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Dedicated to all
who have ever
dreamed of riding
a unicorn, dancing
with fairies, fighting
the dragon or
winning the hand
of the prince
or princess.



Foreword

Are you ready to peer into your own life fairy tale through the reflective eyes of the Fairy Tale Lenormand? Artist Lisa Hunt has prepared an oracle that will show you the storybook images parallel in your own life as told through the mirrors of familiar childhood fairy tales.

Lisa Hunt is one of the most recognized and respected names in modern tarot art. A prolific illustrator and art instructor, Lisa has illustrated seven best-selling tarot and

oracle decks and numerous other products that include illustrations for books and magazines. Her art is immediately recognizable by its fine precision, magical hidden images, and attention to symbolism and detail. Nature comes to life with flowing, swirling tree roots and mysterious paths to fantastical lands.

When Lisa began creating a Lenormand Oracle deck, her immediate challenge was paring down the abundant extras present in her imagery that made her tarot decks so successful. With Lenormand,

simplicity and easy-to-spot pictures are key elements for the reader who must quickly summarize a multitude of card pictures to speak the composite language of this oracle. Speed and ease of access to the message are essential to the system.

Lisa carefully studied the differences in the Lenormand and modified her approach. She maintained her love of detail and yet made each image crisp, large and easy to see, even in a spread of 36 cards. Lisa's eloquent modification of her style

and attention to the necessary components awed me. Her ability to flex her art to the needs of the oracle without even a hiccup displayed to me the adaptable, professional artist in her. The results are breathtaking.

While many Lenormand deck creators have favored theme over readability, you are about to experience a deck holding the perfect fusion between theme and functionality. The Fairy Tale Lenormand flows with the imaginative spark and ethereal feel of entering far-away lands. Yet, while

this oracle taps into the magical metaphors of stories, it remains true to the key traditional features required of this oracle system, allowing this to be a hard-working deck. Art precision intersects with easy-to-see images, giving the reader immediate access to the key card meaning; this results in an instantaneously “speaking” deck.

For those who feel less confident with the traditional Lenormand oracle system or who aren't interested in learning a strict semantic system like the Lenormand,

there remains enough detail and interest that these readers will be able to use the cards in a more tarot-like free-flow manner.

I would, however, heartily encourage readers to consider learning how to access the exciting language of this very special oracle if possible. It is the precision and uncanny literalness that make this system so unique and wildly popular amongst readers. The Lenormand system condenses the message, distilling it to its most basic, practical elements, so we can interpret with clarity

and blunt honesty. While tarot can have a free-flow, almost-anything-goes style if the image leads you there, the more stringent guidelines of Lenormand rather force the reader into a corner of clarity so that the message is undeniably crisp, fast and blunt. It is a powerful intuitive tool with less ambiguity than most other oracle systems.

The accompanying book by esteemed author Stephanie Arwen Lynch also provides essential, imaginative story details about the cards.

Lisa Hunt's Fairy Tale Lenormand makes the reading process fun and friendly. Her passion, drive and enthusiasm are evident as we enter imaginary lands that catapult us back to childhood stories. Are you ready to see the reflection of your own life's fairy tale?

— Donnaleigh de LaRose

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Introduction

Fairy Tales have served as teaching tales throughout the world for centuries. We continue telling those old stories because of the timelessness of the hero and heroine's journey. No matter the year, Cinderella, Rumpelstiltskin, the peasant and the prince will always remind us of the joy of love, the tragedy of betrayal and the triumph of personal courage. The Fairy Tale Lenormand deck weaves these imaginative myths into the Lenormand structure to help readers learn how to

associate the cards in a more meaningful way.

In the Lenormand system, meanings are more concrete than the fireside stories of old. This deck uses images to enhance those meanings so that the reader has a fairy tale reminder of what each card means. It is advisable to first begin by memorizing the cards by number and name. There are excellent books and videos on how to cement that information in your head. Next, try practicing combinations of two or three cards. The images have meanings that

are modified by the card next to them. For instance Snake, Ring, Heart is different when it is Heart, Ring, Snake. Using the order of the cards to create sentences may help. Example: Snake, Ring, Heart could be an untrustworthy person (Snake) who wants you to commit to an action (Ring) that could end your partnership (Heart). That might lead you to think someone is trying to break up your marriage. When you have the cards and their meanings firmly in hand, you will see why many say Lenormand is the fastest way to read the future.

