

MYSTIC SOUTH 2026

Forgotten Tools of Divination



Egg, Chicken Feet, Seeds & Nuts Divinatory Practices

By Hoodoo Workers

Ancient Wisdom for Modern Practitioners

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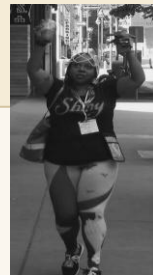


What We'll Explore Today



Meet & Greet and then Roots & Origins

How Hoodoo & African traditions use eggs, chicken feet, and nuts in spiritual practice



Religious Rejection

Why these tools were shunned by Christian religions — and the symbolic parallels they share

Respectful Integration

Reading bubbles, yolk, water patterns, and adding sacred herbs to your own tradition



Fun thru Dance and Song

Have a great time playing and learning these tools

Box Breathing

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Meditation
Song
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Roots & Origins

Hoodoo, African Traditions & the Sacred Objects



The Egg



- The egg is a beginning of life
- Represents the soul
- Absorbs negative energy & illness
- Used across West Africa, Latin America & the American South
- Vehicle for diagnosis of spiritual ailment



Chicken Feet



- Symbol of power & protection in Hoodoo
- Scratching away evil — as a chicken scratches earth
- Carried as a charm in mojo bags
- Used in Conjure work and rootwork



Nuts & Seeds



- Agriculture in the African landscape
- Peanut, walnut, hazelnut, cashew and coconut
- High john, holy basil, rue, pinecones, juniper, quinoa, amaranth

Bible Verses to these Sacred Objects

Tool	Protection	Blessing	Cursing / Justice
Eggs	Isaiah 10:27	Psalms 51:7	Galatians 6:7 (breaking harmful work)
Chicken Feet	Psalms 35:1	Proverbs 21:31	Psalms 35 (full chapter for justice)
Nuts	Ecclesiastes 4:12	Proverbs 4:23	Isaiah 10:27 (containment)
Seeds	Psalms 121:8	Mark 4:8	Galatians 6:7

Why Are These Tools Forgotten

Religious gatekeeping, animal cruelty concerns, and lack of oral tradition

Why Rejected

- Systemic racism – anything Black, African, Indigenous is bad, anything ‘European and Christian’ is good
- To encourage and justify enslavement ‘the Bible says you can only have one God’
- Divination used again colonizers and enslavers
- Tools linked to African pride, roots, and culture were systematically suppressed
- Black pride = separatism, KKK = nationalism
- Economic control — breaking spiritual autonomy kept communities dependent
- Oral tradition – tools were taught person to person no books or written lineage was captured

Symbolic Parallels

Egg — rebirth & potential → Easter egg — resurrection of Christ

Chicken — sacrifice & offering → Communion — sacrificial body & blood

Blood — life force in ritual → Blood of Christ — central sacrament

Nuts/seeds — fertility & abundance → Grain — bread of life symbolism

Water scrying → Holy water — purification & blessing

Fire/candle ritual → Candles and incense — prayer & light

The Art of Egg Reading (Oomancy)

How It Works

1. Cleanse and anoint the egg (Psalm 4)
2. Roll a fresh egg over the client (start at the head)
3. Crack the egg into a glass of blessed water
4. Read the shapes, patterns, and formations
5. Interpret yolk position, bubbles, and filaments

Hints

Bubbles: Negative energy absorbed

Clear water: Clean spiritual state

Eye in yolk: Evil eye directed at you

Cloudy water: Illness or envy present

Blood spots: Witchcraft or hex at work

Filaments: Enemies or gossip nearby



Bonus: Water, Bubbles & Yolk Patterns



Water Patterns

Circular ripple

Cycles — situation will repeat

Stillness

Peace; the issue has resolved

Turbulence

Conflict or emotional upheaval ahead

Oil pooling

Separation from negativity working

Clockwise flow

Drawing in / attraction magic active

Counter-clockwise

Banishing / releasing energy present



Bubble Readings

Many small bubbles

Envy or many small worries absorbed

Large single bubble

One major issue or threat identified

Bubbles around yolk

Protection is needed; things closing in

Rapid bubbles

Urgency — act quickly

No bubbles

Clean state; nothing negative present

Bubbles in a line

A path or journey; linear progression



Yolk Formations

Centered, whole yolk

Good health, balanced energy

Broken yolk

Broken promises or compromised wellbeing

Double yolk

Abundance, duality, or a twin soul message, twins ‘literally’

