

## How to Pull Up Asteroids in Astro.com

Pulling up the asteroids in your software of choice is pretty easy. However, the finding the functions the first time around can take a while – which is why I've put together this quick and easy guide to help you figure things out.

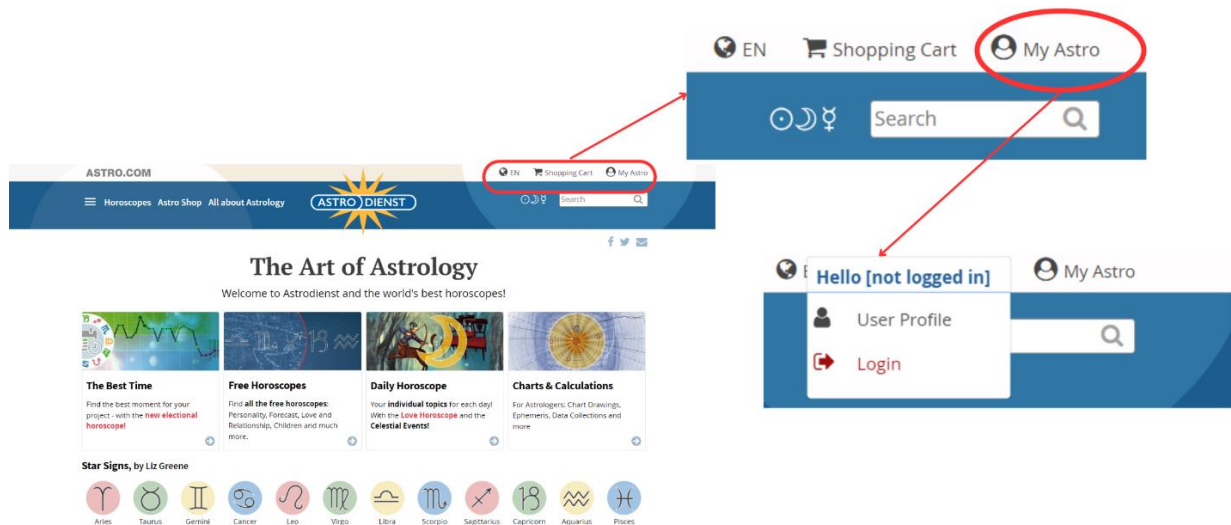
While there's multiple software around that allows you to pull up asteroids, *astro.com* has by far the largest buffet of options – and is free to use. Therefore, this guide focuses on astro.com only.

Let's get started!

### Step 1: Go to Astro.com and Log in

In a browser of your choice, go to [www.astro.com](http://www.astro.com). In the upper corner of the browser, you see three grey icons with text: the first is the **language menu**. The second is irrelevant for the functions we'll use here, and the third is for **logging in** or creating a **guest profile**.

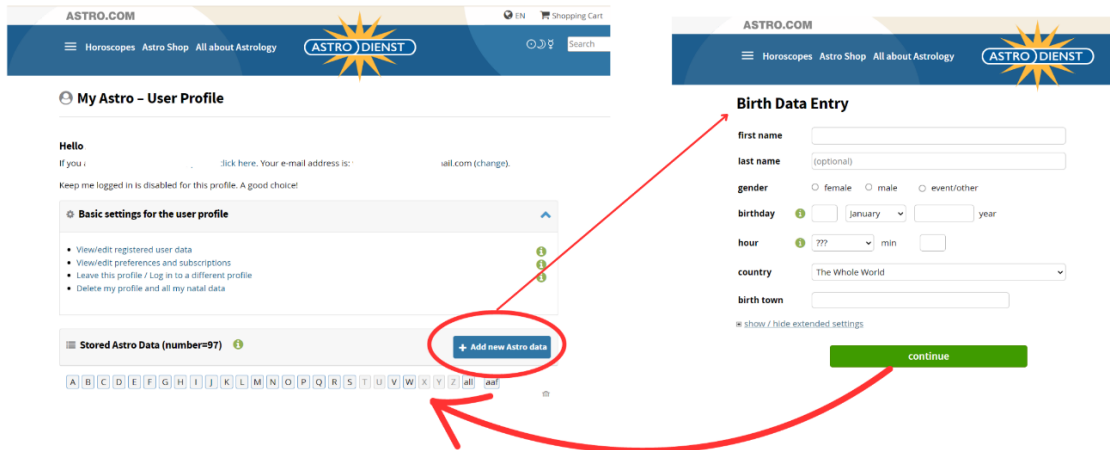
Log in (if you have an account already), or create either a guest profile or a full-time profile. The latter is recommended as it's free and allows you to save your settings and pull up more charts.