If you are a Tarot enthusiast, set aside your need to read intuitively for now. Lenormand is very straightforward. It can be said that five Tarot readers will interpret the same Tarot spread five ways while five Lenormand readers will all come to nearly the identical message when they read the same Lenormand layout.

Enjoy your journey into the magical world of the Fairy Tale Lenormand. Remember that you are your own hero or heroine of your life. So wish upon a star and shuffle the

Fairy Tale Lenormand. See
what tricksters and loves
await you.

— Arwen Lynch

THE CARDS





1. Rider

Playing card: 9♥

Keywords: success, victory, good news, dreams realized

In “The Enchanted Horse”, a magical horse brings a prince and princess together but then a crafty sultan uses that same horse to kidnap the princess. The prince she loves must be wily in how he defeats the powerful sultan. He succeeds in his goal and uses the same magical horse to escape with

his love back to his own kingdom. The Rider is the card of success. This can be news of a victory or the realization of a dream. Our princess had her dreams answered when her love rescued her. Her prince achieved his victory. When the Rider shows up in your reading, know that you will see victory wherever the Rider is heading. What is behind the Rider could show you the path to your triumph. All the amazing things you want out of life could be coming your way when the Rider approaches. Who is riding towards you is a

good question to ponder with this enchanting card. Note: This card can also be used for a male lover.



2. Clover

Playing card: 6♦

Keywords: luck, creativity, serendipity

In the story of “Thumbelina”, the heroine had to avoid unwanted suitors. One of them was a very nasty mole. Luckily for Thumbelina, she was kind to an injured swallow, who

returned to save her from the pursuing rodent. The bird left her in a forest where she could hide. Inspired by the beautiful clover, she made a bower for herself. Here in the Clover card, our sweet little Thumbelina is asleep. Perhaps her dreams are showing her how to spark her own fortunes even more. Thumbelina will be rewarded for creating her own luck and so will you. Know that serendipity is smiling on you every time Clover turns up. Where you see this card, look for the opportunity cards nearby. That is where you

will be blessed with fortune. Negative cards nearby can indicate that growth is not going to happen the way you might have hoped for. When the Clover appears near ill-fated cards it may mean that you are hiding from your own good luck. Be like Thumbelina and utilize this card of opportunity to make things go your way.



3. Ship

Playing card: 10♠

Keywords: travel, new ventures, foreign investments

This Magic Boat helps a young boy embark on a fabulous journey. He saves an old man who gives him a boat that can grow from the size of a toy to a large vessel. Our young hero gathers up animals, who help him on his many journeys and even save his life. The evil emperor is

defeated when all the creatures band together. To honor the animals, you can find the cat, the ant, the bee and the crane on our Ship. Here is foreign commerce personified. The direction of the boat is important. The cards in front of the bow (front) tell you how your ventures will go. It is said that when this card turns up, travel is imminent. If it is in a reading about a business matter, think "My ship is about to come in." Be aware if the Ship is pointed towards ill-aspected cards as this could indicate you are heading into

risky business. You should be prudent about your choices for business partners if the cards are not favorable.



4. House

Playing card: K♥

Keywords: home, domesticity, safety, sanctuary

Rather than using any specific story, we chose to use the archetype of the little cottage in the woods. Nearly every fairy tale heroine and hero either began their story from

their humble home or sought sanctuary in such a place. Snow White found shelter in a little cottage like this. This card can represent safety and security as well as property, real estate and physical location. Family gathers here and secrets might be hiding behind that closed door. The path of stones leads out as well as in. The cards around this can indicate what is stirring inside the home—is it a witch's oven or a family gathering for a happy celebration? Look for your questioner's card. If the question is about real estate,

and the House card is nearby, it's a strong indicator that the deal will happen.



5. Tree

Playing card: 7♥

Keywords: health, karma, roots, ancestry

In the Brothers Grimm's tale, "The Juniper Tree", a mother wishes for a child. She makes a wish with blood under a Juniper tree. Her wish is granted in the form of a son "as white as snow and as red

as blood". The mother dies from her happiness just after giving birth to her son. She is buried beneath that Juniper tree. The boy is later killed by his new stepmother. His horrified half-sister buries his bones beneath the tree. He is returned to the family after his half-sister goes on a magical quest. Your own ancestry is shown in the Tree. Here you can see your roots, both good and bad. The Tree indicates health as well as past life, too. Notice the face in this tree. Just like the son in the Juniper tree, you are reminded to watch

your own health in all areas. You should always remember to stay in charge of your personal well-being.



