

Steps to Creating a Ceremony

How will you create and consecrate sacred space? Will you include cleansing rituals?

What is the purpose/type/theme?

When and where will the ceremony take place? Who will attend?

Progression - Beginning, Middle, End

Beginning (Separation): How will you make the transition from the outside world?
How will you begin?

Middle (Transformation): Consider the following possible factors and details in the transformative portion of the ceremony:

- Creating sacred space, calling forth guidance and imagination
- Special clothing
- Elements - fire, air, water, earth
- Symbols and sacred objects, personal and archetypal
- Flow and movement
- Music, chanting, singing, dancing, instruments
- Art
- Food, drink
- Creative activity
- Program guide or gifts/handouts for participants
- Readings, Poetry
- Prayers/Blessings/Meditations/Silence
- Storytelling
- Multi/interfaith or Multigenerational
- Vows
- Group participation - who will be involved, what will they do and/or say? Will the community participate or witness?
- Special needs of participants? Disabilities, allergies, etc.
- Honoring mythology, archetypes, ancient wisdom

End (Incorporation): How will you end the ceremony and integrate?