## Step 2: The User Profile

As soon as you've logged into a guest/regular account, you're in your **User Profile**.

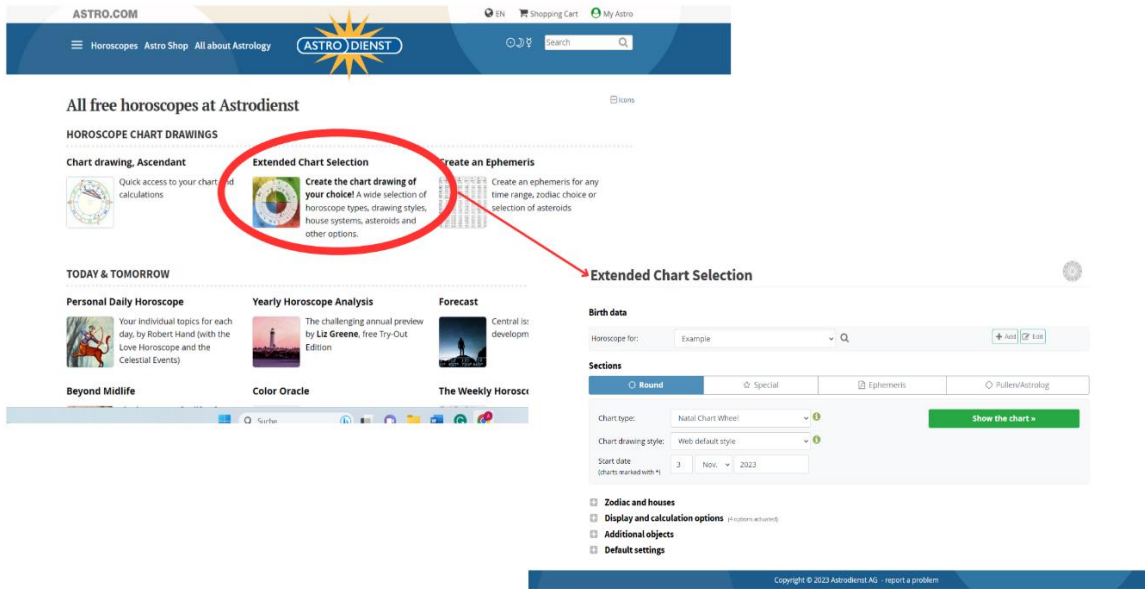
If you're new to astro.com, you need to click **"Add new Astro data"** to put in your first chart. Once you're done, click **"Continue."** This saves the birth entry and automatically brings you back to your User Profile. *People who already have stored Astro data may skip this step.*



