

# Astrolabe Font 1

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*Astrolabe Font 1* is designed for use in word processing, page makeup and graphics programs, where it can be selected just as you would select an ordinary font like Times New Roman or Arial.

*Astrolabe Font 1* contains an unusually complete set of serif-style astrological symbols. These are proportionally spaced so that they will look good when inserted in text along with other proportionally spaced fonts containing the usual letters and numbers. For ease in typing, all the ordinary astrological symbols are located on the regular number and letter keys on your keyboard. Additional symbols are accessible by pressing the **Alt** key and typing a number sequence on your numeric keypad.

Because *Astrolabe Font 1* is proportionally spaced and has the main astrological symbols placed on the regular keyboard, it is not suitable for use within *Solar Fire* or most other astrological calculation programs.

## When You Install Astrolabe Font 1

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When you install *Astrolabe Font 1*, both TrueType and PostScript (Adobe Type 1) versions of this font are copied into the usual font folders on your hard disk.

- The font file of the TrueType version is named **Ast1sps.ttf**. It is added to your **\Windows\Fonts** folder.
- The multiple font files used for the PostScript version have the filenames **Assp\_\_\_.afm**, **Assp\_\_\_.cfg**, etc. These are added to your **\Windows\Psfonts** folder.

Both versions of this font will show up in the regular font menu of your word processor under the name “Astrolabe 1.” or “Astrolabe 1SP.” The TrueType version, which may have a blue “TT” next to it, will suffice for most purposes, though in special cases you might want to use the PostScript version.

If you find the above filenames in your **\Windows\Fonts** or **Windows\Psfonts** folder but don’t find their menu name in your font menu, consult Windows Help or your type manager’s Help for instructions on how to activate fonts.

## Reinstalling

If you need to reinstall these fonts, first use Windows Explorer to open the **\Windows\Fonts** folder and make sure that the **Ast1sps.ttf** file is deleted. Then open the **Windows\Psfonts** folder and make sure that all the **Assp\_\_\_.** files are deleted. Then, after shutting off all open programs, insert your Astrolabe CD and install *Astrolabe Font 1* just as you did originally.

## Using Astrolabe Font 1

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Suppose that you’re typing material that consists mostly of astrological symbols and other characters that are in *Astrolabe Font 1*. Then you can simply select “Astrolabe 1” from your word processor’s font menu and type in the desired characters, consulting the Character Layout below to find the keys that correspond to the characters you want.

Possibly you will need an unusual symbol that is not on your keyboard. In that case, hold down the **Alt** key while using your computer’s numeric keypad (not the number keys across the top of the keyboard) to enter the number sequence shown in the Character Layout.

If you’re putting the astrological symbols into a table, you’ll need to use tabs rather than ordinary spaces to align them into columns. (This is because in this font the spaces given each character vary in width according to the character’s design.) You may also be able to use your word processor’s Table feature to align the characters into columns.

If you need to type in some ordinary alphabetic characters that aren't in *Astrolabe Font 1*, select one of your regular text fonts from your word processor's font menu, and then select *Astrolabe 1* again when you resume typing astrological symbols.

*Note when using the TrueType version:* If your word processor has non-printing characters like spaces, tab characters, and paragraph marks turned on so as to be visible on the screen, you may see an "E" for a space, "D" for a paragraph mark, etc. when you are using the TrueType version of *Astrolabe Font 1*. These characters won't show when the document is printed, but if they bother you on the screen, you can turn non-printing characters off (in *MS Word*, select **Tools>Options>View tab**), or use the PostScript version of the font.

## Using Your Word Processor's Find and Replace Feature

If you're mixing a lot of astrological symbols in with ordinary text, you could find yourself continually changing from your regular font to the astrological font and back again. In this case, you can make the job much easier by using your word processor's Find and Replace feature.

First, type in everything using your regular text font. For the astrological symbols, type in the whole word or use a distinctive abbreviation that you can later replace with the symbol. For example, you could use:

**Ar** for Aries, **Ta** for Taurus, **Ge** for Gemini, **Cn** for Cancer, **Le** for Leo, **Vi** for Virgo, **Li** for Libra, **Sc** for Scorpio, **Sg** for Sagittarius, **Cp** for Capricorn, **Aq** for Aquarius, **Pi** for Pisces, **Su** for Sun, **Mo** for Moon, **Me** for Mercury, **Ve** for Venus, **Ma** for Mars, **Ju** for Jupiter, **Sa** for Saturn, **Ur** for Uranus, **Ne** for Neptune, **Pl** for Pluto, **NN** for North Node, **SN** for South Node, **Ce** for Ceres, **Pa** for Pallas, **Jn** for Juno, **Vs** for Vesta, **Dg** for degree, etc. The point is to use a unique combination of letters or numbers for each symbol, a combination that won't be used elsewhere in the text.

