



THE ANTIQUE ANATOMY TAROT

GUIDEBOOK FOR THE MODERN READER

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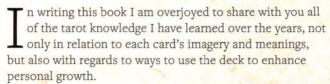


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Introduction



My journey with the tarot began around the age of three, when I became obsessed with a beautiful vintage Swiss 1JJ tarot deck that my mother had bought in England in 1974. I carried those cards with me everywhere.

In my late teens and early twenties I rediscovered my love for tarot. I started reading the cards and collecting decks, but didn't see any that really spoke to me. I assumed there were other readers who felt the same, so, using my training as a digital artist and photo restorer and archivist, I set out on the path of designing my own.

I have always been fascinated by the Victorian era, and the medical and spiritual curiosity of the Victorian people. During this time a person could go from the local apothecary for an herbal remedy straight to a table-tipping party to try to contact spirits. I was drawn to the imagery that was prevalent at the time and would have been seen by the general population. I found anatomical images from medical texts to create the base of each card, then combined those with plant images from botanical journals using digital collage techniques. This deck is my homage to the original artists, healers, and mystics of the era, and I hope that you gain as much joy from using it as I have from designing it.

Claire





History of Tarot

Many ancient theories abound as to the origin of tarot cards, which have undergone various changes over the years.

One theory suggests the card came from India; another presumes the Arabs brought their playing cards with them to Europe. Some scholars believed the Romany brought the tarot with them when they first entered Europe in 1417.

The oldest record of these cards comes from Italy around 1440–1450, when illustrated trump cards were added to a regular deck of cards.

Sometime in the 1700s, playing cards began to be used for divination in occult circles across Europe. In the late 1700s, the first deck for the sole purpose of



fortune-telling was commissioned by the French occultist Etteilla—pseudonym of Jean-Baptiste Alliette—who made a living by giving readings and was the first person to connect the tarot to the elements, astrology, and other spiritual ideas of the time.

In 1910, Arthur Edward Waite, a poet and scholar, commissioned the artist Pamela Colman Smith to illustrate a deck to accompany his writing on the tarot. Waite's cards were created specifically for divination, so the illustrations were intentionally laden with meaning. Now known as the Rider-Waite deck, the cards were published by the Rider Company in England in 1909, followed in 1911 by Waite's first full book on the subject of tarot reading, The Pictorial Key to the Tarot. Waite and Colman Smith had successfully created a deck that took tarot into the mainstream, and paved the way for the modern tarot. In uncertain times we look for life direction, and tarot readings can offer a gateway to connecting with our inner wisdom.

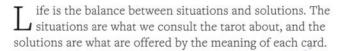
ABOVE A card from the first Etteilla deck in the 1780s. These cards were a template for later versions of the tarot. RIGHT The cards in the Rider-Waite deck are striking and rich with symbolism.





THE BASICS

The Major and Minor Arcana



The tarot consists of seventy-eight cards split into sections called the Major Arcana and the Minor Arcana. Arcana is a plural term, meaning secrets or mysteries, which is what we use the tarot to uncover.

ABOUT THE MAJOR ARCANA

The Major Arcana contains twenty-two named cards, some of which you may already know, such as the Wheel of Fortune or the Star. Beginning with the innocence of the Fool and ending with the wisdom of the World, the Major Arcana reflects the natural cycle of birth and death and everything in between.

The cards of the Major Arcana are the heart and soul of the deck and must

always take precedence in a reading. When these cards turn up, you are receiving what is needed for massive growth and change in your life.

The Major Arcana cards represent the universal aspects of the human experience, such as spirituality, wisdom, innocence, intellect, emotion, and intuition. These themes also exist in the Minor Arcana, but in a smaller and more contained way.









ABOUT THE MINOR ARCANA

The Minor Arcana consists of fifty-six cards split into four suits: Elixirs (Cups), Rods (Wands), Coins (Pentacles), and Blades (Swords). Each suit contains cards numbered from ace to ten, as well as four named cards-Page, Knight, Queen, and King-called courts. The cards of the Minor Arcana represent decisions, actions, and feelings in the short term (in the coming days or weeks).

The numbered cards represent situations and solutions, while the court cards work a little differently. In a reading, the court cards can occasionally represent a situation in the same way the numbered cards do, but more often they represent a person in your life (including yourself) based on personality traits. Before doing a reading, decide whether you will read these cards as people or situations.

If Minor Arcana cards appear in a reading alongside Major Arcana cards, they act as a support to the theme or lesson of the Major Arcana. Otherwise they are read as normal.

PIP DECK

The Antique Anatomy Tarot is a "pip" deck, which means that only the Major Arcana and court cards are illustrated figuratively. The numbered Minor Arcana cards are depicted minimally, with just the object relating to the suit featured as many times as the number of the card.

In some decks, the Minor Arcana numbered cards are depicted as scenes that show the meaning of the card. While both deck styles have their advantages, working with pip cards ensures you truly learn the card meanings using memorization

CORRESPONDENCES

In addition to their own meanings, cards in the Major and Minor Arcana feature correspondences that relate to numerology, astrology, the elements, and color, as explained on pages 8-13. These associations add extra layers to the meanings and energy of the cards and can be used to enhance your tarot readings.

Numerology and the Tarot

Numbers play an important role in the tarot. Your understanding of what each number represents can be combined with what you know about the astrological, elemental, and color correspondences of the cards to better understand the messages they reveal.

The twenty-two cards of the Major Arcana are numbered o to 21. In order to interpret their numerological representation, double-digit cards are broken down into their base—or master—number. Simply add the two digits together and refer to the numerological representations associated with the sum of the two numbers. For example, the Moon card is number 18. Add together 1 and 8 to get its base number of 9.

The Wheel of Fortune and the Sun have base numbers as both 10 and 1, so you can look to both numerological representations for guidance.

The Fool, which is numbered o, is a wild card in numerology. It represents all and nothing, the finite and infinite.

The numerology of the Minor Arcana relates to the numbered cards only—don't worry about the court cards. There are no master numbers in the Minor Arcana, so when you have a 10, look only to that representation for extra guidance—do not break it down to 1.

NUMEROLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 1 Beginning, ideas, raw energy
- 2 Duality, balance, opposing forces
- 3 Expansion, groups, growth-
- 4 Stability, stalemate, foundation
- 5 Isolation, conflict, perspective
- 6 Fairness, values, solution
- 7 Change, evaluation, patience
- 8 Success, control, activity
- 9 Preparation, mastery, wisdom
- 10 Completion, endings, reflection



The Moon card is number 18:

1 + 8 = 9

The Moon's base number is 9

COMPANION CARDS

Based on the master number formula, each card in the Major Arcana has one or two companion cards that share its base energy. For example, the Moon card's companion card is the Hermit.

Knowing the meaning of one card in a companion set can help you learn the other cards' meanings. The Hermit deals with introspection and uncovering the

21 The World

truth; therefore the Moon, its companion, must also relate to these themes in some way. This could be by enforcing the meaning, or opposing it altogether.

Pay special attention when companion cards appear together in one reading. This signals that the issues or questions are making a bigger impact than you may have originally thought.

COMPANION CARDS AT A GLANCE

1 The Magician	10 Wheel of Fortune † 19 The Sun
2 The High Priestess	11 Justice † 20 Judgment
3 The Empress	12 The Hanged Man † 21 The World
4 The Emperor	13 Death
5 The Hierophant	14 Temperance
6 The Lovers	15 The Devil
7 The Chariot	16 The Tower
8 Strength	17 The Star
9 The Hermit	18 The Moon
10 Wheel of Fortune	1 The Magician † 19 The Sun
11 Justice	2 The High Priestess † 20 Judgment
12 The Hanged Man	3 The Empress † 21 The World
13 Death	4 The Emperor
14 Temperance	5 The Hierophant
15 The Devil	6 The Lovers
16 The Tower	7 The Chariot
17 The Star	8 Strength
18 The Moon	9 The Hermit
19 The Sun	1 The Magician † 10 Wheel of Fortune
20 Judgment	2 The High Priestess † 11 Justice

3 The Empress † 12 The Hanged Man



Astrology and the Tarot

A basic understanding of astrology—how the positions and movements of stars and planets influence our lives—can be used to add an extra layer to your readings.

ASTROLOGY AND THE MAJOR ARCANA

In the Major Arcana, each card is associated with either an astrological sign, a planet, the sun, or the moon. Astrology is a powerful tool on its own, and when combined with the tarot it can help add dimension to your readings and interpretation of the cards. For example:

- ‡ If you are a Leo and consistently pull the Strength card, you know your zodiac sign traits are very prominent and need to be given extra attention. This can mean that, in answer to your question, you need be braver and bolder, like your zodiac sign.
- ‡ You are doing a reading about a presentation at work, and you pull the Magician. You know this card is associated with Mercury, which rules communication. You can take this to mean that you need to pay extra attention to how you convey your ideas.