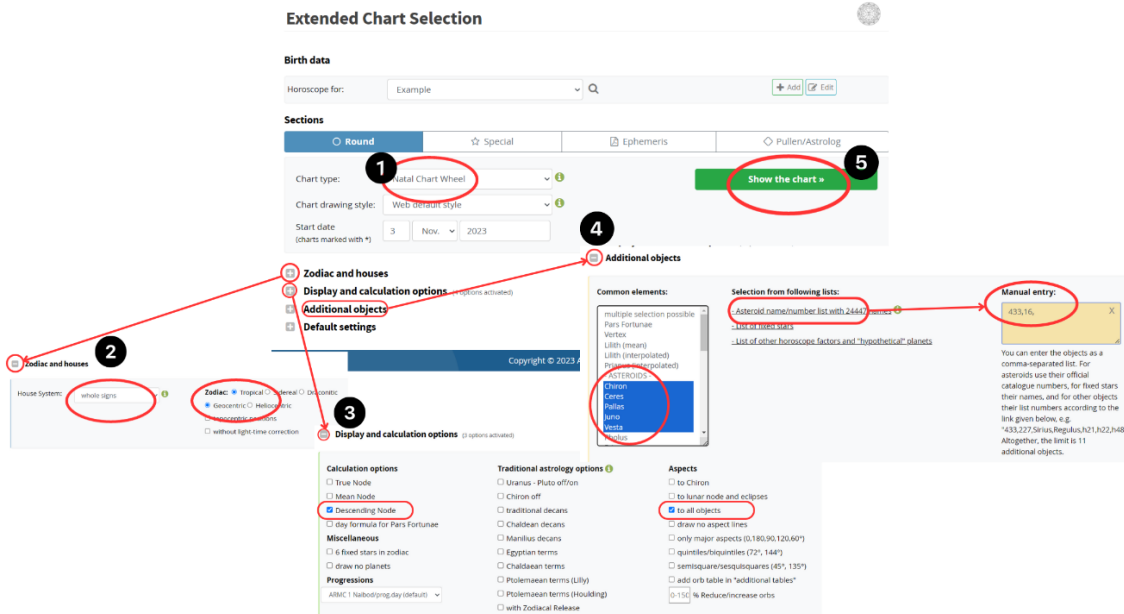
### Step 3: Extended Chart Selection

Click on the **astro data** entry of the chart you'd like to see (not indicated in the picture).

Now, you have multiple options for which charts you can draw. You'll want to pick "Extended Chart Selection." This then sends you to a menu we'll explore in-depth in the next step.



Once you're in the "Extended Chart Selection" Menu, you have more options you'll know what to do with. Important here are your **Chart type** (1), **Zodiac and houses** menu (2), **Display and calculation options** menu (3), and **Additional objects** menu (4). Menus 2, 3, and 4 are collapsible: you'll need to click on the little plus for them to open. This is what the overview looks like:



Let's walk through each one step by step.

## 1: The Chart Type

The **Chart Type** allows you to change between **Natal Chart**, Progressions, Solar Return Charts, and many other options. For now, you'll want to click "**Natal Chart Wheel**."

**Extended Chart Selection**

Birth data

Horoscope for: Example

Sections

Round Special Ephemeris Pullen/Astrolog

Chart type: **Natal Chart Wheel**

Chart drawing style: Web default style

Start date (charts marked with \*) 3 Nov. 2023

Display and calculation options (4 options activated)

Additional objects

Default settings

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## 2: Zodiac and Houses

Under this menu, you can pick your **house system of choice** - in this example, Whole Sign. You can also leave things on the Default Setting to see your chart in Placidus.

Next to the House System menu, you see options for different types of zodiacs and more. For beginners, it's easiest to leave it at "**Tropical**" and "**Geocentric**."

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Zodiac and houses

House System: whole signs

Zodiac: Tropical Sidereal Draconic

Geocentric Heliocentric

topocentric positions

without light-time correction

### 3: Display and Calculation Option

Under “Display and Calculation Options,” you’ll find multiple rows of boxes you can click to activate specific options. Only three are important here:

- 1) “**Descending Node**” in the left row under **Calculation Options** allows you to see the South Node. Without clicking this option, the software will only display the North Node and expect you to remember that the opposite point of that exists as well.
- 2) “**To all objects**” on the **right side under Aspects**. This option allows you to see aspects to everything in the chart. This includes the Nodes, Chiron, and any asteroids you may additionally pick. Without this option, you’ll only see aspects between the main planets.
- 3) “**Landscape if possible.**” This option is in the bottom row under **Image size** and makes visualization easier once you enter multiple asteroids. This one is technically speaking not essential – but I’ve heard it makes things easier for newbies.

**Extended Chart Selection**

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**3** **Display and calculation options** (4 options activated)

- Calculation options**  
 True Node  
 Mean Node  
 **Descending Node**  
 day formula for Pars Fortunaee
- Miscellaneous**  
 6 fixed stars in zodiac  
 draw no planets
- Progressions**  
ARMC 1 Nalbod/prog.day (default)

- Traditional astrology options**  
 Uranus - Pluto off/on  
 Chiron off  
 traditional decans  
 Chaldean decans  
 Manilius decans  
 Egyptian terms  
 Chaldean terms  
 Ptolemaean terms (Lilly)  
 Ptolemaean terms (Houlding)  
 with Zodiacal Release

- Aspects**  
 to Chiron  
 to lunar node and eclipses  
 **to all objects**  
 draw no aspect lines  
 only major aspects (0,180,90,120,60°)  
 quintiles/biquintiles (72°, 144°)  
 semisquare/sesquiquares (45°, 135°)  
 % Reduce/increase orbs

Image size: 100%  **landscape, if possible**  
 anonymised drawing (without name)  
 adjust planet position marks

## 4: Additional Objects

Now, let's get into the meat and potatoes: activating the asteroids.