When you've finished typing in the text, you then use your word processor to *Find* each abbreviation and *Replace* it with the symbol in the astrological font. For example, in *Microsoft Word* you would convert the abbreviation "Su" to the astrological Sun glyph as follows.

1. First save your file (so that if the replacement should go hopelessly awry, you can close the file without saving it again, re-open it, and start over).
2. Then select **Edit menu>Replace...**
3. In the "Find and Replace" window, click on the More button and select "Match case" and "Find whole words only." (This will prevent inserting astrological characters in the middle of words that happen to contain the same letter sequences.)
4. In the "Find what:" field, type *Su*, and then press **Tab**.
5. In the "Replace with:" field, type the lower-case *q* (which, according to the Character Map, is where the Sun glyph is located).
6. With the cursor still in the "Replace with:" field, click on the Format button, and then on Font. In the Find Font box, select the *Astrolabe 1* font, and then select OK.
7. Click on the Replace All button. (If things go awry, you can usually undo the whole Replace by selecting **Edit menu>Undo**.)

If you need an astrological character that is not on the regular keyboard, you can enter it into the "Replace with:" field by holding down the **Alt** key and using the numeric keypad to type in the numerical code for that character. What you then see in the "Replace with:" box will be an equivalent character in the standard font. However, when you return to the text page it will show up as the *Astrolabe Font 1* character that you wish.

## Using the Windows Character Map

If you don't have the printed Character Map handy, you can select these characters from the on-screen Windows Character Map, and then paste them into the text.

1. Minimize your word processing document, and open the Windows Character Map by either
  - a) clicking on the **Character Map** or **Charmap** shortcut on your Windows desktop,
  - b) selecting something like **Start button>Programs>Accessories>System Tools>Character Map** (the exact location varies, so you may have to do a little exploring the first time), or
  - c) selecting **Start button>Programs>Windows Explorer** and then clicking on the **c:\Windows** folder and double-clicking on the **Charmap.exe** file.(If none of these is on your computer, see "Installing the Windows Character Map" below.)
2. In the Character Map window, select the Astrolabe 1 font, click on the character you want, and then click on the Select button.
3. Then click on the Copy button. The character (or characters) in the "Characters to copy" box will be copied into the Clipboard.
4. To insert the character(s) into your document, maximize the document, and then select **Edit menu>Paste** (or press **Shift+Insert**).

## Installing the Windows Character Map

If you can't find the Windows Character Map in your computer, this is most likely because on Windows 98 and higher, it isn't part of the standard default installation. It's not hard to add this handy little program (and, if you wish, a number of other optional Windows accessory programs). Here's how.

***If You Have Windows XP:*** first click on **Start button>Control Panel**. Select the "Add/Remove Programs" icon. In the next window to come up, click on "Add/Remove Windows Components." A "Windows Components Wizard" window will open, listing various parts of Windows. Don't directly click on the checkmarks on this list, or you will accidentally uninstall components of Windows. Instead, go to the "Accessories and Utilities" item at the top of the list, and double-click directly on the word "Accessories." In the next window to come up, once more directly click on the word "Accessories" to bring up a list of Windows Accessories. Click to put a check mark next to Character Map and any other accessory programs that you want, and then click on OK. At the prompt, insert your Windows CD. The Windows Character Map will then be automatically installed.

***If You Have Windows 98:*** first click on **Start button>Settings>Control Panel**. Select the "Add/Remove Programs" icon. On the Add/Remove Programs page, click on the Windows Setup tab at the top. In the list that appears, don't directly click on the checkmarks, or you will accidentally uninstall components of Windows. Instead, scroll down the list to "System Tools," and double-click directly on the word "System." On the System Tools menu that comes up next, click to put a check mark next to Character Map and any other accessory programs that you want, and then click on OK. At the prompt, insert your Windows CD. The Windows Character Map will then be automatically installed.

***To Create a Character-Map Shortcut on Your Desktop:*** Go to the Character Map as described in step 1-b or 1-c at the top of this page. Then,

- *If you used 1-b*, click on the icon next to "Character Map" and drag it onto the Windows desktop.
- *If you used 1-c*, click on the icon next to "Charmap.exe", and drag it onto the Windows desktop.

If you wish, you can rename the shortcut by right-clicking on it, selecting "Rename," typing "Character Map" over the old name, and pressing **Enter**. You'll then have easy access to all the characters in any font, whether or not they are directly accessible from the keyboard.

