

SR6 - Build a Mystic Adept - Character Creation Worksheet Instructions

Step 1 – Define your **Role** and **History** (P. 58-63 CRB)

Use the space under Step 1 to decide what role your character will fill on the team, some details of your character's past, and what your character's attitude is toward some of the Sixth World's more common moral issues.

Step 2.1 – Select your **Priorities** (P. 64 CRB)

Using the spaces under Step 2, on the Character Worksheet, fill in your choices for the following Priorities.

- **Magic / Resonance** – This can be a hard choice for Mystic Adepts, as you must split the Magic from your choice up between Power Points and starting spells and increasing your Magic with Special Attribute Points doesn't help.
- **Metatype** – This choice also sets the Special Attribute Points (Edge / Racial Attribute Points / extra Magic). As an Mystic Adept you only get Power Points from your Magic / Resonance choice, you do not get any more Power Points from increasing your magic with Special Attribute Points. So don't do it, it will just make Power Points harder to get later.
- Pick your 3 remaining priority choices for **Attributes** _____ **Skills** _____ and **Resources** _____
You can't use the same choice twice and you can't pick the choices you have already used for your Magic and Metatype.

At first glance Mystic Adepts have it all, but you still have to "pay" for it all. You need to pick an A, B, C or D choice for Magic and split this between Power Points and spells. The relative importance of Attributes, Skills and Race (SAPs) are up to player preference. Resources tend to take the lowest priority as most Mystic Adepts will avoid expensive cyberware.

Step 2.2 – Calculate your **Attributes** (P. 63-64 CRB)

Using the spaces under Step 2, on the Character Worksheet, calculate your Attributes. (don't spend any Karma here yet)

- Note your available Attribute points from your Priority choice.
- Divide up the points allotted from your Attribute Priority choice and write them in the first open spot.
- If your character is a metahuman you can add any available Racial Attribute Points to the marked attributes.
- Only ONE Attribute can be at the Attributes natural limit at character creation (for example 5 Charisma for a Troll, or 7 Agility for an Elf). The maximum final value for your other seven attributes can be no higher than 1 point lower than its Natural Limit (for example 5 for Humans), You must spend all of your Attribute points now.

Depending on how you are using Magic, attributes may be spread a little thinly. Agility and Body will be important for a combat focused Mystic Adept and you will need high Willpower and (Logic or Charisma) to resist the Drain from casting

Step 2.3 – Pick your Active Skills (P. 65 & 92-97 CRB)

Using the space under Step 2, purchase your Active Skills. (don't spend any Karma here yet)

- Record the number of skill points from your Priority choice.
- Spend these skill points by placing between 1 and 5 points in your chosen skills, 1 skill may be chosen at Rank 6 (or 7 with the Aptitude quality). You may put points in as many skills as you want and you must spend all of your points.
- Skill points can be used for specialization (+2 rating when used for that specialty) at a cost of 1 Skill Point per specialty. A skill can only be given 1 specialization; expertise and second specializations are not available at Character Creation.

Primary skills will be Sorcery and Conjuring along with whatever secondary skillset you are going for. Mystic Adepts have astral perception so they can use the Astral skill but remember Mystic Adepts can't perform Astral Projection.

Step 2.4 – Pick your Language and Knowledge Skills (P. 67 & 97-99 CRB)

Using the space under Step 2, purchase your Knowledge Skills and Languages. (don't spend any Karma here yet)

Characters get a number of free points equal to Logic to spend on knowledge skills and languages.

- Pick a native language, you get this for free at N (native) proficiency and language skill tests do not apply to it.
- Decide on what knowledge skills and other languages you want your character to have, See P. 97-99 of the CRB or the list labeled "Knowledge Skill Examples / Language Examples" for some ideas.
- Knowledge skills do not have ranks or specializations, these cost 1 free Logic point each.
- Languages start with base proficiency at a cost of 1 free Logic point each. Base language proficiency may be increased to specialist for 1 Logic point and expert for a second Logic point. Languages may never be increased to native proficiency.

Some Knowledge Skill suggestions for a Mystic Adept could be things like; Local Talismongers, Magical Goods Value, Magical Theory, Theology, Magical Security, or Magical Threats.

Step 2.5 – Pick your Adept Powers / Spells / Rituals / Formula / Complex Forms

List your Spells, Rituals, and Adept Power choices here. You must split your Magic / Resonance choice between free Power Points and Free Spells. Since Power Points can't be increased during Character Creation and spells cannot be bought with Karma try to get the most value out of your choices here.

Adept Powers are purchased with these Power Points, and you can buy as many Adept Powers as you have Power Points to spend. These choices will determine what type of Adept you are and what roles you can fill on a team. See P. 156-158 CRB. The primary advantage of Mystic Adepts is the ability to blend spells with powers, so try to pick spells that augment and work well with the Adept Powers and the secondary skillset you choose.

