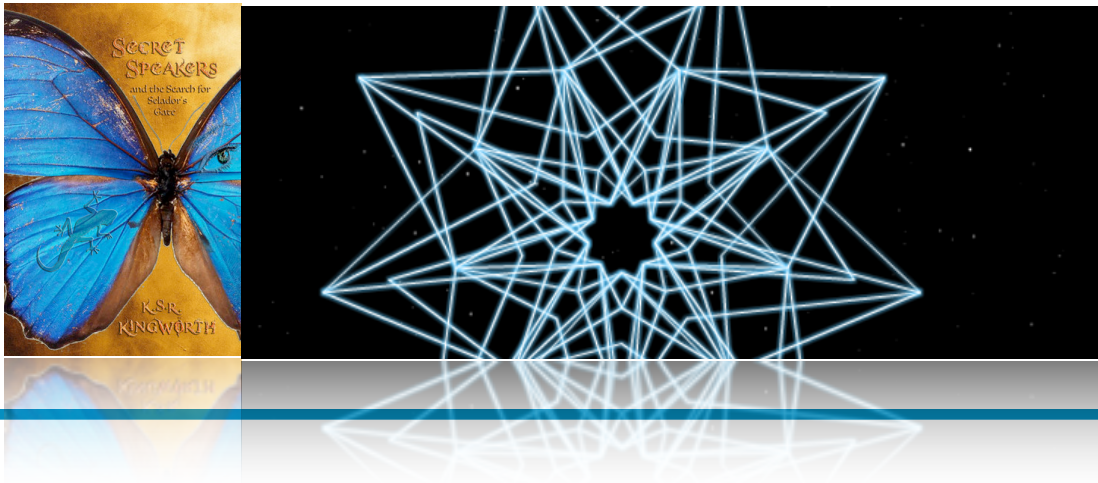


# How to Make Your Own Luminamen

... like the ones in the YA fantasy novel,  
*Secret Speakers and the Search for Selador's Gate*  
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I learned this from my niece who learned it from her 6th grade math teacher in Park City, Utah.  
Now it's your turn!



First, I want to give you a bit of background from the Prologue of *Secret Speakers*.  
I think it might be helpful.  
(Just so you know, Liver is speaking. He's an era-born Secret Speaker.)

Before you are allowed to open the sacred pages, let me give you an explanation of things. I'll start here, in the center of endless space, where I sit in the palm of the gods.

In the center of space there is a room. The room is a room of smooth, stone floor surrounded by numberless stars. In the center of the room there is an enormous, glowing orb that slowly spins and hovers above the glossy floor. The orb is an orb of blinding, white-hot immortality. It is called the Mysterielle, for it is endless. Within the Mysterielle countless, smaller orbs tumble and roll. Each one resembles the Mysterielle in luster and luminosity. Each is filled on the inside with a Luminamen: it is the soul's star, woven with shimmering threads from the Aurora Borealis.

These orbs of light in miniature, filled with a rotating Luminamen, are called Secret Speakers. I am one of them. Most are assigned to tell the truthful story of the creature to which they are singularly born, each at its appointed moment.

Some, however, known as era-born Secret Speakers, are born to tell the story of an era. And so, these Secret Speakers are born to many. We are called Secret Speakers, not because we expose your secrets, or the secrets of the misdeeds of man, as you might imagine, but because we know your inmost heart, where secrets, most sacred, live.

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Now that you've read the explanation, let's move on.

## Here's What You'll Need

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- the target-shaped template (see next page)
  - the alphabet page (see the page after that)
  - a printer (so you can print out the target shape)
  - a pencil
  - a ruler
  - a few sheets of computer-sized paper (8 1/2" x 11")
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Be thinking about these questions:

**Which numbers go with which circle?**

(Hint: Find out on the target page)