ASTROLOGY AND THE MINOR ARCANA

In the Minor Arcana, astrological correspondences can represent you or other people, and the personality traits of the court cards, but can also signify times of year and seasons. For example:

- ‡ You do a reading about the possibility of taking a vacation, in which quite a few Rods appear. This can mean that spring is the ideal time to take a trip.
- * While doing a reading about your relationship, the Knight of Blades appears. The personality traits of this card seem a lot like your Gemini partner. This can be interpreted as confirmation of your feelings.

ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS OF THE MAJOR ARCANA

The Fool

Uranus → Change, rebellion

The Magician

Mercury → Ideas, communication

The High Priestess

The moon → Needs, deep emotions

The Empress

Venus → Beauty, pleasure

The Emperor

Aries → Energy, self-expression

The Hierophant

Taurus → Values, self-esteem

The Lovers

Gemini → Choice, close relationships

The Chariot

Cancer → Security, foundations

Strength

Leo → Artistic expression, ego

The Hermit

Virgo → Work, routine

Wheel of Fortune

Jupiter → Luck, expansion

Justice

Libra → Harmony, diplomacy

The Hanged Man

Neptune → Psychic reception, spirituality

Death

Scorpio → Regeneration, taboos

Temperance

Sagittarius → Knowledge, philosophy

The Devil

Capricorn → Reputation, status

The Tower

Mars → Aggression, survival

The Star

Aquarius → Humanitarianism, community

The Moon

Pisces → Introspection, dreams

The Sun

The sun → The conscious, life force

Judgment

Pluto → The underworld, rebirth

The World

Saturn → Restriction, knowledge

ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS OF THE MINOR ARCANA

Elixirs

Cancer → Nurturing

Scorpio → Mysterious

Pisces → Caring

Season → Summer

Rods

Aries → Determined

Leo → Bold

Sagittarius → Charming

Season → Spring

Coins

Taurus → Sensual

Virgo → Orderly

Capricorn → Determined

Season → Winter

Blades

Gemini → Witty

Libra → Fair

Aquarius → Inventive

Season → Fall



The Elements and the Tarot

The four elements of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water form the base energies for the four suits of the Minor Arcana; they also rule certain cards in the Major Arcana.

EARTH

Suit of Coins The Empress The Hierophant The Hermit The Devil The World



The element of Earth represents the physical world and all that is tangible. It is a very grounding and stable energy, and is associated with the five senses. This element is healing, but also allows you to grow and change.

AIR

Suit of Blades The Fool The Magician The Lovers Justice The Star



The Air element rules over intellect and the balancing and opposing nature of thoughts. It is a fast-moving energy that seems to be invisible, but is always there. This element forces you to look at different perspectives and deal with the challenges in your life.

FIRE

Suit of Rods
The Emperor
Strength
Wheel of Fortune
Temperance
The Tower
The Sun
Judgment (can also be Water)



The Fire element rules creation and inner spirit. This element responds to how it is handled. When in control, you can use fire as a positive tool; lose that control and it can be destructive and painful.

WATER

Suit of Elixirs
The High Priestess
The Chariot
The Hanged Man
Death
The Moon
Judgment (can also be Fire)



The element of Water represents emotions and relationships. It can be calm and gentle or forceful and dangerous. Like water, emotions ebb and flow and are influenced by their surroundings.

Color and the Tarot

olor evokes all sorts of emotional responses in us. ■ These feelings can range from serenity to joy to despair. The colors connected to the deck add depth to and heighten the meanings of the cards.

Though all colors have multiple meanings, being aware of your response to a particular color can help you recall the meaning of the card. For example, the black flowers on the Devil represent the fear and domination aspect of that card, while the Aces contain an array of colors that represent the rainbow bridge between the spiritual planes of existence. Green appears frequently throughout the deck and represents ourselves and our living energy, which connect the cards.

COLOR AND THE MINOR ARCANA

Each of the suits of the Minor Arcana has its own color family association. The black and white of the Blades reflect the harshness of the suit, and our ability to process both negative and positive thoughts. The Elixirs feature blues, pinks, and purples, which represent the dreamy, emotional qualities of this suit. The oranges, yellows, and reds of the Rods are lively and energetic, and express the creative aspect of this suit. The yellows, purples, and blues of the Coins point to the material nature of this suit, which focuses on wealth and luxury.

COLOR ASSOCIATIONS

Red

Anger, passion, love, sex, danger

Orange

Creativity, expression, fun, success

Yellow

Positivity, optimism, warmth, growth

Green

Life, nature, fertility, health, envy

Blue

Calm, sadness, grief, boredom, peace

Purple

Prophecy, dreams, high power, royalty, luxury

Pink

Compassion, caring, playfulness, sweetness, romance

White

Purity, innocence, simplicity, clarity

Black

Fear, mystery, power, pain



Ways of Using the Tarot

T he main purpose of tarot is to do readings using spreads. But as you will soon discover, there are many other ways to use the power of the cards to understand your life.

TAROT SPREADS

A tarot reading is a conversation with the deck. You ask the cards a question, and they provide an answer. See pages 18–23 for more information about spreads and how to use the cards in this way.

MEDITATION

Every card has a specific meaning and energy associated with it. The Major Arcana are the most powerful cards in the deck, and they make the perfect companion for meditative practice.

- Separate the Major Arcana from the rest of the deck.
- ‡ Look through the cards until you find one you feel especially drawn to.
- ‡ Now focus for a few minutes on the meaning of the card and how it makes you feel. Acknowledge your initial reaction to the card. Perhaps it makes you feel calm, agitated, or happy. Meditate on these feelings.
- ‡ Think about how you can incorporate the lesson of the card into your life. Is the meaning of the card an energy to accept, or one to release?

DREAM INTERPRETATION

Dreams are tools of the subconscious mind. They help you to unravel the events of the day, to better understand your hopes and aspirations, and to de-stress. Unfortunately, the mind is an intricate entity, and sometimes you can wake up feeling more confused than when you went to sleep. In these instances, you can use the tarot to help reveal a dream's meaning.

- * While shuffling the deck, focus on this question: What is the underlying meaning of this dream?
- ‡ When you feel ready, stop shuffling. Turn over the top card.
- ‡ Use the meanings associated with this card to help you interpret the dream.

SPELL WORK

If you have an interest in tarot you may also believe in magic, or, at the very least, the power of manifestation. Tarot cards can be incorporated into your spell work or ritual practice.

Choose a card from the deck that will enhance your spell. For example, if

- ‡ Add the card to the altar or area where you perform your rituals.
- ‡ Carrying a card with you is also an easy way to stay connected to that energy.

JOURNALING

Journaling with the cards can be very helpful when you are learning tarot for the first time, deepening your understanding of the cards, or reconnecting to your current practice. Tarot can also deepen your existing relationship with journaling, especially if you have been doing it for a while and your process has grown stale or predictable.

If you are new to tarot reading, or want to reconnect to your practice, pulling a card each day and writing down its meaning and correspondences can help you memorize the cards. This exercise can be especially helpful with a deck that features pip cards (see page 7), since there is a lot of memorization required.

The act of writing can also help you see the cards from a new perspective. Make a note of the colors on the cards and how they make you feel. Think about whether the astrological correspondences have significance for you.

- Dedicate a small amount of time each day or week to write about your experience with the cards in a journal.
- ‡ You can start with one card a day, or try one of the spreads.
- Choose a card at random by shuffling, or journal about the deck in order.
- * Make notes about colors, astrological associations, the elements, and numerology.

If you are unsure of where to start, or need some new prompts, try one of these:

I pulled the [card]. What happened today that relates to this card?

What court card personality am I?

My favorite card is the [card] because . . .

My least favorite card is the [card] because . . .

Tarot makes me feel . . .

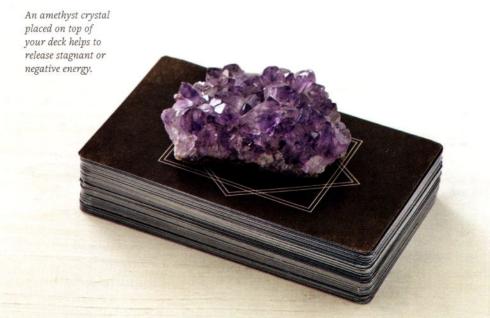
A card that appears for me a lot in my readings is . . .

No matter how hard I try, I can't seem to understand the [card]. Why do I think this is?

Today I did my first reading. It was . . .



You can pick cards at random, choose cards you are drawn to, or seek out cards that specifically help you in your aim.



Caring for Your Deck

T arot decks are spiritual tools and deserve—sometimes even demand—respect and care. The way you treat your deck is a reflection of how you treat yourself, and that energy is going to come through in your readings. There are various ways to care for your deck. However, your relationship with the tarot is personal, and there is no right or wrong when it comes to these practices.

You will be relying on the tarot cards to provide you with accurate information and answers, so when you open a new deck take some time to bond with it before you use it. Start by cleansing the deck using one of the methods described below. Next, flick through all seventy-eight cards and familiarize yourself with the images and suits. Reflect on which cards you are instantly attracted to and which you are not.

CLEANSING

Tarot decks work in union with your personal energy, and have a tendency to hold on to it. Cleansing or recharging the deck allows you to clear out stagnant energy, and there are various ways you can do this.