There are two ways of doing so:

A: Click and enjoy:

Under Additional objects, you'll see a **menu on the left side** with a selection of commonly used asteroids. Click on the ones you want.

The screenshot shows the 'Extended Chart Selection' page on Astro.com. The 'Additional objects' menu item is circled in red, and a black circle with the number '4' is next to it. Below this, the 'Additional objects' sub-menu is open, showing a list of common elements. The items 'Chiron', 'Ceres', 'Pallas', 'Juno', 'Vesta', and 'Pholus' are selected, indicated by blue highlights. To the right, there is a 'Manual entry' field containing the text '433,16'. Below the manual entry field, there is a note: 'You can enter the objects as a comma-separated list. For asteroids use their official catalogue numbers, for fixed stars their names, and for other objects their list numbers according to the link given below, e.g. \*433,227,Sirius,Regulus,h21,h22,h48\*. Altogether, the limit is 11 additional objects.'

B: Manual Entry:

On the right-hand side of the menu, you'll see a field you can type in. Type the numbers of the asteroids you'd like to use as explained below the box.

**Example:**

Chiron: 2060

**Or the Goddess Asteroids:**

Ceres: 1

Pallas: 2

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Juno: 3

Vesta: 4

Extras:

If you'd like to pick special asteroids that aren't in the left-hand menu, you can click "**asteroid name/number list**" (indicated by the red circle) and search for what you need. Then, you put the numbers you find in the right-hand box.

**Example:**

Eros (433)

Psyche (16)

Destinn (6583)

**Extended Chart Selection**

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Zodiac and houses

Display and calculation options (4 options activated)

**Additional objects**

Default settings

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**Additional objects**

Common elements:

- multiple selection possible
- Pars Fortunae
- Vertex
- Lilith (mean)
- Lilith (interpolated)
- Priapus (interpolated)
- ASTEROIDS -
- Chiron
- Ceres
- Pallas
- Juno
- Vesta
- Pholus

Selection from following lists:

- Asteroid name/number list with 24447 items**
- List of fixed stars
- List of other horoscope factors and "hypothetical" planets

Manual entry:

433,16 X

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### Step 5: Casting the Chart and Saving the Settings

Now, all that's left to do is to click the green button **"Show the chart"** and see your birth chart with the asteroids. If you want to, you can click the button **"Save default settings"** so that all future charts you cast keep the settings you've chosen so far.

The screenshot shows the 'Extended Chart Selection' interface on Astro.com. The 'Birth data' section includes a search bar for the horoscope (set to 'Example') and buttons for '+ Add' and 'Edit'. The 'Sections' section has tabs for 'Round', 'Special', 'Ephemeris', and 'Pullen/Astrolog'. The 'Chart type' is set to 'Natal Chart Wheel' and the 'Chart drawing style' is 'Web default style'. The 'Start date' is set to '3 Nov. 2023'. A green button labeled 'Show the chart »' is circled in red with a '5' next to it. Below this, there is a 'Go!' button and a 'Save default settings' button, also circled in red. A red arrow points from the 'Show the chart »' button to the 'Save default settings' button. The main content area displays a natal chart for 'Example' on 'Fr., 3 November 2023' at '12:00 p.m.' in 'New York, NY (US)'. The chart includes a list of planets and their positions, such as Sun at 10 Sco 57 26" and Moon at 22 Cap 11 53". The chart is titled 'Natal Chart' and 'Method: Web Style / Whole Signs'. The chart is a circular diagram with various lines and symbols representing the planets and their interactions.

Well done! Now you have your chart cast with the asteroids!

