

# The Uncharted

## A beginner's deck for decoding astrology charts

### INTRODUCTION

You don't need to be "gifted" or mystical to learn astrology.

You just need curiosity, a willingness to explore, and a tool that makes the learning process feel possible.

**Welcome to *The Uncharted***—a beginner's deck created to help you decode birth charts without getting overwhelmed or lost in the cosmos. Whether you're brand new to astrology or have dipped your toes into sun signs and horoscopes, this deck was made for you.

At first glance, astrology can feel like an entirely different language.

**Symbols. Houses. Retrogrades. Trines.**

It's a lot—and that's okay.

This deck breaks it down card by card, step by step, so you can build a solid understanding of how astrology works—and how to read your own birth chart (and eventually, with practice, read for others too).

### WHAT IS ASTROLOGY?

Astrology is the study of cosmic cycles—patterns tracked over thousands of years. Think of it like a celestial version of the Farmer's Almanac. But instead of planting crops, we're learning how to plant our energy, our intentions, and our growth.

Your **birth chart** is a snapshot of the sky at the exact moment you took your first breath—the moment your body and consciousness entered the world. It's your cosmic blueprint. A symbolic map that reveals your personality, your patterns, your potential, and the specific challenges you're here to grow through.

Astrology isn't about predicting the future.

It's about **understanding your design**, so you can move through life with more clarity, less resistance, and deeper alignment.

When you understand your chart, you begin to:

- Recognize and celebrate your strengths
- Work with your energy instead of against it
- Untangle the blocks and emotional loops that keep you stuck
- Align with timing, opportunity, and purpose
- Open to receiving with greater ease

And that's where *The Uncharted* comes in.

This deck is your key to unlocking the map of your unique design. Layer by layer, card by card, you'll learn how to read it—and in the process, come home to the truest version of yourself.

## WHAT IS INSIDE THIS DECK?

This isn't just a card deck—it's your personal astrology toolkit.

Each card teaches a core building block of birth chart interpretation. Whether you're just starting out or looking to deepen your understanding, *The Uncharted* breaks the chart down into digestible pieces you can learn one layer at a time.

You'll find a basic introduction on the **Muted Mulberry** cards, along with a **QR code** that links to an expanded digital instruction manual for those who want to go deeper.

There are **seven main categories** of cards in *The Uncharted*, each with a distinct purpose and color:

### **12 House Cards – Midnight Indigo**

**The “where” of your birth chart—the life arenas.**

The houses show the different areas of life where your planets express themselves.

Each House card includes:

- Name and number
- Planet and zodiac sign that rules it
- Developmental age for reference
- What forms during that life stage
- Core life themes and topics
- What is influenced by planets in this house

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

“Developmental stage” refers to a *symbolic phase* of growth. These age ranges are not predictive but serve as *mnemonic anchors* to help you remember the psychological tone and themes of each house.

### **17 Planet Cards – Blush Pink**

**The characters playing roles in your chart.**

Each planet represents *what* energy is being expressed—your drives, desires, instincts, and lessons.

Each Planet card includes:

- Name & visual symbol
- The archetypal “character” it plays
- What it governs or influences
- The type of energy it brings
- 3 key words to remember

## **12 Zodiac Sign Cards – Deep Violet** **The energy or “style” behind everything.**

These cards describe the *how*—the tone, flavor, and archetypal essence of each sign.

Each Zodiac card includes:

- Name & visual symbol
- Elemental and Modality
- Planet and House ruler
- Positive & challenging traits
- The sign’s core objective
- Archetypal patterns

## **5 Aspect Cards – Creamsicle** **The conversations between planets—harmonies or tensions.**

Aspects describe *how* planetary energies interact with one another.

Each Aspect card includes:

- Name & symbol
- Simple definition
- Angle in degrees
- How it influences the relationship between two or more planets

## **4 Elemental Cards – Smokey Blue** **The temperament or essence of each sign.**

Elements describe the energetic tone—Fire, Earth, Air, or Water—of each sign.

Each Element card includes:

- Name and definition
- Core energy expression
- Emotional and behavioral traits

#### ✿ 4 Modality Cards – Dusty Lavender

**The job of the zodiac signs—their mode of action.**

Modalities show *how* each sign moves through the world: initiating, sustaining, or adapting.

