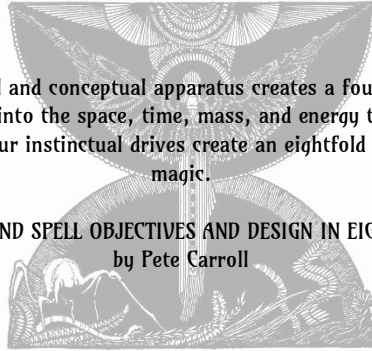


Our perceptual and conceptual apparatus creates a fourfold division of matter into the space, time, mass, and energy tautology. Similarly, our instinctual drives create an eightfold division of magic.

- RITUALS AND SPELL OBJECTIVES AND DESIGN IN EIGHT MAGICS
by Pete Carroll



Chaos Mage

In 1976, in an abandoned ammunition dump dug deep into a mountain somewhere in the Rhineland, two magicians, one English and one German, declared the formation of a magical order with the celebration of a Mass of Chaos. They did so in the company of a couple dozen other magicians. Soon after they had emerged from the depths of that mountain a sudden, unexpected tornado hit the area. This was but a small foreshadowing of what was to come.

The magicians left the mountain with no particular idea other than to form a new order of magic that would break the mold then extant and provide a means to attain Chaos Magic. A year later some of them met in a secluded European castle and formally arranged themselves into the Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros.

"Any contemporary Order which wishes to remain alive, exciting, and innovative requires a structure and communications to exist. But dogmatic ideas, rigid hierarchies, and fixed teachings will kill its creative spirit. Thus in the Pact, the individual temples experiment with whatever techniques, rituals and ideas they please, and exchange results and inspirations through newsletters, magazines, a computerized electronic mailbox system, inter-temple visits, and the annual Pact meeting. There is thus a natural selection of ideas." – Pete Carroll

Chaos Mage

A practitioner of the mystic principles of Chaos. Your character's recommended highest characteristics are:

*Endurance, Intelligence, Education
(End, Int, Edu)*



Step 1: Qualifications or Draft

Make the Qualifications check by rolling 2D6 and adding (or subtracting) the modifier for your character's Education. You must roll the indicated number or higher:

Qualifications 7+ (Edu)

If you succeed, go to **Step 2: Begin at Rank-0** for Chaos Mage, next column.

If you fail, roll on the Draft table:

Draft

| Roll | Career / School |
|------|-----------------|
| 1 | Scientist |
| 2 | Ancient East |
| 3 | Ordo Arcanorum |
| 4 | Technician |
| 5 | Neo-Pagan |
| 6 | Physician |

and then go to **Step 2: Begin at Rank-0** of the playbook for the career or school you were drafted into.



Step 2: Begin at Rank-0

At starting Rank-0 you have the following skills:

- Wheeled Vehicle-0
- Linguistics-0 (your native language and English)
- Physical Sciences-0
- Magic: Gates-1

Note these on your character sheet under "Skills."

Step 3: School Term

Proceed through a) Survival, b) Advancement, c) Risky Castings, and d) Aging to complete one school term.

a) Survival

Make the Survival check by rolling 2D6 and adding (or subtracting) the modifier for your character's Intelligence. You must roll the indicated number or higher:

Survival 6+ (Int)

If you succeed the Survival check, choose one of the Skills Tables on the next page. You may only choose the Advanced Skills table if your character's Education is 8+. Then, roll 1D6 to gain one skill from the table you chose. Note your new skill on your character sheet.

Gaining Skills
 Unless the skill indicates [Skill Name]-0 you receive a new skill at level 1: [Skill Name]-1. If your character already possesses a skill and you roll that skill again, increment that skill higher by one. For example, if you character has Recon-1 and you roll Recon again, your skill is now Recon-2. Gun Combat-0 becomes Gun Combat-1, etc.

If you fail the Survival check, you do not gain a skill, and you may not go to b) Advancement. Instead, proceed directly to c) Risky Castings.



b) Advancement

Make the Advancement check by rolling 2D6 and adding (or subtracting) the modifier for your character's Education. You must roll the indicated number or higher:

Advancement 6+ (Edu)

If you succeed the Advancement check, choose one of the Skills Tables (Advanced Skills requires Edu 8+). Then, you may choose the new skill rather than rolling for it. Note your new skill. You also proceed one rank higher on the Rank & Skills table, below. Also note any new skill you receive if you reach Rank-3.

Rank & Skills

| Rank | Rank & Skills |
|------|---|
| 0 | <i>Neophyte</i> Wheeled Vehicle-0 Linguistics-0 Computer-0 Magic: Air-1 |
| 1 | <i>Initiate-1</i> |
| 2 | <i>Initiate-2</i> |
| 3 | <i>Adept-1</i> Magic: Darkness-1 |
| 4 | <i>Adept-2</i> |
| 5 | <i>Adept-3</i> |
| 6 | <i>Insubordinate</i> |

Regardless of whether you succeed the Advancement check, proceed to c) Risky Castings.

c) Risky Castings

Make the Risky Castings check by rolling 2D6. You must roll the indicated number or higher:

Risky Castings 5+

If you succeed, choose one of the Skills Tables (Advanced Skills requires Edu 8+). Then, roll 1D6 to gain one skill from the table you chose. Note your new skill.