- ‡ Incense: This is the most popular method of cleansing. Light the end of a stick of incense or sage and pass the deck through the smoke.
- ‡ Crystals: Lay a crystal—such as quartz or amethyst—on top of the deck for a few minutes (or a few days, it's your call) to release stagnant energy.
- ‡ Visualization: If you don't have incense or crystals on hand, visualization is a quick and easy way to recharge. Picture a gentle breeze blowing negativity or stagnant energy away from the deck.
- \$\DICE\$ Salt ring: Salt is a powerful cleanser
 that absorbs everything near it. Place the
 deck inside a ring of salt (any type will
 do) for a few minutes.

PREPARING AN ALTAR

You do not have to make a special space for tarot work, but using an altar can help you to achieve a set frame of mind and incorporate a routine into your practice. First, choose a space where you feel relaxed and comfortable, and where you won't be disturbed. While readings can be done on any surface, using a table is the easiest and most practical option, especially with larger spreads. Decorate the area with objects of importance to you: This should be a personal and fun process. Your options are unlimited, but some ideas include photographs, candles, crystals, incense, plants, decorative tablecloths, or animal bones.

STORAGE

Where you keep your cards is, of course, a matter of personal choice. If you have a dedicated space in the home for readings, then it makes sense to keep the cards there. Storing decks on shelves or in boxes protects them from dust and spills, but bear in mind that you may forget about them if they are hidden away.

If you leave your decks out, on display, you are always ready for a reading, and will probably be more active in your practice. However, kept in the open they are more vulnerable to damage.

The Spreads

R eading the tarot, in the traditional sense, is done through spreads—predetermined positions into which the cards are placed. Think of each position in the spread as a question or a specific part of an overall question or inquiry. The card revealed in that position represents the answer to that question.

The spreads detailed over the next few pages can be used in any situation, and it is entirely up to you which one to choose at any time.

Start by shuffling the cards. There is no one right way to shuffle, so do what feels good in the moment.

You are now ready to start pulling cards. Pulling from the top is the simplest option, but you can pull from anywhere in the deck. Place each card facedown, in particular spread positions if relevant. When all the cards are in place, turn them over and begin to read them one by one. If the spread calls for it, then read the cards together. Do they relate to one another? Are they opposing? Are there repeating numbers? Don't worry, this will get easier with practice.

ONE CARD SPREAD

This is the most basic spread and a great place to start. Ask a question and pull one card. With this simple and effective technique the possibilities are endless.



Where should I focus my energy today?

How does . . . feel about me?

What can I do about . . . ?

THREE CARD SPREAD

The three card spread is a popular choice with both beginner and advanced readers due to its simplicity and flexibility. It is easy to read, but contains multiple cards, which add layers to the story. Think about your question and pull three cards. Lay them side by side from left to right and read them in that order.

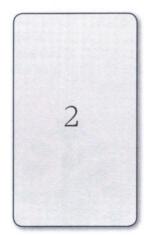
If you choose, you can assign an aspect of the question to each of the three positions.

After the initial reading, look at the relationships between the cards out of order. Some questions you might consider include:

Are there complementary cards?
Are there opposing cards?
Are numbers or colors repeated?
What elements are present?
Are there multiple Major Arcana cards?
Are there no Minor Arcana cards?



Past Mind Question Me



Present Body Advice Them



Future Spirit Outcome Our relationship

MOON CYCLE SPREAD

This spread is actually a series of single card readings designed to be read over the course of one moon cycle, which lasts 28½ days. It is especially effective for guidance with big goals and plans that you can take your time over.

Beginning with the new moon, and ending on the waning crescent moon, pull one card for each phase.

NEW MOON • BEGINNING

Think about a goal you have and draw the first card. Does this card work in harmony with that, or does it seem at odds? Will this path be smooth or difficult?

WAXING CRESCENT MOON . INITIATIVE

Now that you have a clear idea of what you want to achieve and what the journey will be like, what should your initial steps be to get things moving?

FIRST QUARTER MOON . GROWTH

How do you keep the momentum going when you feel like quitting?

WAXING GIBBOUS MOON . PERFECTING

What details might you be overlooking that are imperative to your goal?

FULL MOON • CLARITY

What will this process teach you about yourself?

WANING GIBBOUS MOON . SHARING

How does your goal help others? Do you have support from your community? Are there rewards for achieving your goal that can be shared?

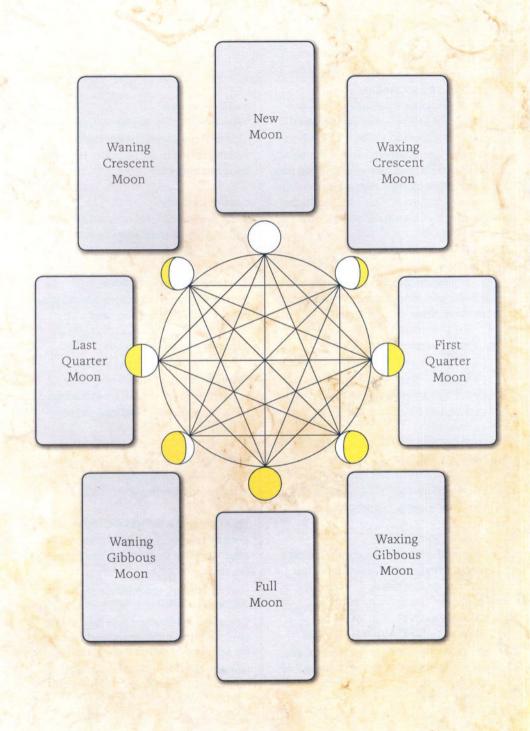
LAST QUARTER MOON . DECLINE

What will the final touches require? What energy will you need for the final push in achieving your goal?

WANING CRESCENT MOON . ENDING

What is the outcome? Did you achieve your goal? Are there still things that need to be worked on?





CELTIC CROSS SPREAD

The Celtic cross is a classic spread, and arguably the most used by professional and amateur readers alike. It is involved enough that it covers all important aspects of a question, but not so complicated that it leaves the inquirer more confused than when they started. Place each card in its position and read in the order shown.

CARD 1 . THE PRESENT

This card represents you in relation to your question. In relation to the situation, what is your state of mind? What is your position? What are your feelings?

CARD 2 . THE CHALLENGE

What crosses you? What is the immediate problem you need to overcome? Remember that even if you pull a traditionally "good" card for this position, it will still represent a challenge.

CARD 3 . THE PAST

What has led up to this situation? This could tell you what brought on the question or present situation.

CARD 4 . THE FUTURE

This position represents the short-term future: things that will arise within the next few days or weeks.

CARD 5 . ABOVE

What is your goal with regards to the situation? This card represents what you are trying to achieve and what you would like to happen.

CARD 6 . BELOW

What is happening in your subconscious? This card represents the driving force within yourself in the situation. Have you been aware of this?

CARD 7 . ADVICE

What can you do for this situation? What approach should you adopt in order to help things along?

CARD 8 • EXTERNAL FORCES

What energies and situations beyond your control will affect the outcome?

CARD 9 . HOPES AND FFARS

Think of the law of attraction in this situation. Are you hopeful that the outcome will be positive? Do you want to be hopeful even though you are afraid of failure?

CARD 10 . THE OUTCOME

This represents where the situation is going based on your current actions.

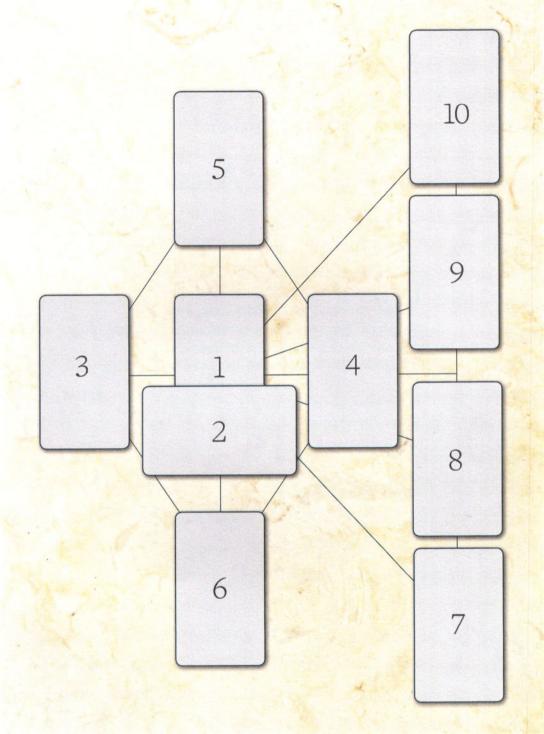
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CARDS

With this spread it can be helpful to look more closely at the relationships between the cards.

Look at the Above and Below cards. Are they compatible or are they at odds?

Compare the Future card with the Outcome card. Are they positive or negative? How can the Advice card help you to change these?

Compare the Above card with the Outcome card. Are your goals in line with the outcome?



The Major Arcana



ver the following pages, the meanings and interpretations for each of the cards in the Major Arcana are explained. You will learn about the beauty and warmth of the Empress, the karmic roll of the Wheel of Fortune, the optimism of the Star, the resolve of the Strength card, and much more on this journey of self-discovery and transformation.