6. Clouds

Playing card: K♣

Keywords: depression, confusion, sadness

A young girl must go on a prince-finding journey in the Norwegian tale “East o’ the Sun, West o’ the Moon.” In this beast of a tale, the young beauty goes off to live with

a polar bear. She misses her family so the bear allows her to go home with a warning that her mother will try to confuse her. He says if she lets her mother speak to her one-on-one that their happy life will come to a terrible end. Even with the warning, she succumbs to her mother. As he predicted, she lets the mother's words confuse her. Her actions bring bad luck to her and the bear prince. Eventually there is a happy ending, but this is a tale of the sadness that can transpire when confusion clouds your mind. This card

highlights things that can go wrong. Where the Clouds show up, gloomy thoughts shroud the situation. You should pay attention to the two sides of the Clouds. The dark side shows the negative, but the light side can point you to a brighter path.



7. Snake

Playing card: Q♣

Keywords: cheating, betrayal, manipulation

Rikki Tikki Tavi comes from the modern-day fairy tales of Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. A brave mongoose must protect his humans from the evil cobras that lurk in the garden. He manages to kill Nag, but must battle the female, Nagini. She is the dark-haired woman that this

card sometimes indicates. The Snake shows up where you need to look out for betrayal and manipulative people close by. Be wary when the Snake appears because someone is out to deceive you. Snake slithers into your world to cause problems. Look to the cards nearby to determine who or what may be trying to trap you. Carefully explore your spread to see which way the Snake coils.



8. Coffin

Playing card: 9♦

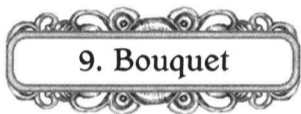
Keywords: ending, death, transformation, sad times

From Snow White, the Brothers Grimm version, we see her coffin draped for mourning.

The Coffin card is about death. When you see this card, remember that Snow White's youthful life with the dwarves stopped here. Her new adult life would begin when she is awakened by the prince. There

was a great deal of sadness when her seven companions found Snow White dead. They placed her in the glass coffin so that they could mourn her while still seeing her beautiful face. The prince's cloak drapes the coffin because his love alone can revive Snow White. When she awakens she has been transformed into a princess. Never forget that old ways must end before change and progress occur. Where the Coffin appears in your spread indicates something coming to an end. This can be an actual death but this card

also suggests the idea of letting things go. A good question for this card is what changes need to happen in your life. Look for where you can best affect that needed change.



9. Bouquet

Playing card: Q♠

Keywords: happiness, joy, beauty, gift

The story of “Little Ida’s Flowers” shows how one young girl created her own happiness. After being told

a whimsical tale of dancing blooms, her belief created magic for her as her dolls danced with the flowers at the midnight ball. Here, Little Ida's flora dance their way into your reading reminding you of all the joy in the world. Their magical message is one of pleasure. Like Ida, create your own magic when you see this card. You can also hold onto the message of a woman who knows how to take charge just like Little Ida did in her own room. A nosegay is given to someone to cheer them up. When you see this card, look

at the cards nearby. There may be someone who could use some cheering up in your world. Perhaps you are being called to be a bouquet of bliss in someone else's world. Or perhaps you will find undiscovered joy in new areas of your own life. Dance a little. Smile a lot. Make the magic of Little Ida's flowers waltz through your own life.



10. Scythe

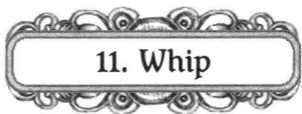
Playing card: J♦

Keywords: cutting, swift repercussions, accidents, danger, removal

In the tale of “The Husband Who Was To Mind The House”, a husband harangues his wife. He tells her he can do what she does but she can’t do his job. So the wife goes out to work in the fields leaving her husband behind to be the housewife. While she accomplishes her

tasks, her husband has a series of accidents and disasters that include a cow hanging from a rope. The wife has to act swiftly to correct all of his mistakes. But the mishaps that have already occurred can only be remedied. There is no way to rectify the damage done. So pay attention to the imminent danger the Scythe points towards. The Scythe is swift and sharp. Don't put yourself in harm's way if you can avoid it. Pay attention to nearby cards to determine how to best deal with the misfortunes heading your

way. The husband learned his lesson the hard way. You can alleviate the problems simply by staying alert to what lies in front of the Scythe.



