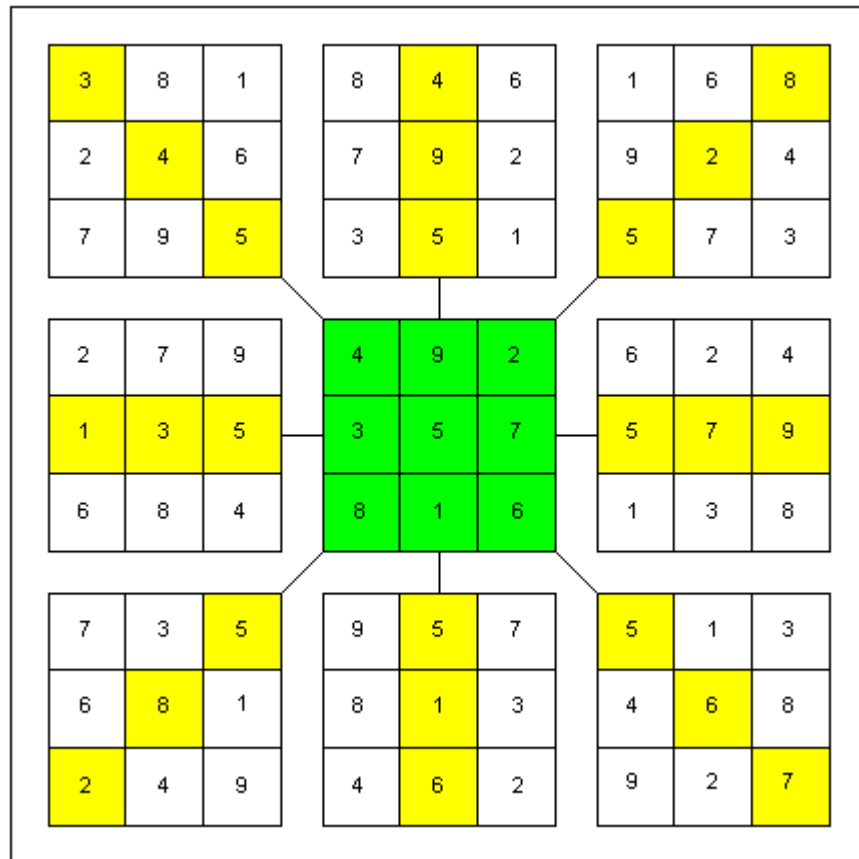


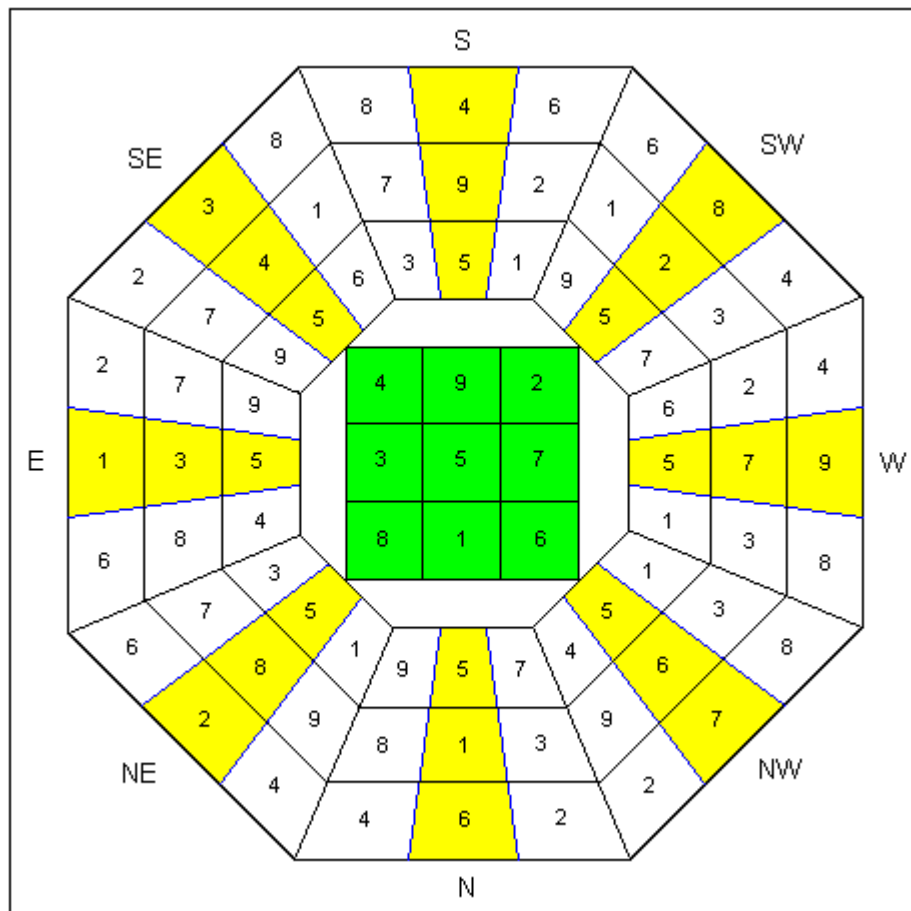
# The hexagram Compass.