NUMEROLOGY 0

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
URANUS

ELEMENT

COMPANION CARDS
ALL OF THE MAJOR ARCANA

We begin our journey into the tarot with the character of the Fool. This card represents a place where time appears to be suspended. All possibilities exist here—you just need to put your best foot forward in order to start your next adventure.

The only way for the clock to tick onward once again is to decide which route to take. How do you do this? By following your heart and listening to your intuition, which of course is often easier said than done.

The Fool represents boundless new energy waiting to be molded into something amazing, but accomplishing this requires that you shed preconceived notions and fears. The moment leading up to the "leap into the unknown" is scarier than taking the actual jump.

Keywords: Beginning, journey, adventure, innocence, free spirit, joy, originality, creativity, instinct, danger

The Magician



NUMEROLOGY 1

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
MERCURY

ELEMENT

AIR (EARTH, FIRE, AND WATER ALSO PRESENT AS SUPPORTING ENERGIES)

COMPANION CARDS
WHEEL OF FORTUNE † THE SUN

A spark of genius comes into play with the second card of the Major Arcana: the Magician. What idea are you ready to reach out and grab? All the skills you need to bring a project to life already exist inside you, and now is the time to dig deep in order to manifest them.

The Magician card is the first of the bridges between the spirit realm and the physical realm, and its energy encourages you to become the architect of your own life.

It is especially important to approach situations and goals with a creative flair while you have the support of the universe. When this card appears, be prepared to channel confidence so you can accomplish greatness beyond your wildest dreams.

Keywords: Manifesting, focused energy, spiritual power, problem-solving, determination

The High Priestess



NUMEROLOGY 2

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
THE MOON

ELEMENT WATER

COMPANION CARDS
JUSTICE † JUDGMENT

The High Priestess is one half of the divine feminine archetype in the tarot (the other is the Empress). She represents the natural instinct that we all carry inside us.

The High Priestess loves to give messages via the subconscious, so pay attention to gut reactions and dreams in order to find answers. She wants you to get in touch with the spiritual aspects of your life, so her appearance asks that you embark on a spiritual quest in order to unlock the secrets that surround you.

She could also be appearing as a warning that someone in your life is deceiving you, and it will take self-reflection to figure out who that is.

Keywords: Intuition, divine femininity, psychic abilities, mystery, hidden secrets

The Empress



NUMEROLOGY 3

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE VENUS

ELEMENT EARTH

COMPANION CARDS
THE HANGED MAN † THE WORLD

The Empress greets you with warmth, beauty, and motherly love. She represents a welcome support system for those who thrive on positive reinforcement.

The Empress's energy is born out of the natural world, and she understands that being in touch with your senses plays a huge part in your creative process. If she had a motto, it would definitely be "stop and smell the roses, or better yet, pick a few and bring them with you."

In a reading, the Empress signifies a period of abundance and opportunity. Everything you touch can be turned into something amazing and will be well received by others—you just need to believe in yourself.

Keywords: Beauty, abundance, potential, creation, luxury, fertility, Mother Nature







NUMEROLOGY

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
ARIES

ELEMENT FIRE

COMPANION CARD
DEATH

The Emperor is the craftsman of

the tarot who has created a solid foundation from a bold vision. Just like the Empress, his inspiration lies in nature, but where she appreciates its beauty, he wonders how to make it work for him.

The Emperor shows great foresight and control in all situations. He is wise and assertive, and focuses his energy on building and maintaining his empire.

Are you feeling confident in your ability to get things done? The Emperor appears when you need a push or some reassurance. You already have the expertise; you just need to apply it to your daily routine.

Keywords: Power, authority, experience, groundwork, expertise, tyrant, control

The Hierophant

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NUMEROLOGY 5

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
TAURUS

EARTH

COMPANION CARD

The Hierophant is one of the more

traditional figures in the tarot and also one of the strictest. While his counterpart, the High Priestess, is focused on the occult and the power of intuition, he is focused on set principles, organized religion, and intense study.

The Hierophant is the spokesperson for the divine. He asks that you search outside of yourself for answers, reminding you that there is nothing wrong with asking for help and looking to an expert for guidance.

Who can you go to for wisdom? Sometimes the Hierophant appears as a religious leader, but he can easily manifest in everyday figures, such as a friend who always gives great advice, or a teacher who shows you a new approach to problem-solving. Now is the time to seek them out.

Keywords: Tradition, religion, study, convention, spiritual search

The Lovers



NUMEROLOGY

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE

GEMINI

ELEMENT

COMPANION CARD
THE DEVIL

At first glance, the Lovers card

appears to be about romantic relationships; that can be the case, but its main theme is that of choice. When faced with choices, some of us use our intuition, while others use logic. The Lovers asks that you attempt to marry these two polarities.

Choosing between two options can be scary: Deciding on one might mean you miss out on the other. This card assures you that the one you do choose is the one you were meant to.

In terms of love, this card points toward a very fulfilling relationship. Most of the time this indicates romantic love, but it can also point to your relationship with yourself. Are you making healthy choices and living life to the best of your ability? Are you treating your partner as an equal?

Keywords: Choice, desire, love, duality, relationships, questions

The Chariot



NUMEROLOGY 7

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
CANCER

ELEMENT WATER

COMPANION CARD
THE TOWER

The appearance of the Chariot signals

that now is a time when you can move mountains with your willpower and determination. You're being given the opportunity to ride straight into victory, but you have to make sure you set out on the right path first.

Everything is moving at warp speed, but it can seem as though the horses pulling your chariot are heading in different directions. One of your biggest strengths is the ability to collect the reins and make these opposing forces work in harmony to head in the right direction.

Overall, the Chariot is a very positive omen when starting a new project or even a physical journey. You've left your ego behind and can move forward with confidence.

Keywords: Willpower, travel, mastery of self, ambition, control, force, adrenaline







Strength



NUMEROLOGY 8

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
LEO

FIRE

COMPANION CARD
THE STAR

When we think of strength, we often

think of brute force and aggression, but in the tarot the Strength card is here to teach you that sometimes the most effective form of power is quiet resolve and a calm demeanor.

Strength asks you to have courage when facing your fears or when you come up against obstacles. You have the ability to endure all of life's problems; you just need to show a lot of patience and understand that grace and dignity come from within.

Now is the perfect time to reflect on your values and assess what it is in your life that needs to change. Perhaps you have a bad habit that needs breaking, or you want to incorporate new mindful practices into your life. Your ability to do anything right now is heightened.

Keywords: Confidence, patience, stamina, trust, courage, compassion

The Hermit



ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE VIRGO

ELEMENT EARTH

THE MOON

The Hermit appears when it is time

for you to retreat from the chaos of the outside world and look inward. While there are times when advice from family and friends can be welcome, now is not one of them. You need to shed the ideas and opinions of others and figure out what you think and feel on your own. The Hermit wants to know what your version of the truth is, and that can only be figured out by some deep soul-searching.

Solitude can be intimidating because it forces you to look into the deepest parts of the soul and the psyche, but it's during these times that you grow the most.

When you do eventually emerge, you will bring back with you the wisdom and confidence that only comes from doing the hard work.

Keywords: Solitude, seclusion, wisdom, inner guidance, retreat, meditation

Wheel of Fortune



NUMEROLOGY 10

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
JUPITER

FIRE

COMPANION CARDS
THE MAGICIAN † THE SUN

When you are gifted with the Wheel of Fortune you know that destiny is about to step in, so it's best that you just go with the flow!

This card is all about the cyclical nature of life and the four themes you deal with on a day-to-day basis, represented by the aces of the Minor Arcana: Blades—mental matters; Coins—material matters; Elixirs—emotional matters; Rods—creative matters.

While you can't be certain where the wheel will stop, it is generally considered a positive omen that points to an uplifting situation. That said, the wheel also has the ability to return your karma to you—something to bear in mind if you have wronged another.

Keywords: Karma, cycle, fate, change, opportunity, luck

Justice



NUMEROLOGY 11

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE LIBRA

ELEMENT AIR

COMPANION CARDS
THE HIGH PRIESTESS † JUDGMENT

The appearance of the Justice card signifies that you are searching for

answers to a problem or have a lifealtering decision to make. Both your head and heart need to carry equal weight in this situation.

Whether you are settling debts or creating your own code of morals, all of your actions determine where you end up. Honesty and fairness are going to take you much farther than lying and cheating yourself and others.

Because it rules over law and order, Justice also points to legal matters. Everything from court cases to divorce papers to job contracts are covered by this powerhouse card. Try not to worry, because it tends to be a good omen—unless, of course, you've broken the law (universal or human).

Keywords: Truth, honesty, balance, consequences, equality, fairness





The Hanged Man



NUMEROLOGY 12

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
NEPTUNE

ELEMENT WATER

COMPANION CARDS
THE EMPRESS † THE WORLD

At first glance the Hanged Man can cause feelings of unease and fear, until you realize that the rope around his neck is loose, and he is there voluntarily. Technically, he can walk away whenever he wants to, but he understands that it's where he needs to be right now.