Each card includes:

- Name and symbol
- Definition
- Role/purpose in the zodiac cycle
- Expression of energy

#### 📖 4 Essential Dignities Cards – Sage Green

**How planets feel in different signs.**

These cards show where planets are strong, weak, exalted, or in detriment.

Each card includes:

- Name and definition (e.g., domicile, detriment, exaltation, fall)
- A list of which planets feel empowered or challenged in which signs

Tips for interpreting these dignities in a chart

This layered system gives you a complete foundation to begin reading your own chart—and, with practice, the charts of others—with confidence, clarity, and curiosity.

## PRINTING YOUR BIRTH CHART

Before you start working with *The Uncharted*, you'll need a printed copy of your birth chart. This chart is your personal sky map—the layout you'll use with your deck and placemat.

**Tip for Beginners:** use the **Whole Sign House system**. It simplifies house placements, making chart reading easier and more intuitive for first-time learners.

[Astro.com](https://astro.com) — best for customized charts

1. Go to [astro.com](https://astro.com)
2. Click on “**Charts & Calculations**” → “**Chart Drawing, Ascendant**”
3. Create a **user profile** and enter your **exact**:
  - Birth date
  - Birth time
  - Birth location
4. Once your chart is generated, we'll need to make beginner-friendly adjustments before printing.

## MODIFY SETTINGS FOR CLARITY

1. On the left side, click the ≡ (**three-line menu**) → Select **“My Astro”**
2. Click **“User Profile”**
3. Scroll to **Stored Astro Data** and click your name
4. Click **“Extended Chart Selection”**
5. **Select Whole Sign Houses:**
  1. Open the **“Zodiac and Houses”** section (click the + icon)
  2. Under **House System**, choose **“Whole Signs”**
6. **Add Lilith and Chiron:**
  1. Open **“Additional Objects”** (click the + icon)
  2. Hold **Ctrl (or Command on Mac)** and select:
    - a) **Chiron**
    - b) **Lilith (Mean)**
7. **Finalize and Print:**
  1. Click the **green “Show the Chart”** button
  2. Click the **floppy disk icon** to **“Save default settings”** for future charts
  3. Click the chart image to open it in a new window
  4. **Right-click** → **Print** your chart

Once you have your chart printed, You're ready to start decoding!

## HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

Every deck comes with a **placemat**, as shown in the image below. It's designed to help you build your chart reading one step at a time—visually and intuitively. Using the placemat allows you to reduce overwhelm by focusing on one section at a time. You can also leave your spread in place and return to it whenever you're ready to continue.

You'll find that this manual works like a **friendly guidebook**. You don't need to read it all at once—just take it at your own pace.

## PLACEMAT LAYOUT

- On the **left side**, there's a designated space to place your printed birth chart.
- Each **card category** has its own labeled section.
- You'll read the chart **counterclockwise**, moving from House 1 to House 12—mirroring how astrology is traditionally read.

## STARTING YOUR SPREAD

Begin with the **House Cards** (*Midnight Indigo*). Pull the card that corresponds with the house you're reading on your chart and place it in its labeled space.

Then, pull the **Planet Cards** (*Blush Pink*) that are located within the house you're reading. If there are multiple planets in one house, stack them and read one at a time.

You can stop here for now. These three layers—**House**, **Planet**, and **Zodiac Sign**—form the foundational story of your chart.

When you're ready to go deeper, add the remaining categories:

- **Aspects** (*Creamsicle*)
- **Elementals** (*Smoky Blue*)
- **Modalities** (*Dusty Lavender*)
- **Essential Dignities** (*Sage Green*)

## HOW TO READ THE CARDS

The layout of the placemat is intentional. It guides you through reading each chart component in a clear and intuitive order:

### **Planets → Zodiac Signs → Houses → Aspects**

- The **Planet** is the character or energy.
- The **Zodiac Sign** is how the planet expresses itself.
- The **House** is the area of life where this expression plays out.
- The **Aspects** are the conversations happening between planets.

From there, you can deepen the story:

- **Modalities** explain the sign's job in the zodiac cycle—initiating, stabilizing, or adapting.
- **Elementals** reveal the sign's energetic nature—fire, earth, air, or water.
- **Essential Dignities** show how a planet *feels* in that sign—exalted, at home, challenged, or diminished.

## SAMPLE INTERPRETATION

Let's walk through an example together, using the **placemat layout** and card system.