Skills Tables*Personal Skills*

| Roll | Skill / Characteristic |
|------|------------------------|
| 1 | +1 Int |
| 2 | +1 Edu |
| 3 | +1 End |
| 4 | Athletics |
| 5 | Carousing |
| 6 | Gun Combat |

Service Skills

| Roll | Skill |
|------|-----------------|
| 1 | Magic: Light |
| 2 | Magic: Ritual |
| 3 | Computer |
| 4 | Magic: Gates |
| 5 | Sciences |
| 6 | Gambling |

Specialist Skills

| Roll | Skill |
|------|-----------------|
| 1 | Magic: Darkness |
| 2 | Wheeled Vehicle |
| 3 | Magic: Ritual |
| 4 | Outdoors |
| 5 | Broker |
| 6 | Streetwise |

Advanced Skills (requires Edu 8+)

| Roll | Skill |
|------|---------------------|
| 1 | Bureaucracy |
| 2 | Investigation |
| 3 | Security |
| 4 | Melee Combat |
| 5 | Jack of all Trades |
| 6 | Magic: Mind |

Cascade skills are shown in **bold**. Cascade skills are made up of two or more component skills. When your character receives a cascade skill, you must select one component skill of the cascade skill from the "Skills List."

d) Aging

Note your character's age. The character begins at age 18, but each school term lasts 4 years, so upon first completing this step your character is age 22.



You may either go to Step 4: Graduate or enter a new school term by repeating a) Survival, b) Advancement, c) Risky Castings, and d) Aging.

The maximum number of school terms you may attend without penalty is four. For the fifth term you may subtract your Strength score by 1 or lose 1 level in a skill. For the sixth term you may subtract your Dexterity score by 1 or lose 1 level in a skill. For the seventh term you may subtract your Strength and Dexterity scores each by 1 or lose 2 levels in any two skills. The absolute maximum number of school terms is seven.

Step 4: Graduate

For each term attended, you receive one roll of 1D6 on the Cash Benefits table. If your character is rank 4 or higher, add +1 to the roll. These credits may then be spent to purchase equipment for your character.

Cash Benefits

| Roll | Credits |
|------|---------|
| 1 | 500 |
| 2 | 1,000 |
| 3 | 2,000 |
| 4 | 5,000 |
| 5 | 10,000 |
| 6 | 20,000 |
| 7 | 50,000 |

Also, for each term attended, you may choose one benefit from the Material Benefits table. It helps to choose something for which your character has the correct skill. For instance, a Calligraphy Kit may only be used if the character has the Magic: Calligraphy skill. Choosing a weapon makes the most sense if the character possesses a skill in Melee or Gun Combat.

Material Benefits

| |
|----------------------------------|
| Dextran-Air Model-1 Laptop |
| Esoteric Lore Database-2 |
| Dark Web Database-1 |
| Ranged Weapon (full ammo) |
| Gambling Tools-1 |
| Ritual Trappings-1 |
| Shieldbreaker-5 |

Material benefits shown in **bold** are a category in "Equipment." Choose one item from that category in the "Equipment" chapter.

Step 5: Equipment & Encumbrance

Purchase any items you think your character might need for the adventure from "Equipment."

Calculate your character's Encumbrance Limit. This is 10+ your character's Strength DM. For instance, a character with a Strength of 9 has a Str DM of +1, for an Encumbrance Limit of 11. A character with a Strength of 5 has a Str DM of -1, for an Encumbrance Limit of 9. Note the Encumbrance Limit on the character sheet.

On the character sheet jot down the equipment's name, its encumbrance, and any notes about its use. If you have an Encumbrance Limit of 10, and your equipment totals up to an Encumbrance of 11 or higher, your character must take a -2 DM to all skill rolls.

Step 6: Combat Power

Calculate your character's Combat Power. Combat Power is an indication of how lethal your character is in combat. To calculate it, add up the following values:

- Characteristic DM's for: Str + Dex + End + Int
- +
- Skill Level/DM's for: Athletics + Gun Combat + Melee Combat + all Magic Domains
- +
- # of dice of the single weapon possessed by the character which does the most damage + armor

Note your character's Combat Power on the character sheet.

Step 7: Magic

Go to "Magic" and learn how to create some preliminary magic spells.

Multiple Careers & Schools

After you Graduate, you may make a Qualifications check for another career or school. But, there is a -2 DM to the roll. Also, aging effects and term limit rules as stated above apply to the new terms gained in the new career or school.

