

Six Steps to Creating an Electional Chart

Introduction

In the following chapters, there are a number of amazing electional charts that worked beautifully. While a chart presentation and analysis of a good election with information about the results is very insightful, the student is best served by understanding the plan of attack in getting to the best date and time. Seeing someone else's work, though inspiring, is very different from trying to find a good electional chart on your own. There are so many factors associated with elections, planets, houses, aspects, and rules. Where does one begin? It is of utmost importance for the student to understand that there are specific steps he or she should take in searching for and erecting their own electional charts. Below are the six steps needed to both create a good electional chart and then follow its instructions to a successful conclusion. In the next few chapters, these steps will be demonstrated in great detail using these exact six steps.

Steps to Create a Good Electional Chart

1. Clearly define the goal of the election chart. In many situations, this is the hardest step for many people. What do you want to be, have, do, or create? In any manifestation practice, determining what you want is the first and most vital step. State your intention as clearly as possible in real-life terms and scenarios. This step should not involve any rules or predetermined astrological factors. Rules are distracting and they have no place here at this point. You can lose sight of the big picture if you focus on rules. Keep it simple. What do you want?
2. Know which planets and houses relate to your goal. You can use the definitions in [Chapter Five - The Sun, Moon and Planets](#) and [Chapter Seven - The Houses](#), or a rulership reference book as a guide. There are several good ones: *The Book of Rulerships: Keywords from Classical Astrology*, by Lee Lehman, or *The Rulership Book*, by Rex E. Bills & Kris Brandt Riske. Begin to determine which astrological symbols might be important in an electional chart according to the desired result.
3. Within the chosen time search period, pick Moon signs with the best Moon aspects and good final Moon aspect. There may be several that you want to test out. You want the best Moon aspects in addition to a good final Moon aspect because this can indicate the easiest process with the least amount of effort. Also consider planetary standing in the search area. Do you need planets in rulership or in exaltation?

5. Begin to test out the best Moon signs. What planet is best for ruling the Ascendant? The ruler of the Ascendant is the ruler for the initiator. What are the best planets to represent the goal? What are the best planetary combinations, (ruler of the Ascendant and ruler of the goal), with the best aspects? Once you have your best Moon signs and planetary combinations, you want to choose the best chart orientation. This involves erecting test charts and then rotating the charts through time to maximize the placements.
6. Create a chart that says what you want to happen. Does the chart tell the story of your success? Are there three confirming indications in the chart? Does the Ascendant and/or Midheaven of the final electoral chart conjunct or oppose a position in the initiator's natal chart plus or minus a few degrees? The final time you pick on the day that you selected should give you a chart that says what you want to happen.
7. Follow the instructions/process seen in the chart. Do what the chart tells you to do.

Now proceed to the next chapter for a detailed demonstration and implementation of these steps in a real-life situation.