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An important tool for divination is the 3x3 magic square and the Eight Houses that are derived from it :

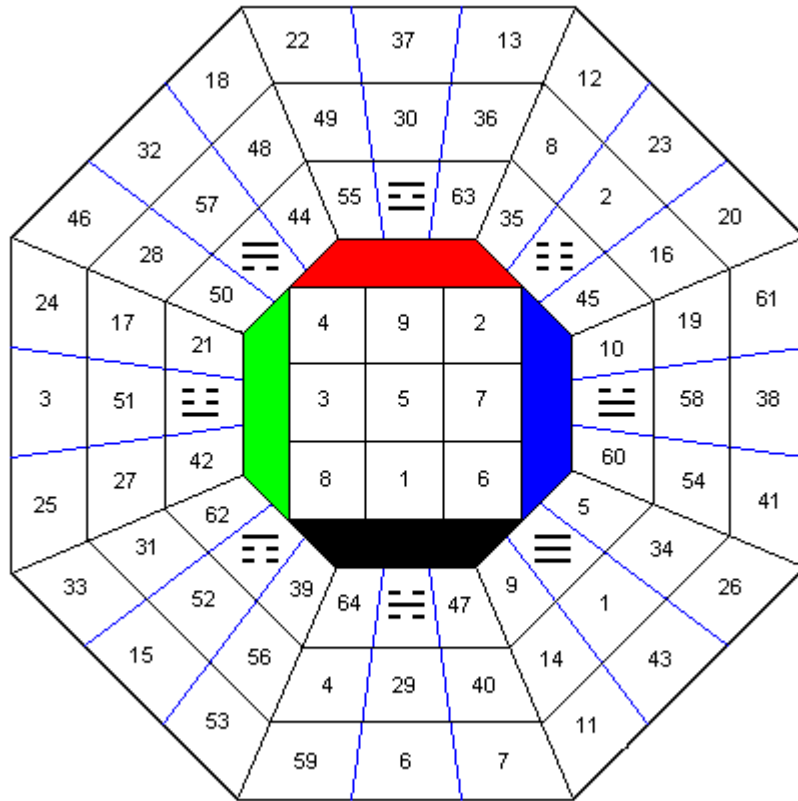


Out of this diagram we can easily construct a compass board with 24 directions :



