

ENVISIONING FUTURES WITH

FORTUNE TELLERS!

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In the spirit of this larger zine project and "reflecting on the future" as we moved into 2021, we wanted to work together to collectively engage with the questions of "What do you envision for the future? How do we get there?" With this practice and workshop we'd collaborate to gather ideas, and each emerge with our own paper fortuneteller to help us map the futures we are working towards. We'd navigate a "new normal" together. So often the idea of the future can be overwhelming, creating fortunetellers is a joyful way to look ahead.



For Erika, creating and facilitating this workshop was a way to think about how to engage people in more creative ways and build more relationships in organizing and activism. It was really exciting and interesting to hear the ways that people engaged with the prompts and created their fortune tellers. It was very fulfilling to hear folks' responses, beyond what Erika could even imagine on her own.

Sam was curious what it would look like to playfully and meaningfully engage with what it means to shape the future. How could we work backwards, together? How could we get present, in whatever emotions we are in right now and PLAY with that to lead us back to some visionary future we so desperately want and need? With these fortune tellers, we state the future as a fact. We are there, we've made it happen! How did we do it? It certainly wasn't neat and easy; but we will have flexed the gifts and overcome the barriers of everything along the way. So let's play!

We're manifesting, baby.



CREATE YOUR OWN FORTUNE TELLER

PROMPTS:

Envision a future you want to see. What are some things that are the "new normal"?

How do you feel now, or want to feel about the future?

For each feeling word, consider,
What is a gift of that feeling?
What is a detriment of that feeling?

HOW TO:

Come up with eight.
Write these as statements of fact on inner triangles labeled (A)

eg: PRISONS ARE OBSOLETE,
EVERYONE CAN GROW FOOD,
ETC...

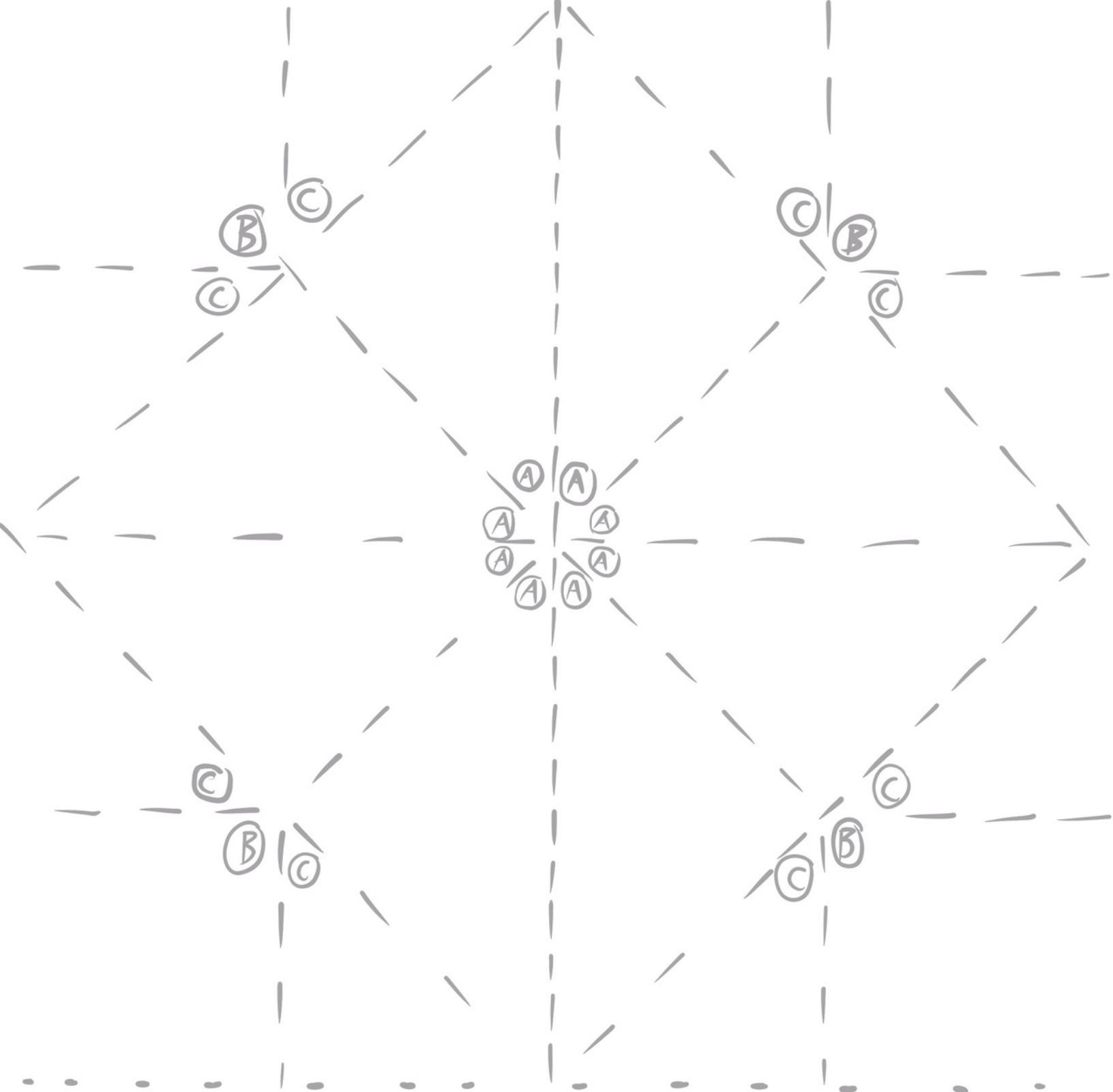
Begin with a list of four or more feeling words

Choose four to write on panels labeled (B)

eg: JOYFUL, HESITANT,
INSPIRED, DISHEARTENED

Write one for each emotion, choosing four gifts and four barriers total
Write one on each panel labeled (C)

eg: HESITANT:
gift: critical thinking
barrier: missed opportunities



Instructions:

Cut or tear across bottom line
Fold square in half diagonally
one-way then the opposite
Folded line should make an X
across center
Fold all corners in to center point
Flip paper so folded points face
down towards work surface
Fold new corners into center
point
Once folded crease along "+"
Crease edges then unfold
creases

To play:

Ask the player to pick an emotion from the top
four of the fortuneteller
Spell out that emotion, sounding it out while you
shuffle the fortuneteller
Have them pick a feeling from the inside of the
fortune teller
Now sound that feeling out while shuffling the
fortune teller again
Have them pick another feeling from inside the
fortune teller
This will reveal the future!