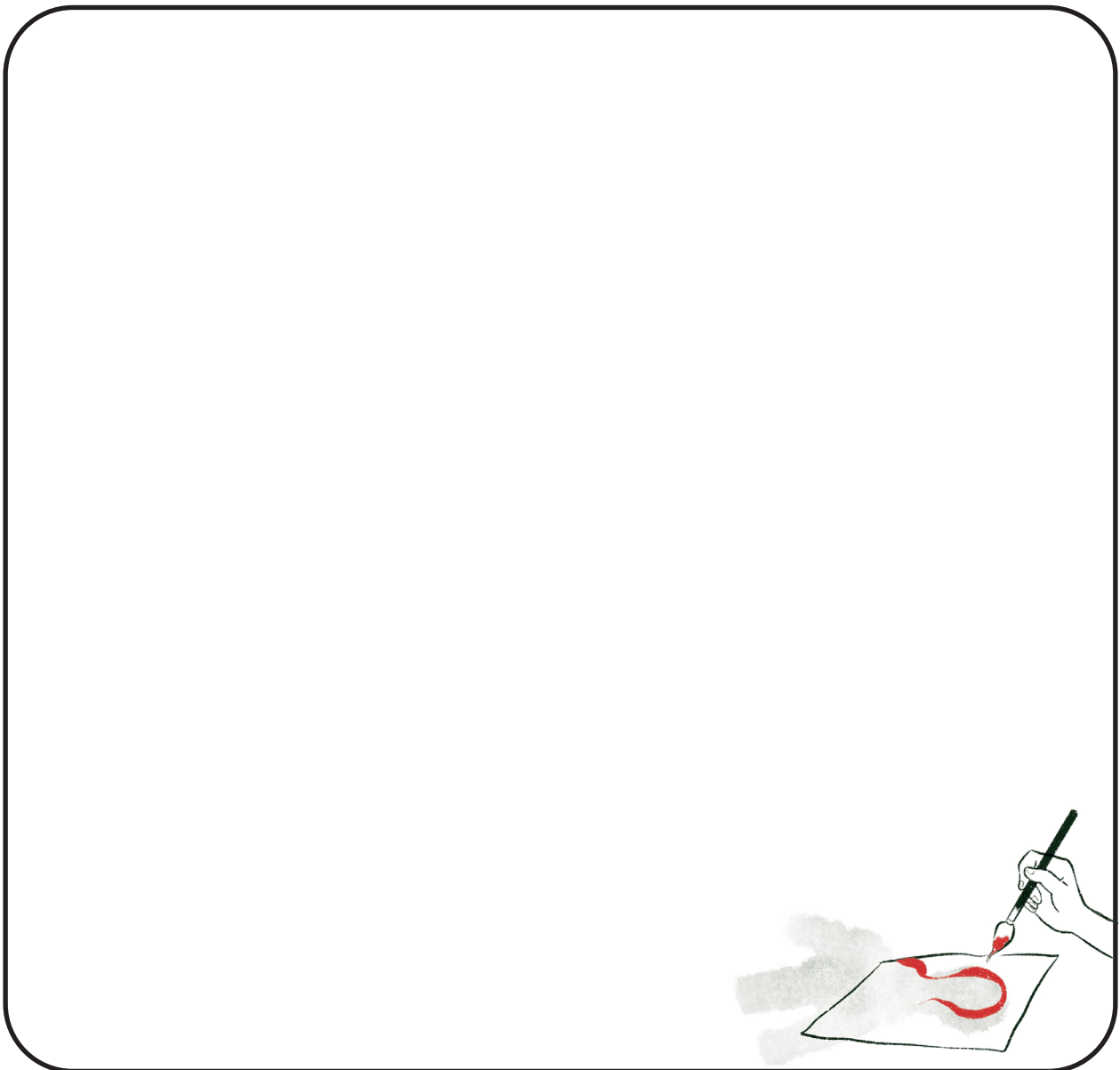
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Shadow Tracing

On a sunny day, lay this piece of paper on the table and hold up different objects to cast a shadow on it. Now draw or paint over the outline of the shadow to make a picture of it you can keep.



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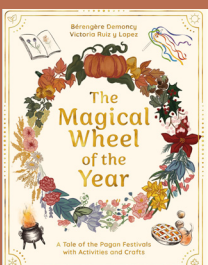




Make Leaf Prints

Go out into the colourful outdoors and forage for fallen leaves. Please make sure to find fallen leaves and not pluck them from the trees.

Cover your fallen leaves with paint and press them onto the paper below to make pretty prints. You can try out different colours to make the best leaf print.



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Test Your Comprehension!

It's time to test how many facts about the story and the Wheel of the Year you learned when reading *The Magical Wheel of the Year*.

1. Name 3 creatures that come out and celebrate Samhain with Selene and Gaia.

2. Write down 1 traditional way Selene and Gaia celebrate Yule.

3. Why does the hare hide eggs at Lammas?

4. What do people traditionally bake at Lammas?

5. The Autumn Equinox is known by another name. What is it's other name?

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6. Write down 2 foods served at the Lughnasa banquet?

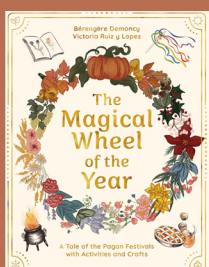
7. Which festival celebrates the longest day of the year?

8. What does Gaia plait into Selene's hair?

9. Name 3 things that Selene and Gaia do to celebrate nature.

10. Name a craft or recipe from the book you'd like to try.

Answers: 1 Options included skeletons, spirits, fairies, ghosts and elves | 2 Options included decorate the tree, wish upon a star and exchange presents | 3 To remind the world that life is everywhere | 4 Bread | 5 Mabon | 6 Options included ears of corn, juicy grapes, elderflower lemonade, bread, honey and jam | 7 Summer Solstice or Litha | 8 Colourful ribbons | 9 Various options could be named (three examples are picked flowers, hosted a banquet and swam in the river) | 10 Various options could be named (for example, cherry soup or a wish tree).



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For Caregivers
+ Educators

Questions To Ask A Child About The Wheel of the Year

Want to start an engaging discussion about the eight pagan festivals and how you celebrate them?

Here are some conversation starters for you!

1. Selene and Gaia celebrate a lot of holidays in this story. What's your favourite holiday, and what traditions do your family have when celebrating it?
2. At Yule, it's common to give presents. What's the best gift you've ever received?
3. Imbolc represents the return of the sun! How do you feel when the days start getting longer? And when the sun stays out for longer?
4. Selene and Gaia host a banquet to celebrate Lughnasa – if you could host a feast, what food would you serve?
5. Lammas celebrates sharing! What's something you love to share and what's something you could share more of with others?
6. Which different colours do you see the most during autumn time? What one is your favourite?
7. Beltane is all about celebrating and joy! What's something that makes you happy?



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