Yolk to one side

Imbalance — attention needed in that area

Spider-web pattern

Entanglements; a snare or trap nearby

Face or figure shape

A specific person is influencing the situation

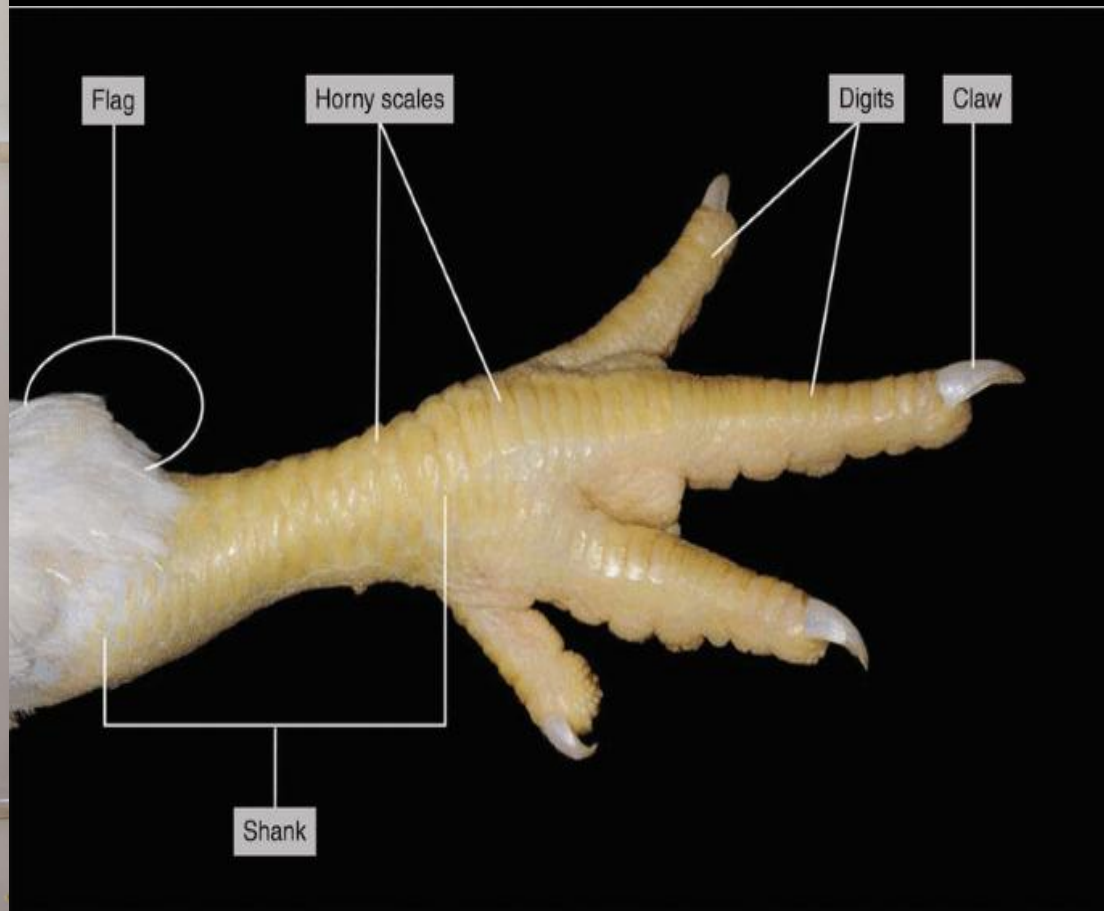
Chicken Feet In Practice

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- **Protection charms** — hung above doorways to ward off evil
- **Scratching rituals** — used to 'scratch away' curses and hexes from a person or space
- **Mojo bags** — included for raw power and animal strength
- **To paint or not to paint?** — up to the rootworker
- **Divination tool** — the arrangement of tossed feet reveals messages
- **Preservation** — dried with salt, sulfur, or herbs to prepare for workings

