

Naming in Iskloft

Names are an important part of getting the feel of any setting right, and Iskloft is no different. Wherever possible, I have used techniques to create names for characters, places and things that feel authentic. I don't speak Icelandic, or Old Norse, and am not a scholar of those languages, so take what follows, as with all historical elements in this book, with a pinch of salt.

Surnames are patronymic, where the father's name is a possessive prefix, followed by 'son' or 'dottir', for example Bjornsson, or Bjornsdottir.

Traditional Iskloft Naming Conventions

The names I've made, and the name generator that follows, are lists of prefixes and suffixes that often show up in Norse names. Of course there are many, many more names than these, and all you need to do to discover them is read some of the recommended literature mentioned at the start of this book.

These names are inspired by as many historical sources as I could manage to find, and those who use 'traditional' naming conventions as far as Iskloft is concerned can be considered to be using Icelandic and Old Norse names. Names in these regions are often interchangeable between men and women, with men's names tending to end in 'r' and women's names more often ending in a vowel - for example Sigrunr and Sigruna.

Roll	Prefix	Meaning	Suffix	Meaning
1	Hrafn	Raven	- (v)ar	Person
2	Arn	Eagle	- (v)aldr	Master
3	Ulf	Wolf	- steinn	Stone
4	Bjarn/Bjorn	Bear	- geirr	Spear
5	Ei(n)	Lone/One	- vinr	Friend
6	As	Of the Gods	- mundr	Power
7	Ragn	Ruler	- olfr	Wolf
8	Gud	Related to the Gods	- vardr	Guardian
9	Ing/Yng	Related to Freyr	- (h)angi	Hanged
10	Thor	Related to Thor	- kell	Helm
11	Ve	Sacred	- aug	Eye
12	Ey	Fortune	- modr	Wrath
13	Har	Army	- verkr	Worker
14	Gunn	Battle	- fadr	Maker
15	Hjalm	Helm	- fund	found
16	Hjor	Sword	- (h)ofundr	author
17	Sig	Victory	- tyr	Of the gods
18	Skalm	Sword	- gegnir	Goer/Engager
19	Hild	Battle	- grimr	Mask
20	Svan	Swan	- run	Rune

Southern Iskloft Naming Conventions

In Koenkastalin and Soderfjord, as well as in other parts of the South, names take a different approach. They are based more upon names of the Anglo-Saxons who would have faced the Danes in England during the Viking Age.

Surnames follow the same tradition as the rest of Iskloft. Since their first names don't follow a prefix suffix approach, what follows instead is a list of Anglo Saxon male and female names with their meanings.

Southern Iskloft Female Names		
Roll	Name	Meaning
1	Acca	Unity
2	Afra	Young Doe
3	Ardwyth	Flowering Field
4	Aethelfled	Noble Field
5	Bree	Strong
6	Brimlad	Seaway
7	Cwen	Queen
8	Eadlin	Ruler
9	Mildrith	Gentle Strength
10	Aelfwynn	Elf Friend
11	Elda	Protector
12	Elga	Pious
13	Linn	Waterfall
14	Elswyth	From the Willow Trees
15	Moir	Sea of bitterness

16	Nelda	From the Alder Trees
17	Odd	Ruler
18	Ora	Seacoast
19	Synne	Gift of the Sun
20	Wilda	Wild

Southern Iskloft Male Names		
Roll	Name	Meaning
1	Acwellen	Killer
2	Aldred/Alfred	Counsellor
3	Aldwyn	Old Friend
4	Alger/Algred	Spearman
5	Aethelhelm	Noble Thing
6	Alfhelm	Elf Thing
7	Beomund, Almund, Edmund	Defender
8	Betlic	Splendid
9	Brecc	Freckled
10	Brunn	Dark
11	Cerdic	Beloved
12	Ceolrik	King's Servant
13	Durwin	Friend of Deer
14	Hall	Covered
15	Kenric	Royal
16	Lang	Tall

17	Odda	Ruler
18	Osric	Divine Power
19	Torr	Tower
20	Wiglaf	Battle Survivor