11. Whip

Playing card: J♣

Keywords: anger, conflict, self-punishment

In the story of “The Magic Turban”, a younger brother makes his elder brother angry by stowing away on a ship. He is left behind on a foreign

shore as punishment. In his journey to find his brother, the younger boy finds three men arguing fiercely over three magical items—a turban, a whip and a carpet. He tricks them so that he can steal these items and then uses them to return to his brother. This Whip reminds you that we sometimes let anger drive us. Rage is at the heart of the issue when this card shows up. Has someone made you lose your temper? Are you punishing yourself for something you did? Watch out for conflict in your world that is fueled by

fury. The cards near the Whip can show you what feeds this anger. Whether you wield the Whip or it is used against you, this card brings turmoil in its wake. Let the Whip be your warning.



12. Birds

Playing card: 7♦

Keywords: comings and goings, small problems, verbal communication, misunderstandings

“How the King of Birds Was

Chosen” is a Mayan story that describes how the quetzal, a plain, brown bird, campaigned to be King of the Birds. He convinced the beautiful but shy roadrunner to lend him his feathers. When the quetzal was chosen because of his borrowed finery, he failed to return those feathers. Due to this problem, the roadrunner now hides and watches all the comings and goings of the other birds. He wants to communicate with the quetzal but the King of Birds flies too high. All of the birds in the background of this card

represent just how badly things can go awry when too many beaks are involved. Notice where the Birds card shows up to determine who is communicating and why. Make sure you truly understand what it is you want to say and what is being said to you. Perhaps you can avoid any misunderstandings simply by paying close attention to those cards closest to the Birds.



13. Child

Playing card: J♠

Keywords: child, children,
something new

The Child is generally a positive card. In the Grimm Brothers' tale of "Hansel and Gretel", Hansel saves his sister twice from their mother's treachery. But Gretel is the one to save Hansel from the witch. She learned something new while on her adventures with her brother. When the Child

shows up, look for something new coming to your life. It could even be a child if the other cards are indicators of fertility. The Child predicts that you may also meet a person who likes to be in charge of things. Like that toddler we've all met, the Child can be a bit bossy at times. Let the Child also advise you on ways to bring a more childlike mindset to a problem. Sometimes you need to look at the issue with a fresh pair of eyes.



14. Fox

Playing card: 9♣

Keywords: rule breaker, doing the unexpected, deception

The fox shown here is representative of the tricksters in the land of fairy tales. Rather than being from one specific tale, he is the wolf, the coyote, the imp who wants to play tricks on you. When this card appears, someone isn't doing what he is supposed to do. Or it may be his role to break the

rules. While being deceived can seem like a bad thing, this can be a good card meaning fate is working in your favor. But don't expect all the rules to be followed when this redhead shows up. Be cautious before you accept any story as fact. If you are given new responsibilities at work, they may not come with more money right away. Redheads are associated with this card so pay special attention to anyone with auburn locks. They could be there to teach you a lesson in deception.



15. Bear

Playing card: 10♣

Keywords: protector, strength, maternal instinct, authority

Rose Red and Snow White's mother allows a bear into their home. She is a strong woman so has no fear of the bear.

The girls play with the bear, who in turn becomes their friend and protector. The two girls encounter an ungrateful dwarf who has stolen the

bear's treasures. They see the bear kill the dwarf but then the bear shapeshifts into a handsome prince. Because Snow and Rose kept his secret, he marries Snow and his brother marries Rose. It was the mother's initial instinct to trust the bear that led the girls to their new lives. This reminds us that maternal instinct is strong. Due to her allowing the bear in, his friendship to the girls brought them a fierce guardian and eventually loving husbands. The Bear card reminds us of the strength of a mother's heart. Let your

own intuition as a parent stand you in good stead in times of trouble. If you are not a parent, look to those who served as guardians in your life. This card can also point towards jealousy and envy if there are ill-favored cards nearby. Someone may have the heart of the greedy dwarf. Consider the Bear a cautionary tale.