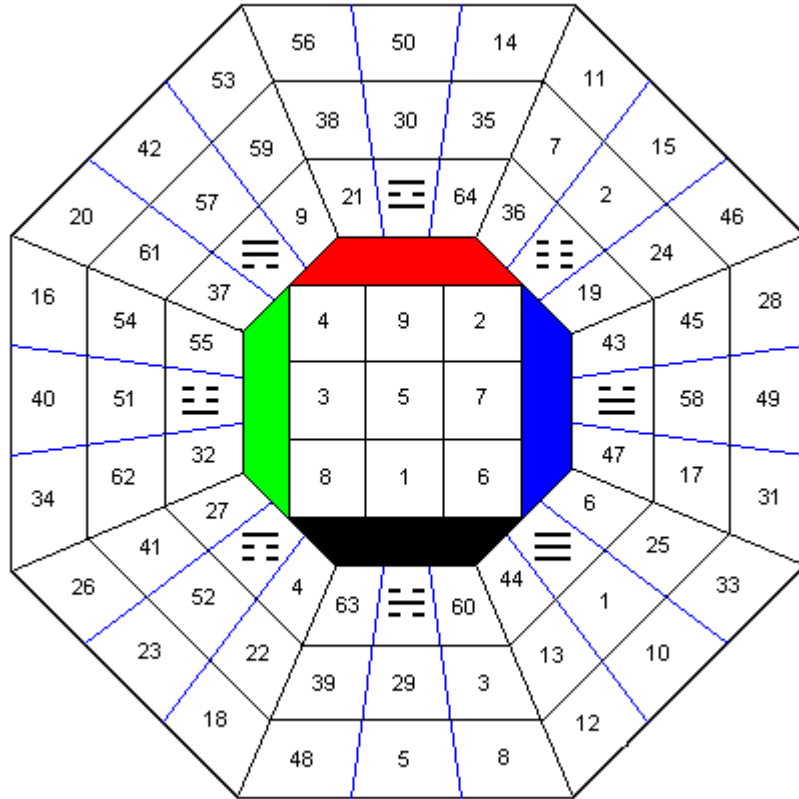
This board can be used to make several different "hexagram compasses". Here are some of them (numbers from King Wen's hexagram order)(South is always up):

Hexagram compass Later Heaven (Lower trigram fixed)



