



# censuring

*the use of smoke in magic & ritual to fumigate, cleanse, bless or perfume a space, object, or person*

## HERBS FOR CENSING

Clary & Common Sage  
Cedar & False Cedar  
Pine  
Juniper

Rosemary  
Lavender  
Lemongrass  
Mugwort

## INCENSE FOR CENSING

Sandalwood  
Frankincense  
Copal  
Clove

Cinnamon  
Lavender

## SIMPLE CENSING RITE

*Supplies: the herb bundle of your choice, your cauldron (prepared with a generous bed of sand to absorb excess heat), & matches or a lighterfi*

1. Before beginning, cleanse your space as much as possible of clutter, debris, and cobwebs if needed.
2. Light your herb bundle and place it gently in the cauldron, taking a moment to center your focus as the herbs begin to produce the smoke you need.
3. Using your hand or a feather/feather-fan, begin fanning the smoke around the space, moving in the same direction consistently as you go. If you are indoors, make sure to fan the smoke into every nook and cranny. If you miss a cabinet or a closet, do not move backward, but circle the room another time to cense any places you missed on the first go-round. If you are outdoors, simply walk around the area you intend to cleanse and let the natural air carry the smoke around the entire space for you.
4. As you work, say:

*As burns flame, so burn away these leaves & herbs.  
As lifts the smoke, so lifts away all unwanted energy.  
As clears the air, so clears this space.*

5. When you have circled the space completely and every corner has been censed, return to the place from which you started and announce:

*This space is cleansed & claimed by me,  
to do with as I will.  
Let nothing I removed return.  
Let nothing trespass here against my will.*



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