We're looking at:

- **Uranus** in the **1st House**
- In the sign of **Scorpio**
- With three key **aspects** to other planets

*Reminder: The 1st House always contains the Ascendant (AC), which marks the beginning of the chart and represents personal identity.*

## Step 1: Planets, Zodiac, and House

**Uranus** is the revolutionary—a rebel, an innovator, and a collective change-maker. Because Uranus takes 84 years to orbit the Sun, it's considered a **generational planet**. It tells the story of what your generation is here to awaken or disrupt. In **Scorpio**, Uranus becomes deep, intuitive, and emotionally investigative. It's compelled to expose what's hidden and transform what's outdated. Scorpio is ruled by **Pluto**, the planet of transformation, so this placement is powerfully regenerative.

In the **1st House**, this rebel energy shows up in one's identity. There's a hunger to redefine the self—and perhaps the collective—with every version that emerges. Masks and roles become uncomfortable. The journey is about peeling back layers to discover authentic expression.  
It already reads like a story, doesn't it?  
Now let's go deeper...

## Step 2: Add the Essential Dignity

Pull your **Essential Dignities** (*Sage Green*) card.

Here, we see that **Uranus is exalted in Scorpio**. This means the planet thrives in this sign—it feels strong, seen, and aligned. There's a natural fluency in rebellion, identity shifts, and transformation. The energy of change isn't chaotic—it's empowered.

## Step 3: Add Modalities & Elementals

**Scorpio** is a **Fixed Water** sign. That means it's emotionally powerful, intense, and deeply loyal. This fixed energy gives staying power to Uranus—it's not just about quick rebellion, but *sustained transformation*. Scorpio feels its way through upheaval and always seeks truth.

## Step 4: Add the Aspects

Now let's read Uranus in relation to other planets through the **Aspects** (*Creamsicle*). In this chart, Uranus forms 3 major aspects:

1. **Square** Jupiter in Leo (10th House)
2. **Trine** Mercury in Cancer (9th House)
3. **Opposition** Mars in Taurus (7th House)

You'll read each one separately, then later weave them together for more nuanced insight.

### 1. Uranus Square Jupiter in Leo, 10th House

- **Jupiter** is the sage: expansive, ethical, and justice-seeking.

- **Leo** brings bold expression and a desire to be seen.
- The **10th House** represents public image, status, and career.

This square creates tension. Uranus (rebellion) and Jupiter (beliefs) clash. The desire to self-express authentically might come into conflict with external expectations or roles. Sudden changes in career or public identity could erupt if one feels misaligned. This aspect demands realignment with truth—but only after growing pains.

## 2. Uranus Trine Mercury in Cancer, 9th House

- **Mercury** is the messenger: a storyteller and thinker.
- **Cancer** is nurturing, protective, and emotionally driven.
- The **9th House** is about higher learning, philosophy, and travel.

This trine creates ease and flow. Uranus supports Mercury's emotional storytelling. This person may be naturally gifted at sharing personal experiences that resonate with others. It might even lead to teaching, publishing, or traveling work. Uranus makes Mercury's messages innovative and impactful.

## 3. Uranus Opposition Mars in Taurus, 7th House

- **Mars** is the warrior: fiery, passionate, action-oriented.
- **Taurus** values stability, comfort, and sensuality.
- The **7th House** governs close relationships and partnerships.

Oppositions are about polarity. Uranus wants freedom. Mars in Taurus wants grounded connection. This creates tension in partnerships—especially when one person craves security and the other seeks transformation. Learning to collaborate instead of compete is the key. Otherwise, this dynamic can burn out or implode. Mars is also in **detriment** in Taurus, meaning it struggles to act with ease. This can intensify the discomfort in this opposition.

## THE TAKEAWAY

You just read a **full house** with:

- A generational planet
- Sign, house, and ruling dynamics
- Essential dignity, modality, and element
- And three aspects

All told as a story.

You can stop here—or keep going. That's the beauty of this deck. *You decide how deep to dive.*

All it takes is practice, presence, and your willingness to explore.

## IT'S TIME TO BEGIN YOUR LIFELONG JOURNEY

Astrology is a lifelong practice. You'll continue uncovering new layers every time you return to your chart.



This deck isn't here to pressure you. It's here to **empower** you.

So take a breath.

Pull a card.

Start exploring.

Let this be your invitation to enter the map of your soul—one card at a time.

**Welcome to *The Uncharted*.**

Let's decode the stars together.