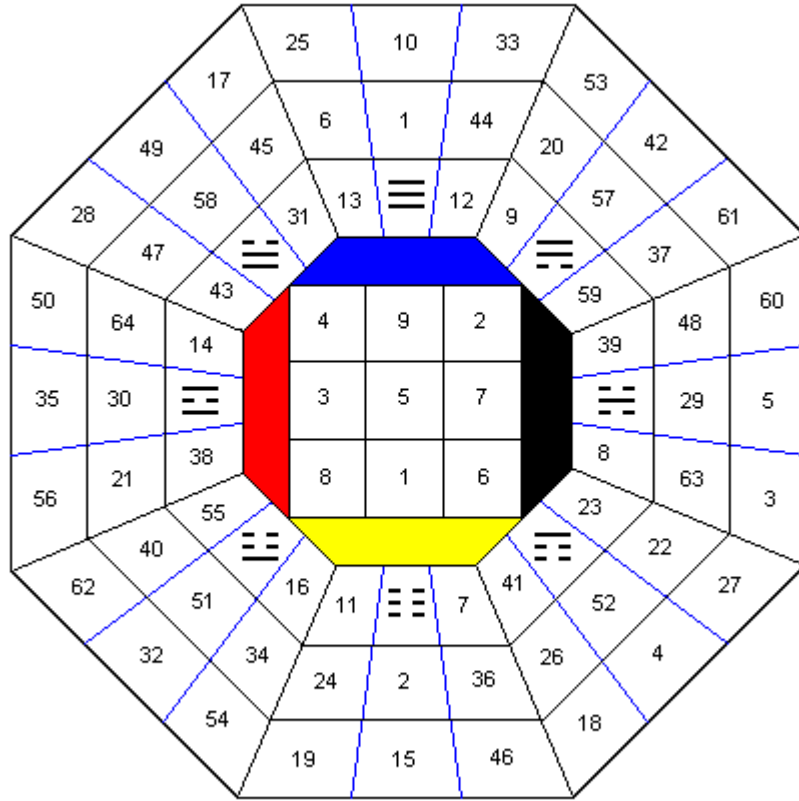
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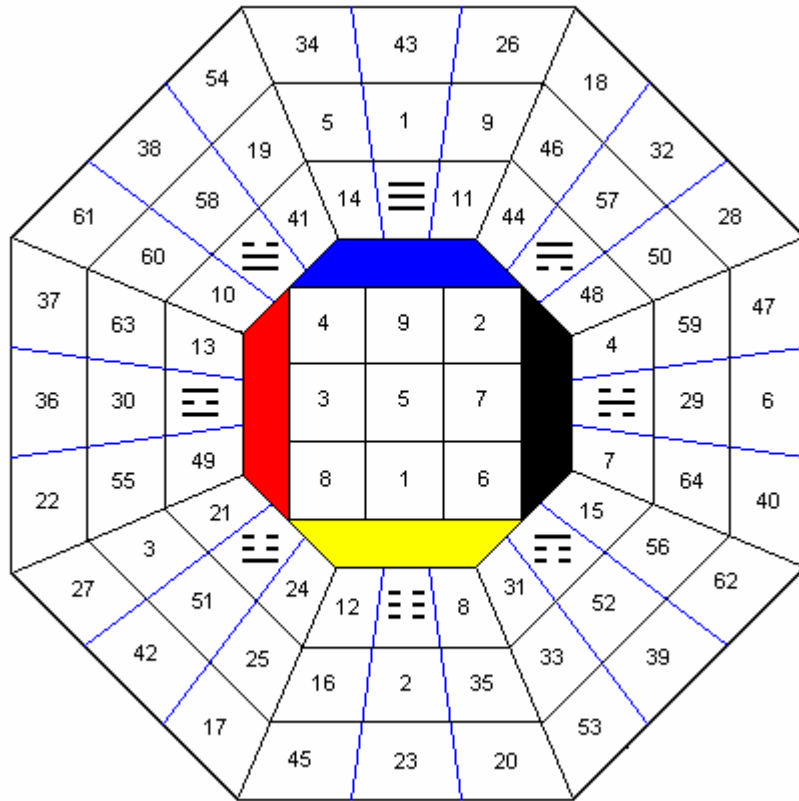
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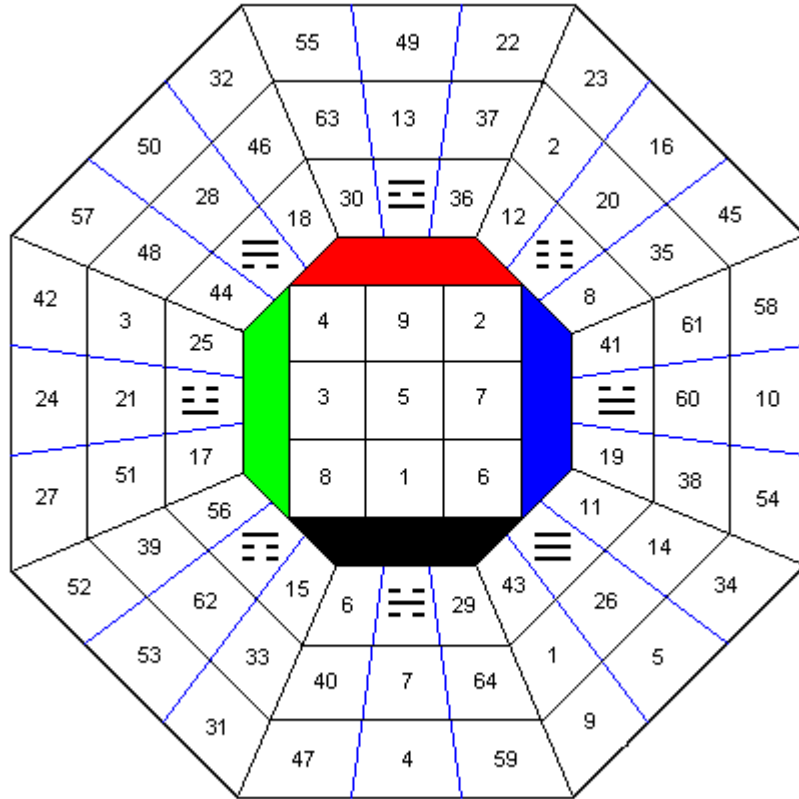
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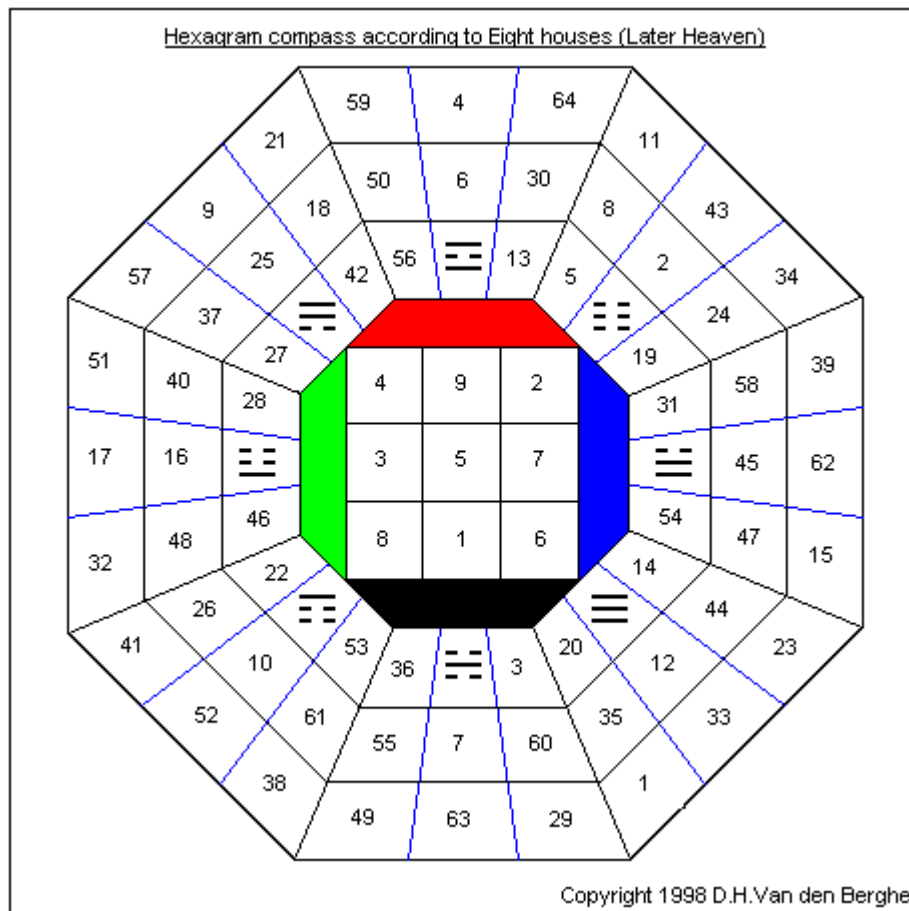
Hexagram compass Earlier Heaven (Lower trigram fixed)



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Hexagram compass with Earlier Heaven above Later Heaven





All these compasses contain the 64 hexagrams (constructed from the two trigrams attributed to the numbers in the inner and outer squares) and the eight trigrams (where there is a 5 which has no trigram attributed to it). The last example is based on the "Eight Houses" arrangement that can be found at the end of the R. Wilhelm translation of the I Ching.