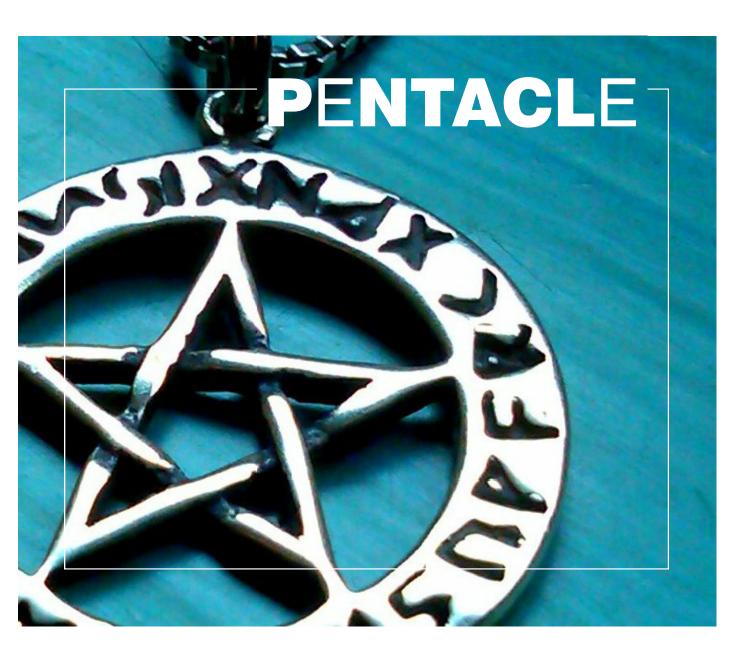
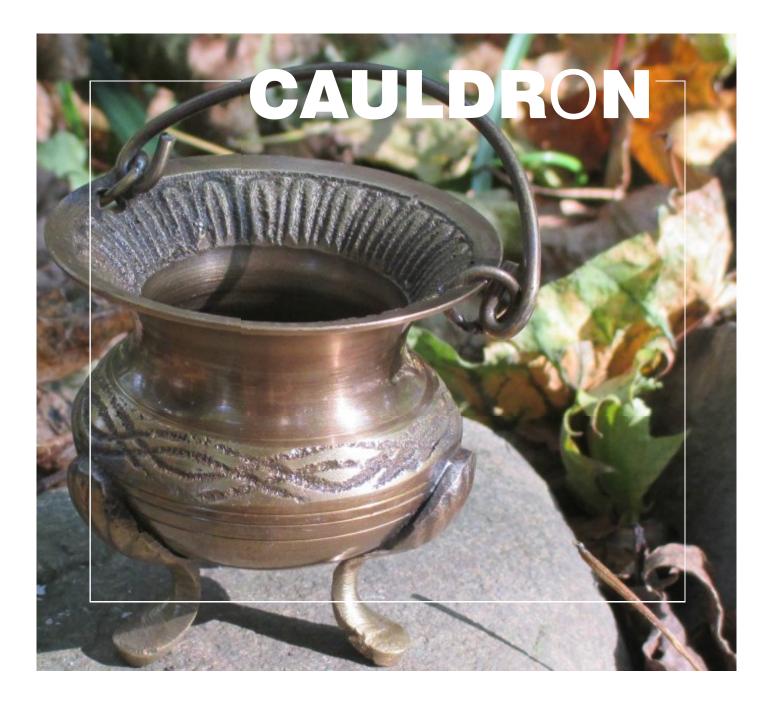




The **wand** is one of the four elemental tools of modern Wicca, along with the pentacle, the athame, and the chalice. It represents the element of Air. The wand is an extension of the witch and it is charged with his or her energy. Use it to charge objects, draw a circle, and direct energy. It is also used to call upon the Gods, Goddesses and Spirits. It is very useful in spells of healing, giving of blessings, and drawing down the moon.