The Hanged Man is all about suspended time and the act of taking a break. Sometimes doing nothing at all can help you to view a situation through a new and renewed lens.

There is also an underlying energy of acceptance with this card. Understand that there are some things you can't change, and that occasionally you need to give something up in order to gain something better.

Keywords: Introspection, sacrifice, reflection, perspective, acceptance

Death



NUMEROLOGY 13

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE SCORPIO

WATER

THE EMPEROR

Death is the universal constant.

It is inescapable and it is painful, but also necessary to make room for new life. Sometimes these endings are expected, while at other times they are sudden and shocking, but they all share the same result: change.

While some cards in the tarot allow you to shape your circumstances and change the outcome, Death is not one of these cards. When it appears in your reading you just have to accept that an ending is coming.

Death also reminds you to explore the shadow side of your psyche. In order to appreciate the light aspects of life, such as joy and positivity, you have to understand the dark aspects, like pain and grief. Your best self is well-rounded.

Keywords: Transformation, endings, embrace closure, cycle

Temperance



NUMEROLOGY 14

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
SAGITTARIUS

ELEMENT

THE HIEROPHANT

Temperance is one of the most loving and supportive cards in the tarot. Receiving it in a reading should be considered a huge blessing, since the spirit guides who surround you are about to step in and offer their help.

Temperance has a strong mindover-matter quality to it, and asks
you to evaluate your situation so you
can become balanced. It's important
to understand that the balance here
isn't about making all things in your
life equal, but about removing your
negative behaviors and thought
patterns in order to find peace
within yourself. It is also important
to acknowledge the root of this card:
moderation and sobriety. Be honest
with yourself regarding bad habits
or addictions that may be holding
you back.

Keywords: Moderation, sobriety, spirit guide, divine blessings, healing, balance

The Devil



NUMEROLOGY 15

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE

CAPRICORN

EARTH

THE LOVERS

The Devil is all about the destructive

behaviors that keep us tied up in bondage. This card carries with it the seven deadly sins: envy, gluttony, greed, lust, pride, sloth, and wrath. These attributes are, more often than not, self-inflicted, but the Devil can also point to an abusive person in your life, so be sure to keep your guard up.

With the Devil the only way to be set free is to break these patterns and begin the healing process, but it can be hard to pull yourself away from the things that give you instant gratification. Remind yourself that you deserve nothing but the best, and if you do the hard work now, the payoff in the end will be great.

Keywords: Bondage, addiction, seduction, sex, vices, codependency, enslavement, passion, overindulgence





The Tower



NUMEROLOGY 16

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
MARS

ELEMENT FIRE

THE CHARIOT

The Tower card does not come with a sweet candy coating. Instead, it comes into your life like a flash of lightning and destroys everything you have stockpiled and worked toward, leaving you standing in the ruins, unsure of what to do next.

Everything you thought you knew is now in a state of chaos, and you may have difficulty distinguishing what is real and what is illusion. Your mind, body, and spirit are all being tested, and it can feel utterly hopeless. Don't try to force a resolution right now; you could end up doing more damage to your situation. Just know that it will eventually pass and you will be stronger for it.

Keywords: Destruction, sudden change, devastation, sadness, despair

The Star



NUMEROLOGY 17

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
AQUARIUS

ELEMENT AIR

COMPANION CARD STRENGTH

The Star brings with it a renewed sense of hope and peace. Any challenges you've faced recently are about to move into the past, and you can focus on the positive aspects of

vour life.

You have the ability to shine brighter than ever before, and even to guide others into a wonderful future, but you need to remain optimistic about your newfound sense of purpose.

The Star assures you that anything you do will be a great success, and your wishes will be fulfilled. It heralds good news, rest and relaxation, satisfaction, and a period of study in order for knowledge to grow.

Keywords: Hope, blessing, renewal

The Moon



NUMEROLOGY 18

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
PISCES

WATER

THE HERMIT

The Moon card is full of illusion and mystery. It leaves you feeling unsure of what is real, since only fragments of reality are illuminated, while the rest is cast in shadow.

In a reading, the Moon turns up when you are trying to force answers that aren't ready to reveal themselves. You can try to put all the pieces together, but you'll just end up stumbling around in the dark. It's wise to take a step back right now and observe your feelings instead of acting on them. Your subconscious needs time to unravel the mystery surrounding you.

Keywords: Illusion, unknown, deception, danger, fantasy

The Sun



NUMEROLOGY 19

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
THE SUN

FIRE

COMPANION CARDS
THE MAGICIAN † WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The appearance of the Sun card

indicates that a new day has begun. All that is great in your life is illuminated by bright light, and it is time to celebrate. Everything you have worked for will now come into focus.

There is no room for self-doubt or low self-esteem with this card. The Sun fills your soul with warmth and joy. You may even feel invincible. Your talents and gifts are recognized and you will be held in high regard by everyone you come into contact with.

The Sun encourages you to share this positivity with other people. Who in your life could benefit from your cheerful disposition? A little happiness can go a long way.

Keywords: Illumination, joy, celebration, happiness





Judgment



NUMEROLOGY 20

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
PLUTO

ELEMENTS FIRE † WATER

COMPANION CARDS
THE HIGH PRIESTESS † JUSTICE

The past is calling and it won't stop until you acknowledge it. The Judgment card is all about acceptance and forgiveness. When you understand that some things can't be changed, you can finally move on to bigger and better things.

This card wants you to stop wearing masks and to be your authentic, and imperfect, self. What makes you great is your resilience in the face of your toughest trials, and your battle scars contain the map to your future.

Rebirth is the process of reflecting on your choices and understanding how they led you to where you are now. You are about to be resurrected into the next version of yourself.

The World



NUMEROLOGY 21

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE
SATURN

ELEMENT EARTH

COMPANION CARDS
THE EMPRESS † THE HANGED MAN

The final card of the Major Arcana, the World, indicates that you have gained wisdom and expertise, and now is the time to step back and admire your work. All that you have created now sits in the palm of your hand.

Everything has been completed that needed to be, and there is a feeling of satisfaction in your life. You can rest easy knowing that you did your very best. No deadlines lurk around the corner, and no unresolved relationships are begging to be saved.

Other themes with the World are traveling and reconnecting with nature. You may not be taking a trip around the globe, but movement is definitely in your immediate future.

Keywords: Rebirth, acceptance, purpose, awakening, resurrection

Keywords: Wisdom, ending, achievement, success, completion

The Minor Arcana The Suit of Elixirs



raditionally called Cups, the Elixirs suit is governed by the element of Water and represents emotions and relationships. Our feelings are constantly changing, sometimes slowly and deliberately, sometimes quickly and fleetingly. In the deck, these cards represent how feelings, personal relationships, and intuition manifest in our lives. While Elixirs can be magical and healing, don't get distracted and accidentally ingest poison.

RULES EMOTIONAL AND RELATIONSHIP MATTERS

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCES
CANCER: JUNE 21-JULY 22
SCORPIO: OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21
PISCES: FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20

ELEMENT WATER

SEASON
SUMMER: INITIATED BY THE FIRST DAY OF CANCER



Ace of elixirs

The Ace of Elixirs is the keeper of the raw emotional energy in the universe. Emotional fulfillment is something we all seek, and this card reminds us that it is possible, with a bit of nurturing. Following your heart is essential to making this type of spiritual renewal happen.

If you've been feeling more intuitive and in touch with your emotions, there is a good chance the Ace of Elixirs is on your side. Things should be going well in terms of love and relationships, and if they aren't, the tide will soon turn, so it's important to stay patient.

Keywords: Raw emotional energy, new love, art, poetry, imagination, joy



Two OF ELIXIES

This card represents two people uniting in love and compassion. The union is balanced and fair, and together they can reach new heights. While often signifying romantic soul mates, the Two of Elixirs can also represent a close friendship or beneficial business partnership.

If you have been involved in a conflict or argument with a loved one, this card advises that all will be forgiven soon, as long as you approach each other with kindness and patience.

Keywords: Union, true love, soul mates, karmic connection



Three

Do you have a core group of friends and, no matter how busy life keeps you, you're always there for each other? That is the essence of the Three of Elixirs. True friendship is hard to find, but once you do it's worth holding on to. Each person brings their own unique energy to

The Three of Elixirs in a reading can mean you're about to celebrate with close friends and family, when you will all put your daily lives on hold to come together and have a good time.

the table, but you blend together nicely.

Keywords: Affection, friendship, celebration, a gathering, happiness, good times



Four OF ELIXIES

Feeling let down? The Four of Elixirs

in a reading can mean you are in an emotional stalemate. Even if you want to let down your guard and move forward, you just can't seem to find the energy. You feel burned by somebody and aren't ready to forgive and forget.

Your apathy is reflected back at you in the Four of Elixirs, which unfortunately encourages you to continue wallowing in your pity party. Just know that you can't do this forever. At some point you're going to have to dust yourself off and get moving again.

Keywords: Apathy, boredom, discontent, isolation, weary, a rut



Five OF ELIXIES

The Five of Elixirs is a card of

unbelievable sadness and grief. You have experienced a loss in your life and it feels as though you will never be happy again—but you will. How you choose to deal with this pain determines how quickly you can move on.