16. Stars

Playing card: 6♥

Keywords: dreams, fame, encouragement, destiny

For the Stars, we look to the Ojibwe tale of “The Star Maiden”, a magical creature who lived in a star. She came to a young man to tell him she was seeking a home. She was encouraged by his people to live among them. The Star Maiden discovered a white flower to call her home. Her

dreams of safe haven were answered. The Stars card reminds us that the future is bright. This card offers hope for dreams realized. Where the card lies indicates how close fame and recognition are. Acclaim is at hand when this card falls near the querent card. If near a card about a job, it can indicate a promotion. When you see the Stars card remember fame can be given but respect must be earned. The Star Maiden had to try out her different choices for a dwelling but once she discovered it, her destiny was complete.



17. Stork

Playing card: Q♥

Keywords: pregnancy,
change, delivery

In the tale of “The Storks” by Hans Christian Anderson, we learn how the stork first came to be a deliverer of babies. This is a story of revenge but also of reward. Young boys tease the baby storks that grow up to deliver young siblings. The kind boy gets a live brother while the mean boy is given a

dead one. When you see the Stork, think about how you change your own world with love and kindness. Change is winging its way to your world when the stork spreads its wings in your layout. Often this card represents someone who wants to be a parent. It can be news of a pregnancy or other major changes coming, so examine the surrounding influences. The combination of Lady, Child and Stork together is almost certainly an announcement of a new life coming. Stork offers change to your life. Just like the arrival

of a child, you need to prepare yourself for what may soon be on your doorstep.



18. Dog

Playing card: 10♥

Keywords: trust, loyalty, friends, dependability

In the “Elephant and the Dog”, the sultan’s elephant stopped eating when his loyal companion was taken away. The sultan is very upset when his favorite pachyderm nearly dies without his canine

companion. No one understood the nature of support the dog gave to his jumbo friend. But the dog is returned just in time. Here, we see the dog and elephant sharing a meal in a jeweled bowl. The elephant reaches in to reassure himself that his world is right again. He eats with the dog because he feels safe. Dog proved himself to be a trustworthy, reliable companion even when he was tossed aside by others. The Dog card is someone you can count on when things get rough. If you have difficult cards close to this one, this

Dog is the one to look to for help. Trust is a key quality in this card. A nearby person card signifies someone you have a comfortable, sustaining friendship with. Like Dog, they will always have your best interests at heart. (The dog shown is an Indian pariah dog that was given a curly tail to resemble Arwen's beloved Basenji companion.)



19. Tower

Playing card: 6♠

Keywords: corporations, large buildings, restrictions, bureaucracy, edifice

“Rapunzel” is the tale of the young woman trapped in a tower. She is held there because of a problem created by her parents. Her rescuer was a prince determined to make it all the way to the top of her tower. This is a card that points out how you can be restricted

by the rules and regulations of the land. This card also refers to large buildings. It can quite literally mean a skyscraper or a place of power. Rapunzel's punishment is a type of legal proceeding since her father broke the witch's rules by sneaking into her garden. Dealing with bureaucracies can be a nightmare of red tape, but if her parent had asked instead of taken, Rapunzel might not be imprisoned in the tower. She had to get involved to save herself so you can expect that when the Tower shows up; you must

take matters into your own hands. Lawyers, corporate chiefs, and military top brass are represented by this card. The gaping maw of the animal at the bottom stands as warning to play by the rules. Look for helpful cards nearby the Tower for possible ways to cut through the red tape that may come.



20. Garden

Playing card: 8♠

Keywords: friends, festivities, acquaintances, gatherings

From Oscar Wilde, we learn about “The Selfish Giant” who has a beautiful garden but won’t allow anyone to enter. Because he refuses to let the children in, the garden remains in winter. The giant finally hears a bird singing. When he looks out, his garden is beginning to bloom again because

one brave child has crawled into the garden through a hole. The giant learns that having friends is the key to living a good life. Once he has begun to open his garden (and his heart) to others, he realizes how much he gains from his friends and neighbors. This card reminds us of the importance of community. It can indicate a festive time of friends and family gathering. For specific timing needs, this can be a Sunday. This card is sometimes also called Park and may feature a public place where people gather.