Wearing a **pentacle** helps Wiccans recognize each other and know that they are in safe company. A pentacle acts as a protective amulet for the wearer, for it represents all the elements. It is also very useful in spell casting. Using the pentacle, call upon the element of Air for spells on improvement of thought processes, knowledge, thinking, and intelligence. Call upon the Fire element for spells of creativity, movement, and action. Call upon the element of Water for spells on emotion, intuition, and the subconscious. Call upon the Earth element for spells on fertility, stability, and prosperity. Call upon the Spirit for harmony of all elements. Use the pentacle to repel or attract energy.





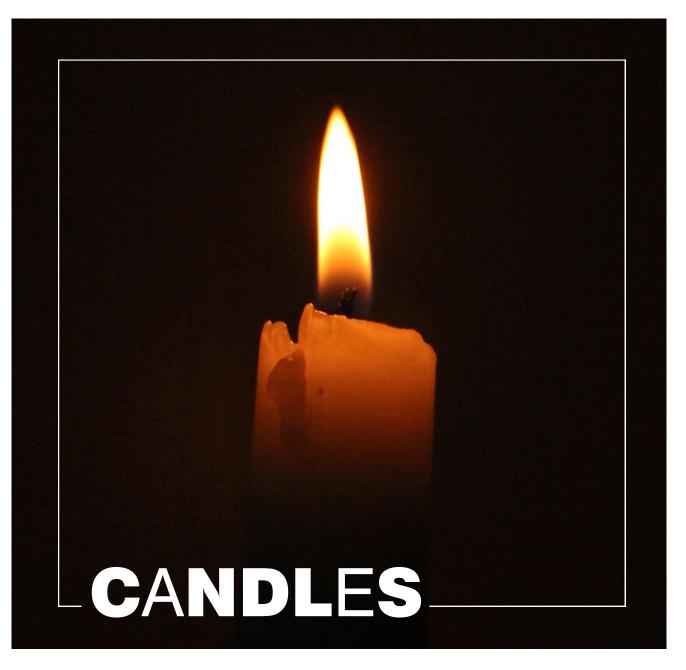
Ideally, the **cauldron** should rest on three legs, with its mouth smaller than its womb. On the altar, cauldrons can hold water, crystals, stones, candles, or incense sticks. But their use is not limited to just that. To have a cauldron is to have a sort of activity center and an all-purpose tool. Mix your herbs and incense in them or burn them in the cauldron using charcoal tablets, or leave a candle in it till the flame dies out. If filled with water, the cauldron transforms into a scrying tool.



The **athame** is not intended to cause physical harm. Its use is for magickal purposes only, like drawing a circle, directing energy, cutting and re-sealing of a door in a circle, drawing lines, mixing, charging and consecrating objects, and banishing negative energy.

On the altar, the athame represents either the element of Fire or the element of Air. It represents the element of Air, for the sound it makes when you slice it through the air. It represents Fire, for you need the flame in creating and shaping knives. The witch's **broom** or **besom** is used to purify, protect, and ritually cleanse an area before any magick is done. Use it to sweep away any buildup of negative energies and sweep in positive energy. It has both the masculine and feminine elements, a symbol of the perfect union between male and female energies. Apart from purifying and cleansing powers, you can use it to speak to the departed, channel spells, and call for rain. A broom placed by the doorway protects the owner and the home.





Candles, when used in spell-casting, symbolize your hopes, dreams, and desires. Use them empower your spells and bring up our requests to the Divine.

Spells usually call for a specific type of candle to represent your desire. The size of the candle really isn't important. In fact, big candles can be a problem when it comes to spells that require you to wait till the candle burns down completely.

Always use new candles for spell casting, because once a candle is burned, it picks up the vibrations from its surroundings. Used candles can weaken a spell or make it ineffective.



The **Book Of Shadows** or grimoire is the very sacred book where witches write down and records all personal notes, spells, potions, incantations, rituals, thoughts, dreams, aspirations, interpretations, and reflections. It is like a diary of sorts. Other people should not be allowed access to a witch's Book of Shadows. It also serves as a point of reference so you can see how far you have gone and how much you have learned in your magickal journey.