# Character Layout: Astrolabe Font 1

## Characters on Keyboard:

⊕ ~	!!	@@	##	₤ \$	%%	⊗ ^	& &	* *	(( ))	_ _	+ +	
° `	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6	7 7	8 8	9 9	0 0	- -	= = Bkspc

	♀ Q	♁ W	♃ E	♄ R	♅ T	♆ Y	♁ U	♁ I	♀ O	♀ P	♁ {	♁ }	
Tab	♁ q	♁ w	♀ e	♀ r	♁ t	♁ y	♁ u	♁ i	♀ o	♀ p	[[	]]	\\

	♁ A	♁ S	♁ D	♁ F	* G	H	V <sub>x</sub> J	E <sub>p</sub> K	♁ L	::	⊂ “	
Caps	♁ a	♁ s	♁ d	♁ f	♁ g	h	A <sub>s</sub> j	M <sub>c</sub> k	♁ l	::	♁ ‘	Enter

	∠ Z	♁ X	♁ C	♁ V	♁ B	⊥ N	± M	<<	>>	??	
Shift	♁ z	♁ x	♁ c	♁ v	♁ b	♁ n	℞ m	,,	..	//	Shift

## Using numeric keypad, press Alt + number shown for:

0130	0131	0132	0133	0134	0135	0136	0137	0138	0139	0140	0145
▽	△	=	△	▽	△	□	⤵	└	┌	└	♁

0146	0147	0148	0149	0150	0151	0152	0153	0154	0155	0156	0159
♁	⊂	♀	☺	♀	♁	♁	™	♁	♁	♁	✓

0160	0161	0162	0163	0164	0165	0166	0167	0168	0169	0170	0171
€	↓	←	→	♀	☯	♁	V <sub>c</sub>	A <sub>v</sub>	©	♁	☯

0172	0173	0174	0175	0176	0177	0178	0179	0180	0181	0182	0183
♁	♁	®	—	♁	♁	♁	♁	B <sub>q</sub>	Q	D	E

0184	0185	0186	0187	0188	0189	0190	0191	0192	0193	0194	0195
I	M	N	P	C <sub>p</sub>	R	S	W	♁	♁	●	⊂

0196	0197	0198	0199	0200	0201	0202	0203	0204	0205	0206	0207
●	●	○	☾	○	⊂	☾	○	◐	●	♁	♁

0208	0209	0210	0211	0212	0213	0214	0215	0216	0217	0218	0219
♁	♁	♁	☆	♁	☆	♁	♁	♁	♁	♁	♁

0220	0221	0222	0223	0224	0225	0226	0227	0228	0229	0230	0231
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	C

0232	0233	0234	0235	0236	0237	0238	0239	0240	0241	0242	0243
D	E	I	M	N	P	R	R	S	T	W	●

0244	0245	0246	0247	0248	0249	0250	0251	0252	0253	0254	0255
⊂	●	●	○	☾	○	⊂	☾	○	◐	●	∞

Standard Points	Char.	Equiv.
Sun	☉	q
Sun (old)	♁	0154
Moon	☾	w
Mercury	☿	e
Venus	♀	r
Mars	♂	t
Mars (old)	♂	0155
Mars (old)	♂	0156
Jupiter	♃	y
Saturn	♄	u
Uranus	♅	i
Uranus (Euro)	♅	0145
Neptune	♆	o
Neptune (Euro)	♆	0146
Pluto	♇	p
Pluto	♇	“
Pluto (Euro)	♇	0148
Pluto (Euro)	♇	0149
North Node	♊	l
South Node	♋	L
Earth (helio)	♁	~
Midheaven	M <sub>C</sub>	k
Midheaven	M	0185
Ascendant	A <sub>S</sub>	j
East Point	E <sub>P</sub>	K
Vertex	V <sub>X</sub>	J
Antivertex	A <sub>V</sub>	0168
Part of Fortune	⊗	^

Asteroids	Char.	Equiv.
Ceres	♀	O
Pallas	♀	P
Juno	♁	{
Vesta	♁	}
Chiron	♄	\$

Uranian Planets	Char.	Equiv.
Cupido	♀	Q
Hades	♁	W
Zeus	♂	E
Kronos	♁	R
Apollon	♃	T
Admetos	♁	Y
Vulcanus	♁	U
Poseidon	♃	I

Other Hypothetical Bodies	Char.	Equiv.
Vulcan	♁	0167
Black Moon Lilith	♀	0150
Transpluto/Persephone/Bacchus	♁	0151

Signs	Char.	Equiv.
Aries	♈	a
Taurus	♉	s
Gemini	♊	d
Cancer	♋	f
Leo	♌	g
Virgo	♍	h
Libra	♎	z
Scorpio	♏	x
Sagittarius	♐	c
Capricorn	♑	v
Capricorn (Euro)	♑	0166
Aquarius	♒	b
Pisces	♓	n