The Five of Elixirs can also mean that old wounds are bubbling to the surface and holding you back. You are so focused on what has happened in the past that you can't see all the positives that are flourishing in your life.

Keywords: Loss, despair, grief, negativity, a devastating blow, old wounds



Six of elixirs

Old lovers and friends reappear with

the Six of Elixirs. This card symbolizes a period of nostalgia for the past and for happier times. There is a sweetness of youth connected to this card—the kind that can only be found in memories of childhood love.

While looking back and reminiscing is essential for understanding yourself, you need to be careful that the Six of Elixirs doesn't keep you stuck in the past. Stay there too long and you will miss out on all the lovely things in your present.

Keywords: Nostalgia, childhood love, looking back, memories, innocence, sweetness



Seven

The Seven of Elixirs is a card rooted in the world of dreams and fantasy. Many possibilities exist here, but you spend so much time wondering about the outcome of each that you never actually settle on one.

Getting lost in delusion is also a concern with this card. Your thinking has become distorted. Your head says one thing, your heart tells you another, and balancing your emotions with reason is the only thing that will help you come to a clear consensus.

Keywords: Fantasy, dreams, nightmares, psychic abilities, confusion, delusion



Eight OF ELIXIRS

The Eight of Elixirs hits with a feeling of melancholy. Something comfortable has come to an end, and you need to leave it behind. Coming to terms with that ending makes you feel empty and sad. You know the direction you are now heading in is better for you, but that doesn't make it any less painful.

The Eight of Elixirs reminds you that there is something you have outgrown. Whether it is a job, a relationship, or destructive behavior, you know deep down it's time to let it go. The journey you are about to embark on is greater than you realize.

Keywords: Melancholy, leaving, letting go, bittersweet ending, stalemate, depression



Nine OF ELIXIES

Your wishes have the very real ability to come true when the Nine of Elixirs is present, so think about what you want most and focus your energy on that.

Material and spiritual matters are intertwined in a very positive way, and this promotes a feeling of satisfaction in your life. Take this opportunity to indulge in the finer things in life; just don't get too wrapped up and drift into gluttony.

Keywords: Contentment, gratification, good luck, satisfaction



Ten OF ELIXIRS

The Ten of Elixirs is a very positive card to receive in a reading. There is a sense of comfort and harmony surrounding you and your loved ones, perhaps manifesting in a stable home life, enough money for your needs (and then some), and someone special to share it all with.

The future looks bright in terms of relationships with this card. Any past conflicts are forgiven and unconditional love is possible because of the mutual respect you share.

Keywords: Comfort, harmony, prosperity, bliss, love, serenity



Page

As a person: The sensitive, intuitive Page of Elixirs is there for you when you need her most. If you need a shoulder to cry on she will be there to listen and to offer advice. Being so open, sometimes this page gets burned by people who don't understand her compassionate nature.

As a situation: The Page of Elixirs asks that you take a moment to listen to others and really try to understand their point of view, but don't ignore your gut feelings if something seems off.

Friendships and relationships are extra important to you right now, and should be nurtured with tenderness.

Keywords: Sensitive, intuitive, tenderness, kindness, compassion



Knight

As a person: The Knight of Elixirs is romantic and loving and embodies chivalry. He appreciates beautiful things and approaches everything in his life delicately. This guy is so dreamy that occasionally he gets lost in the clouds and doesn't follow through on his promises.

As a situation: The Knight of Elixirs appears in a reading when a caring and affectionate disposition is needed. Relationships are on your mind, and this card is a good omen for moving to the next level if you are committed, or finding an ideal partner if you are looking.

Keywords: Romantic, chivalrous, delicate, affectionate

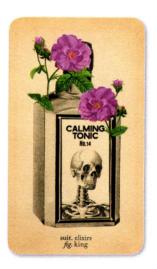


Queen

As a person: The Queen of Elixirs is mysterious and magical, nurturing and alluring. She is highly empathic, often knowing what is bothering someone before they know themselves. A little shy, she finds it easier to be approached than to do the approaching, which can sometimes mean she is overlooked.

As a situation: The Queen of Elixirs asks you to get in touch with your feminine side. Looking deep within yourself and getting to know your feelings and desires is necessary for long-lasting happiness. Your dreams may be full of messages and omens, so pay close attention.

Keywords: Nurturing, elegant, perception, visions, kindness, intuition



King OF ELIXIES

As a person: The King of Elixirs uses his wisdom and experience to dissect and evaluate his emotions. He reacts calmly in the face of obstacles and is someone you can depend on. Always ready to give out advice, sometimes this king offers it up when it isn't asked for.

As a situation: The appearance of this card shows that you are entering an emotionally stable period. The ups and downs of life are settling into something steady, and you are able to properly assess what you are feeling at any given moment. Enjoy the little things—you've earned them.

Keywords: Peaceful, calming, being present, ambivalence, nurture, wisdom

The Suit of Rods

Rods—also known as Wands—are ruled by the Fire element, and are all about our creative and spiritual pursuits. Sometimes our passion rages like a forest fire, and at other times we struggle to even light the kindling. This suit is here to teach us how to possess this power in productive and imaginative ways. From curtain fixings to machinery parts, rods are integral to many useful inventions, but it is important to remember that they can also be a weapon used to brutalize and punish.

RULES CREATIVE AND SPIRITUAL MATTERS

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCES
ARIES: MARCH 21-APRIL 19
LEO: JULY 23-AUGUST 22
SAGITTARIUS: NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 21

FIRE

SEASON
SPRING: INITIATED BY THE FIRST DAY OF ARIES



Ace of rods



The Ace of Rods represents raw creative energy in the universe. You find inspiration everywhere you look, especially in terms of career and artistic pursuits. Just having an idea is not quite enough to get you where you need to go, so remember to nurture the things you create as well.

Trust your gut and don't be afraid to take risks. The fire of the Rods suit wants to spread—you have to move quickly or you may just lose the spark.

Keywords: Raw creative energy, good vibes, passion, excitement, spirituality



Two



The Two of Rods indicates a period of balance between action and idleness. You feel restless and want to get moving on new ventures, but you know that waiting until you have a concrete plan in place will be for the best in the long term. This card wants you to follow your instincts in order to turn your dreams into a reality, but also to approach things from a new angle and explore varying viewpoints. You will know when the time is right to strike.

This card can also indicate a partnership or the act of bouncing ideas off of another person. Who would you pick?

Keywords: Instinct, planning, outside the box, action and idleness, balance



Three

The Three of Rods indicates that you have made it through the initial stage of a venture, and the first wave of feedback is about to arrive. Others may want to get involved with your project or offer financial investment.

The next stage of your plan is about to take off, but for now, take a look around at what you have created so far. Which elements of your journey will you keep with you as you move on to the next stage, and which will you leave behind?

The Three of Rods can also point to travels to new and faraway places as a result of your work.

Keywords: Foresight, partnerships, looking forward, development, transformation



Four



Life is a party and you are the guest of honor. The Four of Rods points to a big, joyous celebration that presents you with the opportunity to count your many blessings. This card can also foretell a wedding or committed partnership, and indicates that establishing secure roots is of extra importance to you.

While it is fine to indulge in life's pleasures, you do need to be aware of overindulgence, because the party won't last forever, and eventually you will need to get back to work. Bring the happiness of this moment into the next stage, not the hangover.

Keywords: Celebration, joy, success, harmony, gifts, marriage



Five OF RODS



The Five of Rods throws you into the ring for a fight, and only the most determined will win. Competition is fierce, and your rivals are all around you.

This card wants you to get your game face on and come up with a plan of attack. Having clear goals and being firm in your convictions will ensure you come out on top.

The Five of Rods can also indicate that the people around you do not have your best interests at heart. They have their own agendas and, unfortunately, they involve taking you down. Stand firm and appear strong, even if you don't feel it.

Keywords: Competition, battle, strife, success, obstacle



Six



You have been victorious in battle, and now is your time to shine. The Six of Rods asks that you hold your head high: Your accomplishments are the result of your hard work, and it's important to be proud of that.

This card can also indicate that others recognize the effort you have made and you could be offered a promotion. Remember that the caliber of work that got you this far will be expected to continue—there is no room for slacking or arrogance here. As long as you understand that, there is no limit to how far you can go.

Keywords: Victory, promotion, winning, vindication, public recognition, triumph



Seven



The Seven of Rods insists that you do not give up in the face of adversity and challenges. You are an experienced warrior and can overcome anything with bravery and confidence. Remember that you have the advantage against your foes because of your previous victories.

This card may appear when you are feeling drained and unsure about your next step. You feel pulled in too many directions and need to draw on your past experiences to formulate a plan. Do not hide from these feelings, but acknowledge and then release them. Put on your game face and get to work.

Keywords: Bravery, confidence, warrior, responsibility, challenge, loneliness



Eight



The Eight of Rods assures you that the universe is on your side with whatever you decide to take on. Business ventures, new romances, and fresh ideas will move forward with gusto. It is time to jump in feetfirst. If you are swept away in a sea of what ifs, you really will miss out on this golden period of movement and encouragement.

