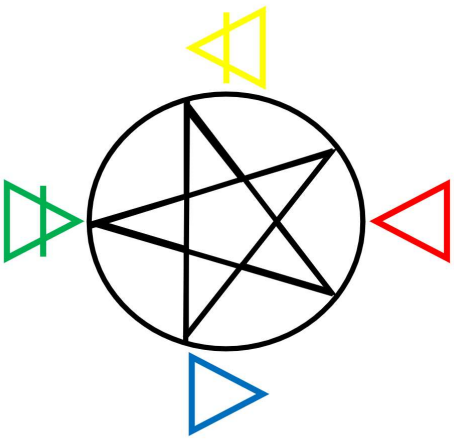
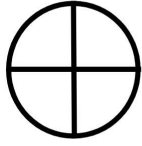




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Note: I am a Beginning practitioner and made this primarily for my own learning. YMMV

Books

Buckland's Complete Book of Witchcraft, Richard Buckley
An Illuminated Guide to Wicca, Helena Domenic

https://wiccaliving.com/spirit-element/
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wicca
https://wiccaliving.com/what-is-wicca/
https://cauldronandbrew.com/guide-to-the-four-elements/
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More resources

Why call the quarters?

Aside from providing a way to "set the scene," get yourself mentally grounded and ready to work magic, pray, or perform a ritual, Calling the Quarters when opening a circle is an important way to protect yourself by creating a Boundary. Inside the circle is sacred, where magic is performed and contained, and outside the circle is the mundane. The four elements act as Bouncers, or Bounding boxes, keeping the circle held together. They are also called Watchtowers since we call them into the circle literally to watch over us and our energy. The idea of Calling in the four elements— Air, Fire, Water, and Earth— comes in part from the Lesser Key of Solomon, A demonology book from the 1800's that described it as needed to keep out unwanted demons when casting Magick. That is not necessarily the only source, for example Gerald Gardner claimed the Witches he learned from did this on their own as well.

An Example of a Quarter Call:
(East is typically Called first)

"Guardians of the East, Powers of Air, I evoke and conjure you. Come! Protect this circle and lend your energy to our workings! Bring your powers of clarity and communication. Be here now! So mote it be!"



This is the original Element, from which all others came. It is not represented by a direction, or season, or suite, and does not need to be called into a circle since it is always around and within us. Sometimes it is represented by the color White or a Rainbow, since they are made up of all colors. Meditation can help to be more aware of the element around us.

Earth

Found in the North, this element governs over Virgo, Capricorn, and Taurus. It represents Stability and the Material World. Often it is represented by the color Green. The Pentacles tarot suite is ruled by this element. This is the Element of Grounding, Fertility, and Luck. Other manifestations include Basil, Bears, Wolves, Money, Protection, Obsidian, Malachite, Winter.

Found in the East, this element governs over Libra, Gemini, and Aquarius. It represents Communication and Intellect. Often it is represented by the color Yellow. The Swords tarot suite is ruled by this element.



This is the Element for building momentum and reflecting or puzzling through something. Other manifestations: Dandelions, Quartz, Citrine, Bells, Mint, Ginger, and Spring.



Found in the South, this element governs over Aries, Leo and Sagittarius. It represents Passion, Willpower and Transformation. Often it is represented by the color Red. The Wands tarot suite is ruled by this element.

This is the Element for Active change, Building up Energy. Other manifestations include Cinamon, Snakes, Foxes, Chili Powder, Pepper, Carnelian, and Summer.

Water

Cups tarot suite is ruled by this element. This is the Element for Processing Emotions and going with the flow. Other manifestations include Seashells, the Moon, Dreams, Lapis, Pearls, and Fall.