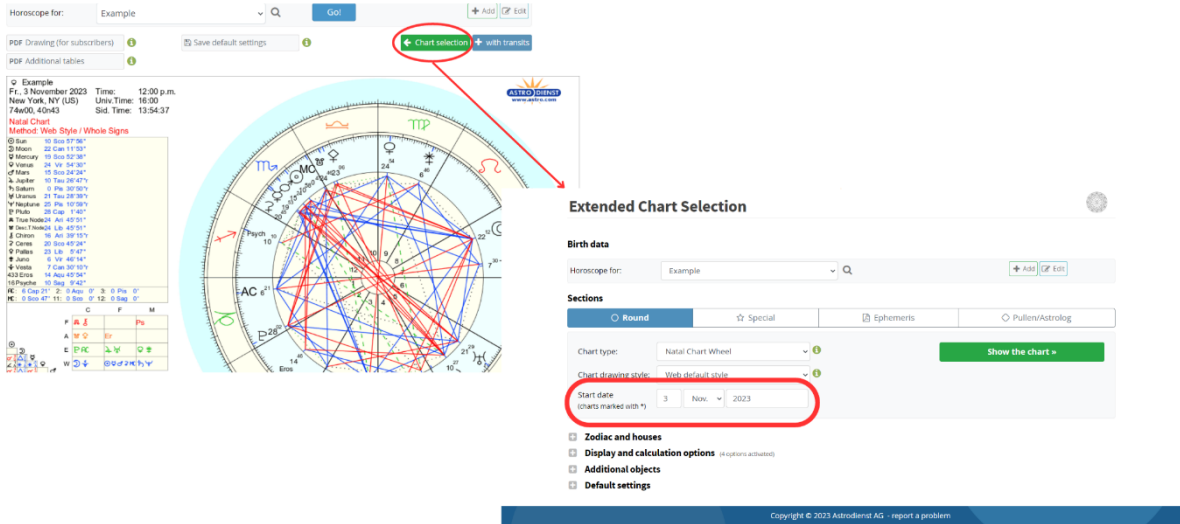
The next step shows you how to cast transits.

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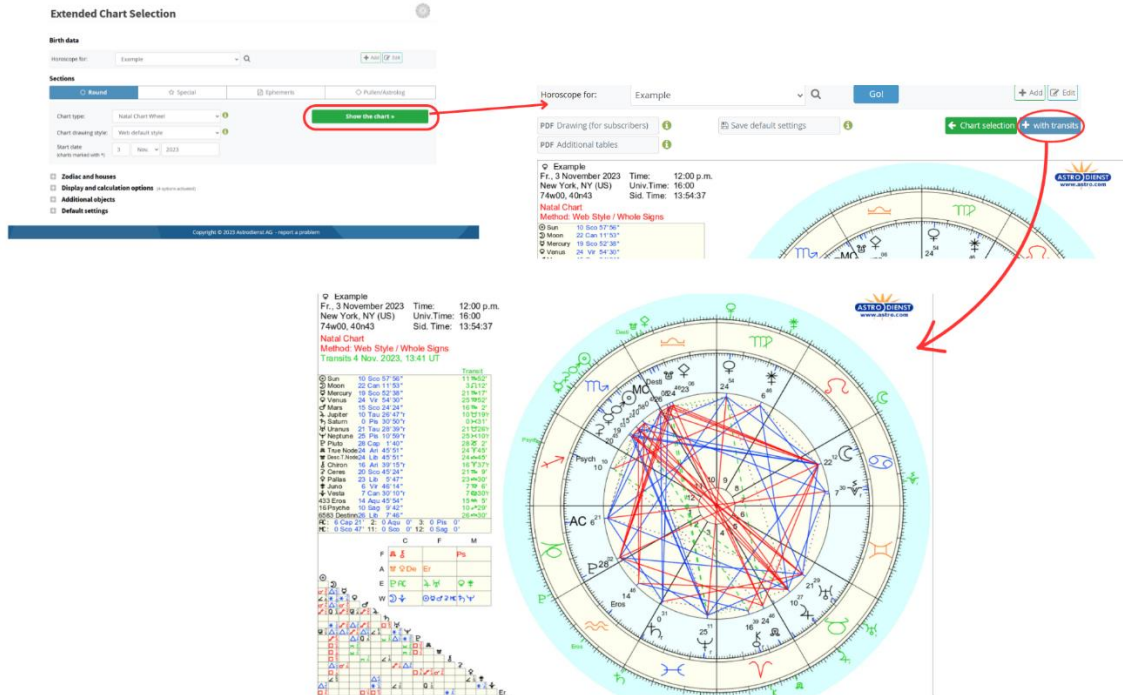
## Step 6: Transits

Last but not least, let's talk about casting the transits with the asteroids. After having cast the asteroids into your natal chart, all you have to do is click the button "Chart Selection" to go back to the extended chart selection.

Here, you now look for "Start date:" This allows you to choose the date for the transit you'd like to see.



All that's left to do is click "Show the chart" and "+with transits." Et voilà, the transits appear!



Well done!