21. Mountain

Playing card: 8♣

Keywords: blockages, trouble, a nemesis, obstacles

In the Native American tale, Koma Kulshan had two wives. One was said to be beautiful while the other was kind. As time went on, the beautiful wife became jealous of the kind wife and this caused many problems. The jealous one threatened to leave but Koma Kulshan did not try to

stop her. Grieving because her husband didn't seem to want her, this pretty woman became the mountain known as Mt. Rainier. This mountain blocked the way so that the kindly wife could not travel home to see her ailing mother. So Koma Kulshan had to deal with this obstruction. The second wife also transformed into a mountain. Now, when you look toward Mt. Baker, you can see Koma Kulshan and his two wives.

This card is about what blocks your path. It shows trouble coming or already here. It

could mean that an enemy wishes ill on you. Perhaps your nemesis is actively looking to cause misfortune in your life. Look to nearby cards to see what can help you as well as who may be involved in this block. When Mountain shows up, you must figure out a way around it. It can also indicate that your journey is going to be harder than expected.



22. Crossroads

Playing card: Q♦

Keywords: path, decision, direction, choices

The “path taken” remains a quintessential motif in the world of fairy tales. Many a hero or heroine is made at this crucial point. The road you take will influence everything else that happens. Where the Crossroads appears in your spread, you have choices to make. Which direction will be

the best one for you? There are many hidden faces here. These are your subconscious thoughts helping you make the most of this card. Do you take the left or the right path? You must weigh all possibilities to make the right decision. This card won't give you all the answers, but the nearby ones might help clarify the situation. Pay attention to all the options available to you. The closer to the card that represents you then the more time-sensitive the decision is. Sometimes the worst thing we can do is to not make any decision at all.



23. Mice

Playing card: 7♣

Keywords: worry, anxiety, theft, damages

In fairy tales, mice and rats are pests. In a famous poem from Robert Browning, rats nearly destroy an entire town. Here, we see the mice of Hamelin who, along with the rats, crept into every nook and cranny they could. Their presence created a situation that required an expert. That

expert was the Pied Piper. But the town stole from the Piper. As the saying goes, “you must pay the piper”. The Pied Piper had to resort to a theft of his own. He stole the children of Hamelin, playing them a tune on the same flute he used to get rid of the mice. The adults were riddled with worry for their families so they paid the Piper’s price. When you see the Mice card, remember that story. Damages and losses come with this card including the high potential for theft. Mice chew and gnaw causing worry and anxiety. This card

reminds you to be vigilant for someone may be out to take what is yours. The mice card can also mean stress when it falls near card of health, such as the Tree card.



24. Heart

Playing card: J♥

Keywords: love, passion, attraction

In the Bulgarian story of “Cinderella”, aka “Pepelyashka”, the handsome prince sees a lovely young

woman in a beautiful dress in church. Not knowing she is Pepelyashka, a mistreated stepdaughter, he is fascinated by her. He sees her three times then goes looking for her with her lost shoe. The attraction between the two was instant but the connection didn't come so easily. Lucky for you, when Heart shows up, a lover may be close at hand, especially if a card for another person is close. It can also point the way to something you are passionate about. Look for cards nearby to show you whom or what has your attention. Our

Pepelyashka has her happily ever after because her prince didn't give up. You must seek your own love by leaving your heart's door open. This card says your partner can't be that far away so keep your eyes open and your heart as well. Remember that you can also find passion in doing things that fulfill you.



25. Ring

Playing card: A♣

Keywords: contract, obligation, legal document, duty, engagement

For the Ring we turn to the tale of “Aladdin and the Magic Lamp”. Rather than a romantic icon, in the Lenormand system, this card stands for duty among other things. Here the princess in Aladdin’s tale has been forced to marry—her obligation to

her country. This marriage is a duty-based event rather than one of the heart. Fortunately for her, Aladdin has contracted with a man he thinks is his uncle but is an evil magician. Aladdin has been given the job of going into a magical cave. He finds the lamp but refuses to give it to the magician who traps him. Aladdin is stuck there until he rubs the lamp. The genie appears granting Aladdin three wishes. With those wishes, he is able to marry the princess turning the marriage contract into a love match. When the Ring

turns up, remember your duty and obligations. This can be a warning to pay attention to contracts that you've signed or are about to sign. Don't sign if there are warning cards nearby like Clouds or Snake. If you are smart, you can turn an unpleasant duty into something more meaningful like Aladdin did.