The Eight of Rods also indicates that the answers you have been waiting for are right around the corner. Opportunity will come knocking in the form of a letter or package, and maybe a person you desire will express their interest in you.

Keywords: Potential, movement, speed, gusto, success, encouraging



Nine OF RODS



The Nine of Rods appears when you feel that you can't possibly go on. The ground beneath you looks cluttered with obstacles and each step feels shaky, but this is all an illusion: You are actually on a solid path, but are lacking the confidence to be sure-footed.

Do not make any major changes; now is the time to stand your ground. Your determination and inner strength will get you through this period of confusion. Being under attack is never comfortable, regardless of the source, but don't give up. You have come so far and owe it to yourself to finish what you have started.

Keywords: Determination, wary, delay, exhaustion, protection



Ten OF RODS



You have reached the end of a cycle and it is becoming clear that scaling back in the future will make you more productive in the long term. What steps can you take to reduce your burden next time? Maybe you need to take on fewer commitments? Perhaps bring in outside help? What if you only focus on things that excite you or inspire you?

The Ten of Rods is also a great reminder that with every success comes more responsibility, and that being aware of your limitations is not a sign of weakness, but of strength.

Keywords: Persevere, scale back, ending, burden, overload, pressure



Page

As a person: The Page of Rods is an optimistic and curious person. She is an uninhibited freethinker, and as such has the ability to successfully combine creativity and action. Small but awfully mighty, she may not always understand the full consequences of her actions.

As a situation: The appearance of the Page of Rods indicates that you are on the verge of a great discovery about the inner self. Enthusiasm and inspiration surround this quest. You are in a position to ask: "Who do I want to be, and what can I do to get there?" and actually have the support to change.

Keywords: Optimistic, curious, enthusiastic, mighty, action



Knight

As a person: The Knight of Rods is spontaneous and popular and makes a sport out of grand gestures. He is happiest when he has a goal or objective, but if unfocused he can abandon tasks too easily, leaving unfinished projects in his wake.

As a situation: The Knight of Rods wants you to approach a new project with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. This card asks that you find fun in the mundane, day-to-day dealings, to keep things interesting.

Keywords: Spontaneous, enthusiastic, unfocused, popularity



Queen

As a person: The Queen of Rods is a natural leader whose energy is infectious to those around her. She is imaginative and has charisma, making friends wherever she goes. Unfortunately, this queen also has a fiery temper, and being on the receiving end of her wrath can

As a situation: This card encourages you to take the lead in a new situation. Adding an artistic flair to a project is a great way to show off your unique and bold personality. While being in the spotlight is great, don't become a diva.

be painful.

Keywords: Energetic, beautiful, charming, leadership



King



As a person: The King of Rods is passionate, strong, and bursting with seductive energy. He is magnetic and charming and uses these traits to get what he wants. Unfortunately, not everyone is aware of his motives, and he can easily hurt the feelings of his admirers.

As a situation: The King of Rods wants you to use your strength and personal power to achieve your goals. Your natural gifts are heightened, and you have many tricks at your disposal to get things done.

Keywords: Passion, flirtation, seduction, strength, cunning



The Suit of Coins

ealth and money matters are ruled by the suit of Coins, or Pentacles, and are supported by the Earth element. We are more than just our thoughts, emotions, and spirit; we are also physical beings. Your work, body, and long-term goals are the focus of this suit. They carry the stable and grounding energy in our lives. While the Coins buy us things we need, be careful not to get too caught up in materialism and end up bankrupt.

RULES PHYSICAL AND MONETARY MATTERS

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCES
TAURUS: APRIL 20-MAY 20
VIRGO: AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22
CAPRICORN: DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 19

EARTH

WINTER: INITIATED BY THE FIRST DAY OF CAPRICORN



Ace of coins

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The Ace of Coins represents the material energy that exists in the universe. Abundance is steadily flowing, which brings good luck in the areas of money and health. Money will be consistent, meaning you will have the funds you need, and your health is at an all-time high—or on the road to improving if you've had a setback.

New beginnings are on the horizon, and whatever you put your effort into will reap very real rewards, so it is important to stay focused and continuously plant the seeds of success.

Keywords: Raw material energy, positivity, abundance, good health, money, luck



Two of coins

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The Two of Coins indicates a need to achieve harmony in all aspects of your life. Finding balance between money, health, emotions, and personal relationships is challenging right now, but a necessary practice in order for you to be well-rounded.

Finances may be fluctuating, so try not to overindulge.

This card indicates that creative solutions to your situation will be of huge benefit. If things have been stagnant, try a new approach to a problem.

Keywords: Harmony, balance, work/life, management fluctuation



Three

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Have you recently embarked on a new project? Perhaps a new career or exercise program? The appearance of the Three of Coins shows that your efforts will begin to receive outside validation and recognition. You still have a way to go, but you can progress to the next stage feeling confident and secure in your abilities to get things done.

The Three of Coins can also point toward a collaboration of some sort. You work well in a team, and while it is fine to take on the lead role in the group, remember that other people's opinions are just as valid and useful as your own.

Keywords: Satisfaction, collaboration, external recognition, new project, status



Four

The Four of Coins appears when you hold on to resources too tightly. This type of attachment is not doing your health any favors. This card is a reminder that material wealth requires flow. Money becomes useless if you aren't using it to pay for the things you need.

You may be concerned that someone is taking something from you, or believe that they aren't as deserving as you are. Beware, this type of materialism keeps you in an agitated state that holds you back from acquiring more money and experiencing positive interactions in life.

Keywords: Greed, materialism, agitation, conservative, fear, obsessive thoughts



Five

OF COINS

The Five of Coins brings with it scarcity and poverty and, unfortunately, doesn't offer any solutions to the problem, other than learning to do more with less.

This card is about suffering and the rough times associated with losing your resources. If you are dealing with the loss of a job or health problems, an underlying shame can make it hard to reach out and ask for help. The Five of Coins wants you to throw a pity party and reject any and all help that comes your way. It isn't the most supportive of cards, and the only way to move through this is to wait it out.

Keywords: Scarcity, poverty, injury, hard times. destitution



Six

OF COINS

"Take a penny, leave a penny" is the essence of the Six of Coins. If you are in need, someone will give you what is lacking. If someone else is in need, it is up to you to do the giving. There are lessons to be learned from the extreme greed of the Four of Coins and the extreme poverty of the Five of Coins.

The Six of Coins is also about receiving money that you are owed. This can be from expected sources, perhaps an outstanding invoice, or from unexpected places—maybe you've been overpaying your electric bill and are sent a refund!

Keywords: Generosity, sharing, charity, gratitude, blessings, bonus



Seven

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Planning and patience come into your life with the arrival of the Seven of Coins. You have planted the seeds of a successful enterprise and now have to wait for those little plants to start poking through the soil. Perseverance is required for the big payoff!

You have the time to plan out your next steps. Don't let this precious time pass you by, but use it to your advantage.

This card can also encourage you to reevaluate your circumstances. Constantly assessing your behavior and subsequent results is what allows you to grow into a better version of yourself.

Keywords: Patience, work, perseverance, building, planning



Eight OF COINS

The Eight of Coins gives you the courage to take up a new job or start a project in a field that you are passionate about.

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This card reminds you to be as dedicated as you can be in the work you undertake. You want to learn as much as possible in order to produce the best product possible, but remember to master each skill before moving on to the next. Being a beginner can be difficult; it feels like you aren't going forward as quickly as you would like. Remember that everyone has to start at the beginning, and what you are experiencing is not something you can rush.

Keywords: Dedication, skills, beginner, new craft, passion, willingness to learn



Nine

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You are overflowing with positivity and abundance while in the realm of the Nine of Coins. Nothing can bring you down because your self-esteem is at an all-time high.

The Nine of Coins wants you to look at the fruits of your labor with pride: You have achieved financial security, emotional fulfillment, and good health.

If this card appears when you are feeling lost and confused, it does so to serve as a reminder that the greatest investment you can make is in yourself.

Keywords: Abundance, success, money, lavish lifestyle, prosperity



Ten

The Ten of Coins brings fulfillment and gratitude. You have everything you need, and a bit extra for security, and things are going well for you in your personal and your public life. Sharing that feeling of contentment is important to you.

The foundation of this happiness is rooted in the home or another safe space, and nothing is coming to disrupt that.

Being generous and kind to those who haven't reached your level of success is another aspect of the Ten of Coins. When you were hustling and struggling, a kind word or a thank-you went a long way to boost your mood, did it not?

Keywords: Fulfillment, comfort, security, wisdom, prosperity, foundation



Page

As a person: The Page of Coins is studious and diligent and always has her nose in a book. She loves to learn and, although she is introverted, she is always willing to share what she has learned—but only when asked. Because she can be shy, she often misses out on some of the more lighthearted aspects of life.

As a situation: The Page of Coins encourages you to buckle down and study. Perhaps you are thinking of going back to school, or taking up a new hobby.

Money is on your mind and coming up with creative ways to bring in extra cash would benefit you right now.

