

The Jellicle Chance

*inspired by Earth's cats, T.S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats,
Andrew Lloyd Webber's Cats, and Tom Hooper's Cats*

To create your cat, first roll on the Appearance Table (page 2) to determine your cat's appearance. You will roll a 6-sided die several times, first to determine your cat's basic appearance. Striped and spotted cats have two colors, solid cats have one color, striped and spotted cats have three colors, and special cats each have their own rules, outlined below. When choosing any color, roll and consult the color column. If you roll the same color twice, that's fine; your cat simply has multiple shades of the same color.

If you rolled a special cat appearance, roll on the special column to determine your appearance. Tuxedo cats are all automatically black and white. Tiger striped cats look like tigers. Chimera cats are bilaterally divided into two halves, with each half having its own color. Tortoiseshell cats are a complex mixture of many, many colors all over. Hairless cats are terrifying but beloved in their own way.

Your cat's place in society is determined by rolling on the class table. The most common cats are adult cats, who have secured their position in society and have a specific role they perform. Elder cats are those respected cats who have made names for themselves, and they may or may not still actively perform whatever duties they performed when they were younger. Kittens have not yet figured out their place in society, but show traits suggesting where they might land in the future. Disgraced cats are cats who have been banished from society and seek the opportunity to be allowed back in. Villainous cats are cats who subvert the rules and use sneaky means to succeed, operating outside of Jellicle society. There can be at most one disgraced or villainous cat in a game; once they've been chosen, rolling those numbers will instead create an adult cat. All other attributes of your cat are decided by you, the player. Feel free to define literally any other traits for yourself, such as your favorite way to enjoy drinking milk.

Your character's goal is to be picked for the Jellicle Choice. Each player's cat meets at the Jellicle Ball, vying to be the one who succeeds. One cat will be chosen by the Jellicle Master (JM) to ascend to the Heaviside Layer; you can designate a player to be the JM in advance, or pick one at random once everyone has created their cat. Each cat is given a chance to introduce themselves and explain why they deserve to be picked. Disgraced cats instead explain how sad they are to be disgraced and why. Villainous cats instead banish cats who've finished explaining themselves from the Jellicle Ball and then explain how mean and villainous they are. The villainous cat can banish up to half (rounded down) of the other cats, and they can only choose to banish a cat immediately after that cat finishes introducing themselves, so think carefully before using this power. You must give your cat a Jellicle Name; think very carefully about your Jellicle Name, as an unfitting choice might result in you not being picked to ascend to the Heaviside Layer.

Once every cat has introduced themselves, the JM makes the Jellicle Choice. They may choose to let a banished cat ascend to the Heaviside Layer, but only if special circumstances in the game specifically allow it. It is ultimately up to the JM what constitutes special circumstances. Making the Jellicle Choice should be a fairly involved process; you'll want to give this one some gravitas.

Players are encouraged to be as creative as possible in describing why they should be chosen: singing (original or parody songs), making impassioned arguments, and involving other players are all encouraged. If playing in person, feel free to also bring in dance and other visual elements. If playing online, consider allowing players to show off images or videos related to their cat's vibe. ■

Appearance Table

You rolled:	Basic Appearance:	Special Cat Types:	Cat Colors:	Society Roles:
1	Striped	Tuxedo	White	Adult Cat
2			Gray	
3	Solid	Tiger Stripes	Black	Elder Cat
4	Spotted	Chimera	Brown	Kitten
5	Spotted and Striped	Tortoiseshell	Tan	Disgraced Cat
6	Special (roll again)	Hairless	Orange	Villainous Cat



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