26. Book

Playing card: 10♦

Keywords: secrets, studies
knowledge

Here is the book of all the tales of all the peoples of the world. Fairy tales have been told person to person, tribe to tribe, and family to family for as long as we can remember. This is the universal teaching method of the world. Read a fairy tale to learn the knowledge of a people. Here you see

the quintessential grimoire of the magic worker. Research, secrets and investigation are the message of the Book.

When you crack the cover, you will find a treasury of magic, mysteries and more. We've chosen to honor the Grimm brothers in our spelling of GRIMMOire. Like they did, you will find that research is called for if this card falls close to your question. There may be secrets yet to be revealed. Symbols flow out of the book but can you grasp them or will they float away? Hidden in these pages is the wisdom you

seek, the knowledge you yearn for. When the Book opens in your spread, know that you may not have all the facts yet but they are coming to you. Secrets will reveal themselves. Become a student of your own life so that you are prepared to receive the information. The Book can also indicate material success that comes from acquiring knowledge.



27. Letter

Playing card: 7♠

Keywords: written exchanges, results, document, message, instructions, mail

“Little Red Riding Hood” by Charles Perrault is a tale relating to communications. Red Riding Hood’s mother has instructed her to bring a basket of treats for her grandmother, and to stay on the path. But the wolf has slipped a Letter into the basket as well.

Unaware of the lupine threat just a few steps away, our heroine has stopped to pick some flowers. Her pause gives the wolf a chance to communicate with her. He tricks her into telling him where her grandmother lives. When she finally made it to her grandmother's cottage, Little Red Riding Hood knew something was wrong. The wolf has devoured the grandmother and eats Red Riding Hood too. The woodsman hears the wolf and quickly cuts him open to save both Red and her grandmother. In this tale, as in

many, the contents of a letter can effect the outcome of a story. In Lenormand readings the Letter card can represent written exchanges and important information. When you see the Letter, know that news of some sort is coming. Other meanings include getting documents or results back from a test. Good news or bad news, the Letter needs to be read.



28. Gentleman

(Prince or Peasant)

Playing card: A♥

Keywords: home, soulmate, man of importance, male partner, masculine influences

There are two versions of the Gentleman. This is because many fairy tales often have the peasant becoming a prince or vice-versa. The peasant shows up as the hero in “The Peasant, the Buffalo and the

Tiger". This Vietnamese tale shows how a tiger is outwitted by a peasant. The prince is represented by the Spanish tale of "The Bear Prince". Both the Gentleman are archetypes of the before-and-after transformation that often happens in fairy tales. The peasant defeats his enemy, the tiger, by being smarter than the tiger. While he doesn't become a prince *per se*, he is celebrated as a hero in his village. The Bear Prince is a prince cursed to wear another face until he can be loved in both his beast and his prince form. The key focus for this

card, whether it is the prince or the peasant who shows up, is to remember that masculine influences are at hand.



(Peasant or Princess)

Playing card: A♠

Keywords: lady, woman, female influence, female partner, soulmate

There are two versions of the Lady. You can choose the princess or the peasant, as you

like. The Lady is the quintessential feminine figure of the land of fairy tales. The princess needs her love match in all the classic tales. She is the one who makes the hero yearn to be better. Feminist leanings aside, the Lady represents the feminine side of life. Here our princess wears a gown featuring purple, one of the colors associated with royalty. She dresses to influence those around her. She is not without power of her own. In the peasant Lady we feature Cinderella. Remember that no matter if our Lady is a servant or a princess, her role

in the tale is important. Her presence in the Lenormand deck is straightforward. If your question is for a woman, this card is that woman. If it is for a man, she is the woman in his life (or the one he is looking for). Pay attention to her hands. Is she reaching for a particular card? Who or what is she looking at? That card will be significant in any reading about love.



30. Lilies

Playing card: K♠

Keywords: contentment,
harmony, purity

For the Lilies, we feature the tale of “The Frog Prince”. He will sit on this pad until his true love sees him for something other than a frog. For now he is content to wait for that moment. He must learn to find harmony and peace in the purity of a heartfelt kiss. Lilies is a card that changes

meanings with the cards around it. It brings the knowledge that tranquility is at hand. You can also find older people in this card because it is representative of age and the wisdom that comes with it. Let the root of the lily sinking deeply into the water remind you of your own ancestral roots. It can also be a legal card. Remember that the Frog Prince broke the law of the land by being unkind to the old woman who was a witch in disguise. Sensuality can be the energy of this card if it is close to one of the person cards. In

the Lenormand, Lilies is a card that modifies other cards with a gentle touch.



