

Design Ethos Card Deck

RECIPROCITY



RELATIONALITY



RESPECT FOR LAND



RESPONSIBILITY



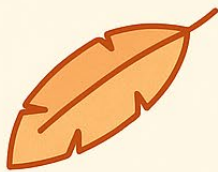
COMMUNITY



BALANCE



ANCESTRAL
KNOWLEDGE



INTERCONNECTEDNESS



HARMONY



SUSTAINABILITY



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INDIGENEITY



Design Ethos Card Deck: Indigenous Values for Culturally Grounded Design

Reciprocity

What it means: We help each other.

Design idea: Make a space where people can share—like a circle where everyone can talk or trade ideas.

Relationality

What it means: Everything is connected—people, animals, land, and even stories.

Design idea: Show how things connect. Maybe use paths or patterns that link different parts of the space.

Respect for Land

What it means: The Earth is important and we should treat it kindly.

Design idea: Use natural colors and materials, and think about how your design fits into nature.

Responsibility

What it means: We take care of each other and the world.

Design idea: Add signs that teach, spaces that help others, or ways to save energy and water.

Community

What it means: We are stronger together.

Design idea: Create a place where people can gather, celebrate, or just hang out.

Balance

What it means: Life works better when everything is in harmony.

Design idea: Try to balance your design with open and quiet spaces, or light and dark colors.

□ Ancestral Knowledge

What it means: Learning from our grandparents and ancestors.

Design idea: Add artwork, stories, or pictures that show history or family traditions.

🏠 Interconnectedness

What it means: Everything we do affects something else.

Design idea: Connect your rooms or spaces in a way that shows how everything works together.

🌿 Harmony

What it means: Living peacefully with others and with nature.

Design idea: Use gentle shapes, nature themes, or quiet areas where people can relax.

♻️ Sustainability

What it means: Taking care of the planet so it lasts a long time.

Design idea: Use things that can be reused, or include plants and sunlight in your space.

✳️ Indigeneity (*say: in-dij-uh-nee-uh-tee*)

What it means: Being proud of your Native identity and culture.

Design idea: Show your tribe's symbols, stories, or language in your design to make it feel like home.