**Know the Basics**

* Know what magick is.
* Know different ways to raise, direct and ground energy.
* Know how to cast a magick circle.
* Know how to open a circle.
* Know the basic outline of a spell.
* Know the Intent or Purpose
* What is it you are trying to do? Heal an illness? Increase your concentration? Bring love into your life? Sell a house? Celebrate a Sabbat? Before you begin any magickal working, you should have a firm grasp on what outcome you are seeking.
* Know the Best Time to Work the Spell
* Do you know what type of magick should be worked during the waning moon and what type during the waxing moon?
* What type of magick is best worked on the full moon? The new moon?
* What days of the week are best for what types of magick?
* Learn how the moon phases and days of the week affect magickal workings so you will know when to work your spell.
* Know Correspondences
* Learn which colors will bring what results.
* Learn a little about herbalism, which herbs can be used for what magickal purposes.
* Learn about image magick and how it works.
* Learn about elemental magick, which elements can be used for what types of magick.

**Basic Working Spell Outline**

* Ritual Preparation
* Choose a time.
* Decide the intent.
* Choose an aspect of the Divine, if you wish.
* Decide how to raise energy (i.e.: dance, chanting, drumming, etc.)
* Choose how to cast and close the circle.
* Cleanse yourself and your magickal space.
* You can do this with a ritual bath for yourself, or through meditation to still and focus your mind.
* You can cleanse your space with your magickal broom or with incense or burning herbs.
* Cast the Circle
* Invocation of the Divine
* Statement of purpose
* This is simply to tell the Divine why you have called him/her to the circle, what you are trying to accomplish.
* Magickal Working
* Raise energy, through chanting or drumming or however you have chosen to do so. Direct or channel this energy by using candles, herbs, stones or whatever other correspondences you found to fit your specific need.
* Ground your energy when you have completed the working.
* Cakes and Wine eat a small piece of bread or cookie and drink a little wine, milk or juice to help restore your energy.
* Thanking the Divine
* Closing the Circle