Preparing the foot

- Begin with feet from a local/respected source
- Bless the foot (or feet) with a Psalm of your choice
- Dress the foot with your chosen herbs and oils
- Recite any prayers or incantations with the intention for the foot
- Use the foot in any practice



Nuts and Seed Readings

Nuts and Seeds in Practice

- **Protection uses** — gris gris bags, floor and spiritual washes
- **Rituals** — seeds and nuts cooked, ground, powdered all make hoodoo work better
- **Offerings** — Seeds and nuts (whole) are offerings to deities, broken up and filled with liquors, spring waters, or personal works
- **Graveyard work** — protection amulets, in shoes, sewn into clothing/hats when doing graveyard work
- **Divination tool** — reading coconuts, kola nuts, cowrie shells (not a nut/seed) but a substitute



Reading Methods

A root worker places a handful of small seeds (often pea seeds, corn kernels, or melon seeds) in their hands, prays over them, and casts them onto a flat surface.

Interpretation: Seeds landing close together = yes / favorable / spirit agreement

Seeds scattering widely = no / blockage / delay

Seeds forming a line or pointing = direction to take

A hoodoo worker opens a fruit and counts the seeds, using the number or pattern as a message from spirit.

Interpretation: Even number = balance, harmony, smooth path

Odd number = change, movement, or a decision coming

Very high number = abundance, fertility, prosperity

Very low number = scarcity, need for protection or cleansing





Respectful Integration

How to bring these tools into your practice with integrity and awareness

01 Learn the Origins First

Before adopting any tool, study the tradition it comes from. Read primary sources, seek out practitioners from the originating culture, and understand the full context of the practice.

02 Ask, Don't appropriate

There is a difference between appreciation and appropriation. When possible, seek guidance or permission from cultural practitioners. Acknowledge the source openly in your work.



03 Adapt with Intention

Find the analogous symbols in your own tradition. Does your heritage also use water, fire, or animal symbols? Build bridges rather than wholesale transplanting another culture's sacred tools.

04 Practice with Reverence

Treat the tools as sacred, not something for you to 'try out' on your own. Don't perform readings for entertainment or novelty — approach them with the same depth of intention you would any spiritual practice.

Lulu & the Magic Chicken





Remember: Leave no magic behind



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Box Breathing:
Ancestor Ancestor
We welcome you
To these forgotten tools

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To these forgotten tools

We reject fear and shame
we cast aside what doesn't
belong
We open our minds to new ideas
We are ready to learn
We hear you
We see you
(repeat twice)

Forgiveness:
Forgive me I forgot you
My ways of the old ones

Remember
Open Open our hearts
Remind us remind us to
remember

Our feet
Our seeds
Our nuts
So many ways we can see your
spirit

Walking through this journey
together

Welcome welcome welcome you

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Revival
DolliesDollies
Poppets, space holders, keepers
of spirit

These are forgotten tools
Or reminders to us
We open our minds and hearts
to new ideas
We intend to learn and grow
We honor and respect you of our
understanding

Open our hearts today
Move mountains out of our way
Show us how to use this clay,
chalk, or fabric
To make a way when there is no
way

Sunset in Double:
Forgive me I forgot you
My ways of the old ones
Calling all the Spirits of old

We open open our hearts
Remind us remind us to
remember

These dolls, these pieces of
fabric and scrap
Speak to us and do our work
for us
We hear you and thank you

We Welcome welcome
welcome you

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