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Steps and Tips in Creating and Reading Your Astrological Chart by [Jackson Swift](#)

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By studying the patterns of movements of the different astrological signs, the planets, the sun, and the moon at the moment of a person's birth in your birth/natal chart or horoscope chart and then assigning meanings to them, one can fully understand their own and other people's character, making the most of your talents and skills, as well as overcome any weaknesses, so you may grow to your utmost potential.

Understand the Astrological Chart

Also commonly known as horoscopes, astro-chart, or chart wheel; astrological charts, more specifically natal/birth chart, are charts or diagrams showing the symbolic representation of the position of the Sun, Moon, planets, the astrological aspects, and sensitive angles at the moment of a person's birth.

These symbols constitute astrology's primary language and represent each Zodiac sign and planet. Each planet occupies a particular zodiac sign at a given moment, and it is the interpretation of this placement that gives us insight into a person's personality and behavior.

Steps and Tip Astrological Chart Creation and Interpretation

Here are steps and tip in creating and reading your astrological chart:

1. With the use of your compass, draw three concentric circles of different sizes on a piece of paper. The innermost circle should be fairly small relative to the outer circles.

2. Divide the space between the outer two circles into 12 equal sections. This 12 section will represent the 12 signs of the zodiac (Aries, Taurus, etc.).

Tip: Make each section into equal arcs of 30° each. Mark each degree by making use of the small notches on the second circle. Mark only every other degree or so if you wish. However, do keep in mind that the angles between points on the circle will be critical in interpreting the chart, so accuracy is important.

3. Label each section with its sign by drawing the sign's glyph (symbol). Proceed labeling in counterclockwise order.

Tip: It does not matter where you begin, since at this point you have only a circle and no top or bottom. Just label in this order of the astrological signs: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces.

4. Find the subject's ascendant sign. You can do this by looking up his or her birth date and time in an ascendant table in an ephemeris, which is a chart of the positions of heavenly bodies at given points in time. This ephemeris chart is available for purchase on the Internet

Tip: The ascendant is the zodiac sign rising over the easternmost horizon or sunrise point at a person's given time of birth and given place of birth on earth.

So, to construct a very accurate chart, you must know the longitude of the subject's birthplace as well as the exact date and time. There are computer programs available for free on the Internet

which can provide you with the ascendant sign if you enter the necessary information.

5. Mark the ascendant sign on your chart. In creating a horoscope the ascendant is traditionally placed at the "nine o'clock" position on the left-hand side of the chart wheel.

6. Establish the positions of the moon, sun, and planets, and mark them on your chart. Look at the ephemeris or use a computer program to find the locations within the zodiac of the major celestial bodies at the time, date, and location of birth. These locations will be denoted by both the sign and degrees within the sign, as for the ascendant.

As with the ascendant, you must make an adjustment on the locations given in the ephemeris to take into account the actual time and place of the subject's birth. If you're using a computer program instead of an ephemeris, this adjustment will be made for you. Mark the positions in the space between the inner two circles of your chart by drawing glyphs or symbols to represent each of the celestial bodies. Don't forget to write the location in degrees next to the glyphs.

7. Draw in the houses in the large space in the chart between the inner circle and the second circle. These houses are imaginary divisions (usually twelve). Each house signifies an aspect of the subject's life (money, children, family, personality, etc.) and has a house number coinciding with it.

Astrologers have devised many methods on calculating these house divisions. One of these is the equal house system, in which each house is 30° wide. The beginning edge of the first house is drawn at the ascendant and the others are numbered counterclockwise from that point. The houses are numbered 1-12 counterclockwise from the cusp of the first house.

8. Calculate the aspects. An aspect is the relative angle formed between pairs of planets, with the earth as the center (or vertex) of the angle.

Tip: To estimate the aspects, simply look at the chart and imagine it to be a clock. If the sun is located in the 12 o'clock position and Venus is located at 3 o'clock, then the angle between the two is 90 degrees.

For more accuracy, calculate the aspects using the degree readings you recorded on the chart. Don't forget that the entire circle has 360 degrees, and each sign has 30 degrees. You can draw in the aspects in the center circle if you wish.

9. In interpreting the planets in each sign and house consult an astrology book and make observations on the subject's personality and behavior.

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