Step 3 – Select your Positive and Negative Qualities (P. 66 & 70-79 CRB)

Using the spaces under Step 3 on the Character Worksheet, note any Qualities taken, calculate your Total Net Karma.

- Descriptions of qualities are in the CRB, pages 70-79.
- Note any free racial qualities that your character may have from the metatype priority choice.
- You may choose up to 6 qualities, divided between positive and negative qualities. (The free racial qualities do not count towards this total.) Add the Karma from the positive qualities together, do the same for the negative qualities.
- Subtract the Karma deficit of the positive quality total from the Karma surplus of the negative quality total. The sum of these two totals is the Total Net Karma that gets carried over to Step 4. This number may not be higher than +20 Karma or lower than -50 Karma. (You add 50 Karma in step 4, so a negative number is not a problem at this point.)

Good Positive Qualities for a Mystic Adept could be Astral Chameleon, Spirit Affinity, and Mentor Spirit. Addictions, Allergies, Dependents, Distinctive Style, and SINner are typical Negative Qualities for most Archetypes.

Step 4 – Spend your Customization Karma (P. 66 & 68-69 CRB)

Add 50 Karma to your Total Net Karma from step 3, this is the amount of Karma you have for Character Customization.

You may use this Customization Karma to increase attributes, skills, or language proficiency. You may buy new active skills, knowledge skills, languages, or add specialties. Mystic Adepts may spend Karma to Initiate to Grade 1 or bond with Foci. They may also convert any amount of Karma into Nuyen for additional Resources.

- Up to 5 unspent Karma will carry over to the Current Karma number on your character sheet, any amount over 5 is lost.
- You may NOT use Customization Karma to have more than 1 attribute or skill at the maximum, or for skill expertise.
- Record your choices on the “Karma Spent” spaces in Steps 2.1 - 2.4 of the Character Worksheet.
- Use the advancement Karma costs below. (Also on page 68 of the CRB.)
 - Increase Attributes = 5 Karma x New Rank
 - Increase Active Skills = 5 Karma x New Rank
 - New Skill Specializations = 5 Karma
 - New Knowledge / Language Skills = 3 Karma
 - Initiate to Grade 1 = 11 Karma
 - Bond with a Focus = see Magical Goods Table SR6 p. 168
 - Convert to Nuyen (spent in step 5) = 2,000 Nuyen per 1 Karma (no limit on points of Karma converted)

Step 5 – Buy your Gear (p. 66 CRB - gear prices and descriptions are on 247-302 CRB)

Using the space under Step 5 on the Character Worksheet (or if you need the space, a Gear Tracker record sheet) list all the items purchased with your Resources. See the SR6 Packs for examples of what gear to buy.

- You must spend all of your resources during character creation except for up to 5,000 moved to starting nuyen.
- All characters must buy a lifestyle, even if it's just living for free on the street. Other basic items are a commlink, body armor, a ranged weapon with ammo, a melee weapon, a good fake SIN with licenses, and some type of vehicle.
- If you run short you can always go back to Step 4, make some changes there and convert additional Karma into nuyen at a rate of 1 Karma = 2,000 nuyen. Just make sure you keep track of what your changes are.

Mystic Adepts typically will not have (or need) a lot of resources. Without cyberware or a lot of expensive tech the most expensive items to buy are a fake SIN with licenses, lifestyle and a vehicle if you have anything extra.

Keep in mind that if you do decide to buy some ‘ware each fractional point of Essence lost will drop your Magic by a full point (.01 to 1.00 Essence lost = 1 point of Magic lost), for Mystic Adepts this will also mean the loss of a Power Point. Each step in character creation also happens in order so any Magic lost here in Step 5 will not be replaced with SAPs or Karma as you have already used these earlier in the Character Creation process

Step 6.1 – Buy Contacts (p. 66, 50 & 211-215)

Using the space under Step 6 on the Character Worksheet, list your character contacts bought with Connection / Loyalty points. Characters get a number of free points equal to 6 x Charisma.

- Contacts are who your character knows and can be anything you can imagine. See the Contact Example list for ideals.
- They have 2 ratings describing how useful they are, Connection (Rating 1-12) and Loyalty (Rating 1-12). The Starting Connection and Loyalty ratings must be at least 1 but can't be higher than 6 - or the characters Charisma if it's below 6.

Mystic Adept Example Contacts are; Artificer, Cult Member, Fixer, Librarian, Spiritual Leader, or a Talismonger.

Step 6.2 – Final Calculations

Using the space under Step 6.2 on the Character Worksheet work out the following numbers and record them.

Initiative (Physical, Astral and Matrix)
Condition Monitor Boxes (Physical, Stun)
Starting Nuyen (leftover Resources)

Attack / Defense ratings (Physical, Astral and Matrix)
Attribute only tests
Unspent Karma