Keywords: Diligent, studious, focus, enjoyment, learn



Knight

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As a person: The Knight of Coins is efficient and hardworking and believes in the gradual progress of production. He is kindhearted and dependable, and helps out where needed. He can be too cautious, and at times may need a nudge. As a situation: The Knight of Coins reminds us that slow and steady wins the race. Sometimes it feels as though things aren't progressing at all and you are actually missing the race, but that's not really the case. Being careful and methodical in your actions is something that will get you the best possible results.

Keywords: Efficient, gradual progress, reliability, following steps, caution



Queen

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As a person: Whether her passion lies in business, the home, friendships, study, or all of these things, the Queen of Coins pulls it off without breaking a sweat. Her overbearing nature, however, means she has the tendency to share her opinion, even when it isn't needed or wanted. As a situation: This card grants you the ability to make things in your life more beautiful and more serene. Be careful not to confuse material items with love. Having a pretty and comforting space is good for productivity, but going overboard with spending will cause

Keywords: Maternal, creation, femininity, beauty, serenity, overbearing

unnecessary stress.



King

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As a person: The King of Coins is a realistic and shrewd man who makes a name for himself through his career of choice. He is a hard worker who takes a lot of pride in what he can accomplish. He may be a little too stubborn at times, and struggles to open up emotionally to the people close to him.

As a situation: This card encourages you to be reliable for the people in life who depend on you. Lead by example.

Your involvement in business matters is heightened, and being realistic about your abilities will help you in new ventures.

Keywords: Realistic, stern, reliable, leadership, hard worker, upper management





Ruled by intellectual Air, the suit of Blades, or Swords, represents the mental matters and circumstances we deal with on a day-to-day basis. Dreams, thoughts, and fears are the themes that dominate this suit. Life's challenges are expressed in these cards, so expect to put in hard work when they appear. The Blades can cut the ties that hold us back, but they are also capable of inflicting great pain, so wield them with care.

RULES MENTAL AND INTELLECTUAL MATTERS

ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCES

GEMINI: MAY 21-JUNE 20

LIBRA: SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22

AQUARIUS: JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 18

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Ace OF BLADES



The raw intellectual energy in the universe is represented by the Ace of Blades. Knowledge is vast, beautiful, and accessible, and it's just waiting for you to use it to improve your life.

Your mind has the ability to reach new heights right now, and your ideas are strong and fresh. It will serve you well to approach things with a critical mind.

Focusing on yourself should be your priority. Take time to plan out your goals and think about the obstacles you have faced in the past to come up with creative ways to get what you want.

Keywords: Raw intellectual energy, ideas, rationality, knowledge, understanding



Two



The Two of Blades indicates that you have reached an impasse, usually with regards to a specific situation that requires you to make a decision. There are two options available to you, but you are missing pieces of critical information for both, which is holding you back.

This, of course, leads to another choice: Should you wait for more information to come in, or bite the bullet and pick one direction at random? Neither decision feels comfortable right now, but you have to actively participate in the obstacles you face in order to move forward.

Keywords: Decision, uncertainty, balance, missing information, deadlock



Three

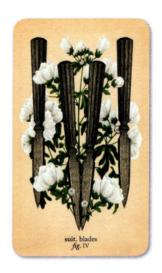


The Three of Blades is the most

heartbreaking card in the tarot. It carries with it unimaginable despair and anguish, which unfortunately is a necessary part of the journey with the cards, and in life.

Usually signifying the end of an important relationship or personal venture, this card represents the grief associated with a death. Mourning is natural and healthy, but at some point you have to pick yourself up and move forward, without holding on to the heartache. Take the lesson, not the pain, into your future.

Keywords: Despair, anguish, pain, heartbreak, misfortune, mourning



Four



A period of recuperation is indicated by the Four of Blades. Rest is one of the most compassionate things you can do for your mental well-being, and when you heal the mind, all other problems you face become much more manageable.

You need to accept that this is what your mind and body need right now. Relaxation allows you to regroup and refocus, so you can tackle the stresses that surround you. If you attack a situation head-on without the mental clarity of a rested mind, you won't be able to accomplish as much as you set out to.

Keywords: Rest, recovery, mental break, healing, recuperating



Five OF BLADES



The Five of Blades is all about dishonor in conflict. Sometimes you win an argument or competition using methods that are cruel and needlessly painful to another person. Taking into account the other person's point of view can be beneficial to your conscience and your reputation, especially if you are the victor instead of the victim.

If you are the person who has lost in this situation, do your best not to sulk, but take the loss in stride. Sinking to the dishonorable victor's level will only leave you feeling worse than before. Instead, lead by example.

Keywords: Dishonor, conflict, defeat, cheating, resentment



Six of blades



Leave your troubles behind and enter a period of tranquility with the Six of Blades. Now is the perfect time to get away, so you can unpack your baggage without any external pressures.

The negative connotations of the other Blades are left in the deck and you are given some temporary relief to reorganize and restructure your life. Old wounds and negative relationships are not welcome where you are going. You may even feel as though you can finally breathe and focus on the most important relationship you have: the one with yourself.

Keywords: Escape, change of situation, transition, newfound tranquility



Seven



Sneaking around is the theme of the Seven of Blades. You are trying to get away with something you shouldn't, and this card is here to let you know that you aren't as sly as you think you are.

As with the Five of Blades, you may be the victim of someone's trickery. A lot of planning has gone on behind the scenes in order to pull off the plan against you, so be diligent with your boundaries.

Whether you are the cheater or the cheated, an apology can work wonders. A battle of wits is easily ended when you put your pride aside and try to do the right thing—even if it pains you.

Keywords: Trickery, deceit, stealing, stealth, plotting



Eight OF BLADES



The Eight of Blades signals a time of feeling helpless and restricted in your thinking. These limitations come not only from yourself, but also outside sources, and it seems that you will never work out which is from where.

All this doubt makes you your own worst enemy because you can't trust what is real and what isn't. You may find it helpful to take a step back and write down what you perceive about your situation, then review it later when you feel more confident in your mental process.

Keywords: Helplessness, trapped, danger, obstacles



Nine OF BLADES



Can't sleep because you are riddled with anxiety and guilt? Feel as though your waking life has become one of your nightmares? You are in the realm of the Nine of Blades, and it is a really unpleasant place to be. You may feel like you are bouncing between fight mode and flight mode every minute of the day.

Unfortunately, this card does not have a silver lining, and it can really take a toll on your mental health. Being in a constant state of fear causes you to do things you wouldn't normally do, so now is definitely not the time to make any major decisions.

Keywords: Anxiety, fear, delusion, massive guilt, anguish, sleepless nights



Ten OF BLADES



The Ten of Blades is a card of sadness and loss. It represents the ultimate end to a cycle or situation. Not only have you lost the battle, you have also lost the war. It serves as a reminder that nobody comes out on top 100 percent of the time. It's impossible, and not worth trying, to change this fact.

This card, much like Death, is about succumbing to your defeat in order to begin again as something else. You can't start over if you are holding on to something that doesn't fit in your new life. Acknowledge the pain you feel about this ending, and get ready to let it go.

Keywords: Defeat, the end, cycle, succumb, letting go, sadness, loss



Page



As a person: The Page of Blades represents someone with a quick mind and an insatiable curiosity for learning and problem-solving. She asks a lot of questions about the world around her, but can also lack tact.

As a situation: This card's appearance encourages you to put emotion aside and approach a problem with a logical disposition. Ask as many questions as possible before coming to a conclusion.

This card can also represent the spreading of gossip. This is rooted in misinformation, and if you don't know the whole story, it's best to remain quiet.

Keywords: Curiosity, problem-solving, gossip, quick mind, energetic, messages



Knight



As a person: The Knight of Blades is extremely assertive. He has the gift of gab and, before you know it, you're agreeing with everything he says and does, even if that wasn't your intention. He is typically friendly, but, if insulted, his temper can be severe.

As a situation: This card indicates rapid change in your life. This is very much a "seize the day" card, and it is easy to get swept up in the madness. You can accomplish anything with this energy as long as you keep a clear mind. Be self-assured when dealing with others, but try not to cross over into arrogance.

Keywords: Assertive, arrogant, quick-witted, severe, impatient, argumentative



Queen



As a person: The Queen of Blades is observant and independent. She spends time alone, watching the world go by and taking in snippets of information. When you think she isn't listening, she swoops in with a sarcastic comment or piece of advice so spot-on that you're taken aback. As a situation: This card wants you to find the way without help from others, indicating a time of independence. You have the skills and information you need, and now is the time to put it all together. Rational thought trumps emotional hotheadedness, and being aloof allows your judgment to be clear.

Keywords: Observant, strong, independent, critical, sarcastic



King



As a person: The King of Blades is intellectual, with a commanding yet calm presence. He is objective and fair, but can be intolerant of emotional people. This is tied into the impossibly high standards he has for himself, and this sometimes spills into his relationships with others.

As a situation: With this card you can break free from old bonds and start the process of getting your act together. Use your intellect and reason to remove obstacles and negative influences in your life. Think about what you would cut out of your life if given the opportunity, then take control and get it done.

Keywords: Intellectual, management, objective, intolerant, fair, control, justice



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