

Buddhism: Mandala, Tibetan Padme, and Shri Yantra

A mandala is a symbol surrounded by a circle. It symbolizes perfection or wholeness, and it is also a symbol for zero, so signifying "end" or "completion." Monks draw them on walls or floors as

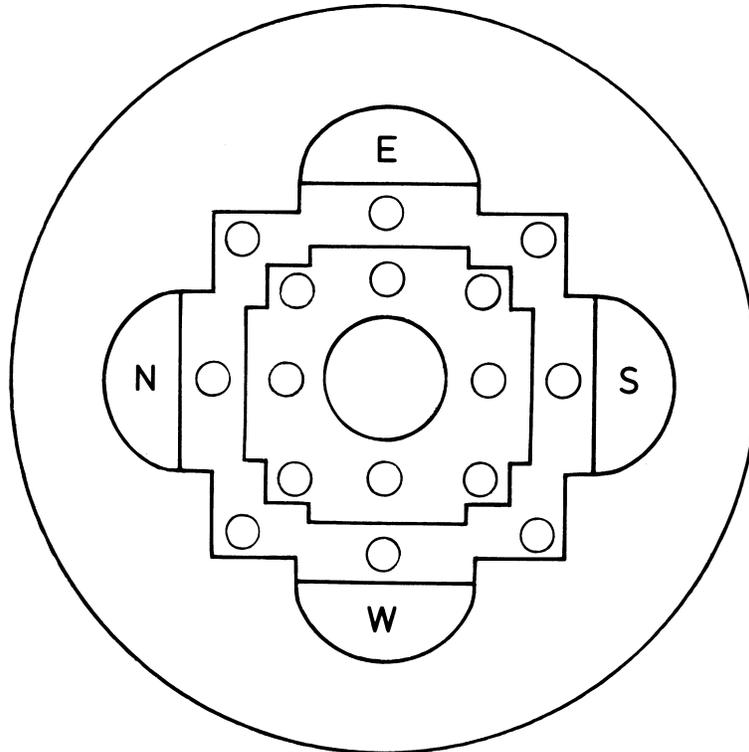
an aid to meditation.

Padme means "lotus," which stands for wisdom and, like the mandala, is a mystical symbol used in meditation.

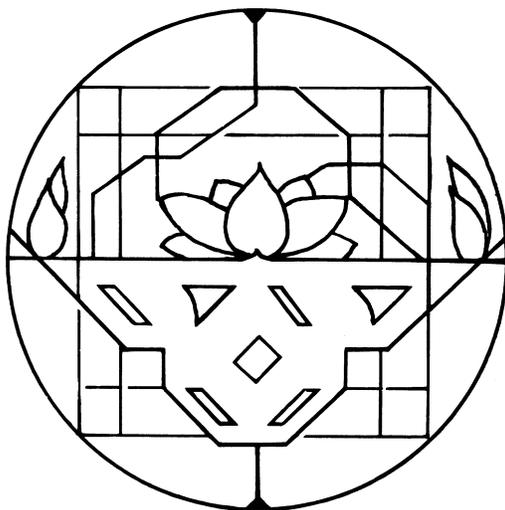
A yantra ("instrument") is a purely geometric mandala. The

Shri Yantra has nine linked triangles with four entrances and symbolizes wholeness as well as the union of male and female.

Mandala



Tibetan Padme



Shri Yantra