Direction of Travel	Char.	Equiv.
Direct	D	0182
Direct	d	0232
Retrograde	R	m
Retrograde	R	0189
Retrograde	r	0239
Retrograde	r	0238
Stationing	S	0190
Stationing	s	0240

Natal, Transiting, Prog., etc.	Char.	Equiv.
Natal	N	0186
Natal	n	0236
Radix	R	0189
Radix	r	0238
Transiting	T	0241
Progressed	P	0187
Progressed	p	0237
Solar Arc	S	0190
Solar Arc	s	0240
Directed	D	0182
Directed	d	0232
Converse	c	0231

**Aspects** Char. Equiv.

Conjunction	♌	A
Opposition	♍	S
Square	♎	D
Trine	♏	F
Sextile	♐	G
Parallel		H
Parallel	P	0187
Contraparallel	∥	B
Contraparallel	♁	0188
Semisquare	∠	Z
Sesquare	⊞	X
Semisextile	∨	C
Quincunx	∩	V
Quincunx (old)	∇	0178
Quintile	⊥	N
Quintile	Q	0181
Biquintile	±	M
Biquintile	♁	0180
Novile	N	0186
22.5°	∠	0179
Occultation	♁	0176

**Mathematical** Char. Equiv.

Degree	°	˚
Decimal pt.	.	.
Plus	+	+
Minus	-	-
Equals	=	=
Greater than	>	>
Less than	<	<
Bracket	(	(
Bracket	)	)
Bracket	[	[
Bracket	]	]
Forward Slash	/	/
Back Slash	\	\
Asterisk	*	*

**Arrows** Char. Equiv.

Up	↕	0160
Down	↕	0161
Left	↔	0162
Right	↔	0163

**Stars (filled)** Char. Equiv.

3-point	▲	0206
4-point	✦	0208
5-point	★	0210
6-point	✪	0212
7-point	✫	0214
8-point	✬	0216
9-point	✭	0218

**Stars (open)** Char. Equiv.

3-point	△	0207
4-point	☆	0209
5-point	☆	0211
6-point	☆	0213
7-point	☆	0215
8-point	☆	0217
9-point	☆	0219

**Number Subscripts** Char. Equiv.

0	₀	0220
1	₁	0221
2	₂	0222
3	₃	0223
4	₄	0224
5	₅	0225
6	₆	0226
7	₇	0227
8	₈	0228
9	₉	0229

**Element/Mode/House Type** Equiv.

Earth	▽	0130
Air	△	0131
Air	=	0132
Fire	△	0133
Water	▽	0134
Cardinal	△	0135
Fixed	⊞	0136
Mutable	∩	0137
Angular	∟	0138
Succedent	⊞	0139
Cadent	∟	0140

**Moon Phases (large) Char. Equiv.**

New	●	0243
45°	◐	0245
First Quarter	◑	0246
135°	◒	0247
Full	◯	0249
225°	◐	0252
Last Quarter	◑	0253
315°	◒	0254
	☾	0248
	☽	0251

**Moon Phases (small) Char. Equiv.**

New	●	0194
45°	◐	0196
First Quarter	◑	0197
135°	◒	0198
Full	◯	0200
225°	◐	0203
Last Quarter	◑	0204
315°	◒	0205
	☾	0199
	☽	0202

**Eclipses Char. Equiv.**

Solar	☉	0176
Solar	⊕	0244
Solar	⊙	0195
Lunar	☾	0177
Lunar	⊕	0250
Lunar	⊙	0201

**Longitude and Latitude Char. Equiv.**

North	N	0186
North	n	0236
South	S	0190
South	s	0240
East	E	0183
East	e	0233
West	W	0191
West	w	0242

**Horizon and Meridian Transits**

Rising	R	0189
Rising	r	0238
Culminating	M	0185
Culminating	m	0235
Setting	S	0190
Setting	s	0240
Anticulminating	I	0184
Anticulminating	i	0234
Easting	E	0183
Easting	e	0233
Westing	W	0191
Westing	w	0242

**Miscellaneous Char. Equiv.**

Angle	∠	0164
Checkmark	✓	0159
Comet	♄	0152
Chartwheel	⊗	0172
Don't	⊘	0192
Globe	⊗	0173
Infinity	∞	0255
North pointer	↗	0170
Peace	☺	0171
Saucer	☾	0193
Tao	☯	0165
Copyright	©	0169
Trademark	™	0153
Registered TM	®	0174
Overline	—	0175
Underscore	—	