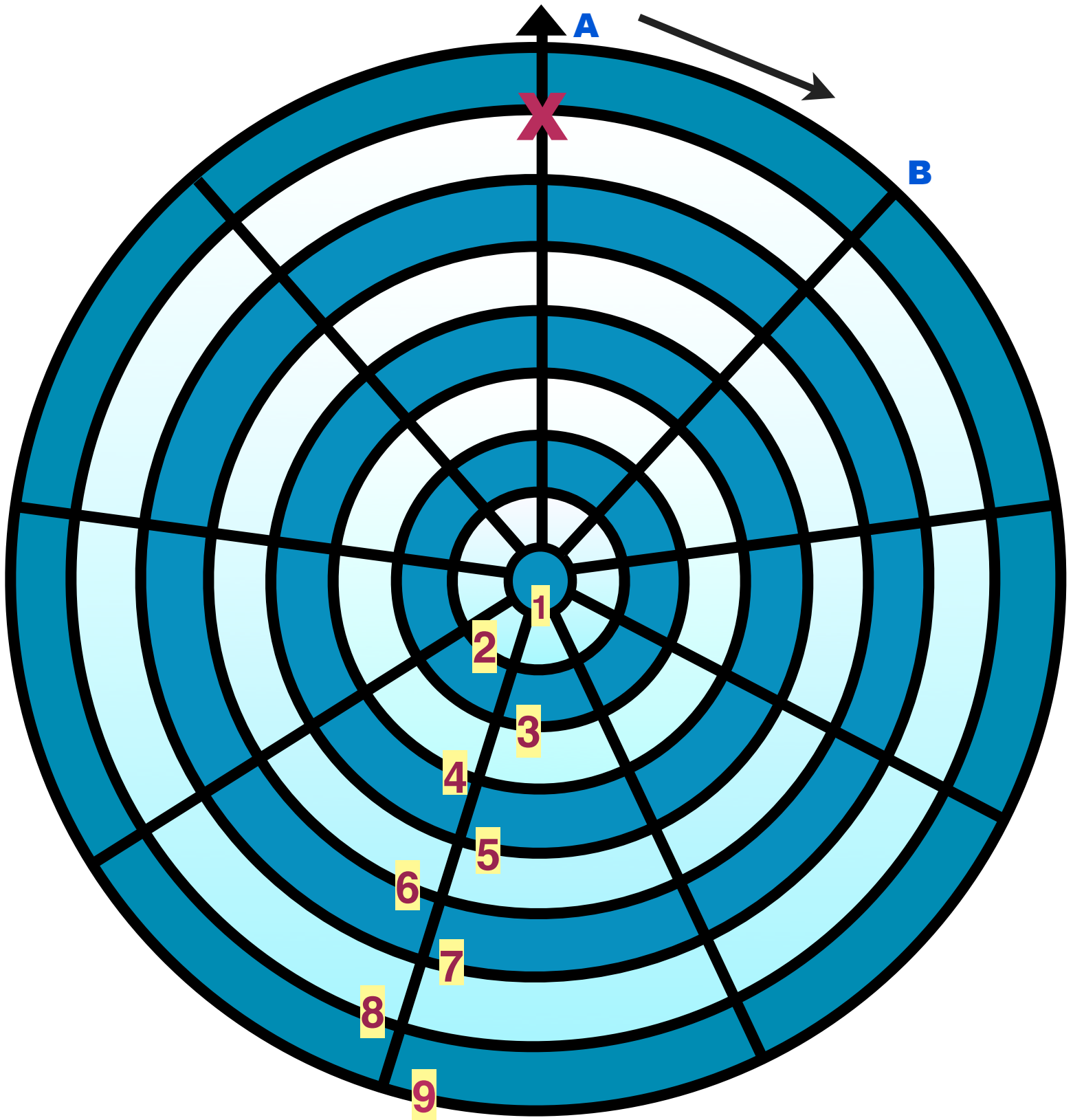
**Which letters go with which circle?**

(Hint: Find out on the page with the alphabet)

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## Step One: THE TARGET template. Print two or more

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## Step Two: THE GRID. (Think in “9’s”)

### The Grid

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

#### Questions:

Now that you’ve printed up a couple target templates, here are a few questions for you: (You’ll probably end up using the extras to make more!)

1. Look at **The Grid** on this page. See which letters of the alphabet match the number above them?
1. See how the red numbers on **The Grid** match the numbers of the circles on **The Target**? Great.
2. See where I’ve put a red X on **The Target**? I just used that to mark a spot where The Target circle meets up with a “wheel spoke” line. We’ll call that an “**intersection**” from now on. Those **intersections** are where the letters of your name go.

#### Pop Quiz:

1. Does number “1” start on the inside or the outside of The Target?
2. How about number nine?
3. Now look at The Grid. If your name were Quinn, which number would go with which letter?  
(Hint: **Q**=8, **U**=3, **I**=9, **N**=5, **N**=5)

## Step Three: Connect the Dots . . . . .

**This is where you need a pencil and a ruler.**

**(Substitute your name for the example I'm giving you below.)**

1. On The Target, find the wheel spoke line marked with an "A."
2. Now, find the intersection for the first letter of your name on that line.  
**Example:** pretending your name is Quinn, you would start with the first letter: Q on the #8 circle.
3. Next, going in the direction of the arrow, use your pencil to mark each intersection for that letter with a dot on it's intersection, going all the way around. (You'll be staying on the same circle.)

This means you'll be making nine dots *at each intersection*.

Example: If it were the letter Q for Quinn, the dots would go on the 8th circle from the middle (or the second one from the outside . . . all the way around. Make sense?

Did you do it for your name? Good.

4. Find the line marked with a "B."
5. Now that you're on the line marked "B", find the intersection for the *next* letter of your name and mark it. This time you **ONLY** make one dot.

### **O.K. NOW HERE'S THE FUN PART:**

6. Place your ruler so that it lines up with dot on the "A" intersection with your "second letter dot" on the "B" intersection.
7. Did you do it? Great! That's the first half of the first point of your Luminamen star!
8. Now, just repeat this same pattern: First letter dot forms a line to the second letter dot . . .over and over . . . all the way around.
9. **If you're reading this sentence**, it probably means you've finished connecting all the dots for the first and second letters of your name. Good job smartie pants! If not, don't read on until you do!
10. O.K. Now connect the all the second letter dots to the third letter dots. When you're done with those ones, you do the next ones until you're done!

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## Rules of Thumb

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- ALWAYS START AT THE TOP (Line “A”) AND GO CLOCKWISE, IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROW.
- ALWAYS GO IN THE SAME DIRECTION (BUT YOU FIGURED THAT ONE OUT, SINCE I SAID TO FOLLOW THE ARROW, RIGHT?)
- ALWAYS CONNECT THE DOTS FOR THE LAST LETTER YOU ENDED ON . . . TO THE DOTS FOR THE NEXT ONE . . . GOING ALL THE WAY AROUND.
- ONLY THEN DO YOU MOVE ON TO THE NEXT LETTER.
- ONE IMPORTANT LAST STEP: CONNECT THE ENDING LETTER TO THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME.

P.S. If you want to do your first and last name on the same star, just act as if it's one long name. It will turn out great! To finish it off: connect the last letter of your last name to the first letter of your first name.

Use your power wisely and well,

Karey



## THAT'S IT! Have fun!

Now you can use the extra templates you printed to work on.

Here's a fun idea:

Place a blank piece of paper over the The Target template and draw the Luminamen on that. If it's too hard to see The Target through the paper, then tape it to a window. Now tape the blank piece of paper on top of The Target.

That should work.



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