Playing card: A♦

Keywords: opportunities, success, vitality

In the tale “Little Daylight”, a beautiful young princess is cursed to sleep through each day and awaken each night transformed into an old woman. She is doomed until her hero arrives. When he sees

her as an old dying woman, he feels sorry for the old woman, so he kisses her. That breaks the spell. You see the sun shining down on them in this card because he was successful. Surrounding them are resilient moonflowers, which represent the cycles Princess Daylight had to go through before her own reward came. The prince took the opportunity to kiss an old woman out of the goodness of his heart. When the Sun shines in your reading, good things are coming. The world will sparkle with chances for you. Look for openings in your

life. When you take advantage of them, success will naturally follow. Sometimes those lucky events can be disguised like Princess Daylight in her crone form. It's not always easy to see potentials for success, so when the Sun shines, pay attention to hidden opportunities and avenues for growth. When the Sun is overhead, good things are coming your way.



32. Moon

Playing card: 8♥

Keywords: recurring events, cycles, awards, public acclaim

Here is the moon spotlighting Cinderella's coach. In "The Little Slipper" story, Cinderella has to be seen more than once by the prince to make a deep impression. When you see this card, remember that public acclaim may be close at hand. Like Cinderella, you may be noticed. Of course she

was noticed for her beauty. Your awards may come for other things. The Moon shines on cycles as well. Stick to the plan to reap the applause. If you are looking at this card in terms of a business venture, then promotion is a necessity. Her Fairy Godmother had to dress Cinderella up so she would be noticed. Pay attention also to things that happen more than once. This could be the Moon pointing to something important that you need to know. What lies near the Moon may be things that deserve praise from you.

Don't overlook the power of the Moon in showing you where you can improve yourself so you can garner more attention.



33. Key

Playing card: 8♦

Keywords: what's needed, what's important, necessity, revelation

In the Swedish tale of the "Castle that Stood on Golden Posts" a key plays a significant role. A young person

must enter a castle but has no key. Several creatures band together to form a key so that he can reveal the treasures of the castle. When the Key shows up, pay attention to what it is pointing at. This can be an indication of something necessary or important to your success. It can open up what needs to be revealed. What is behind the Key may remain locked and inaccessible for now. These can be thought of as traps to be avoided or things to let go of. Look for the nearest cards to see what is most urgent in your reading.

The Key points out what you will need most to succeed in your current question.



34. Fish

Playing card: K♦

Keywords: Money, profit, resources, abundance

In the story of “Urashima Taro, the Fisher Lad”, we learn what happens when you don’t pay attention to your wealth. When Urashima Taro saves a tortoise from death, the tortoise carries him to Rin Gin,

the palace of the Dragon King of the Sea. The tortoise turns into the lovely daughter of the king. She tells him that she is to be his wife. The princess gives him her most precious item but tells him he cannot open the box. Of course, he does open it. In the box was his own youth. Opening it, he ages immediately and dies. So let Fish remind you to take care of what you already have in abundance. Make sure you are surrounded by favorable cards. You may need to attend to your own profit and loss sheet if the cards are

ill-aspected. Wealth is coming when Fish swim into your spread. Look to where they are flowing to see areas where even more resources might be found and utilized.



35. Anchor

Playing card: 9♠

Keywords: settling down, stability, security

From “The Little Mermaid”, we have the anchor from the prince’s ship. The Little Mermaid has a goal of finding

her one true love. That's the prince who represents the harbor she is seeking. There is also a note of being stuck, which is what happens to our mermaid when she learns that there will be sacrifice and commitment required for love to work. She accepts that she needs to be 'grounded' in order to achieve the stability she is seeking. The treasures around this anchor reflect the rewards that will come with this safe place that she has discovered. When the Anchor appears in your spread, look at what area of your life it is providing

stability for. An Anchor that has several unlucky cards nearby would indicate something is not steady or needs further support.



Playing card: 6♣

Keywords: burdens, pain, suffering

In the tale of “The Red Shoes”, a young girl chooses pretty, red shoes over helping her dying foster mother. She is cursed not only to wear the shoes forever

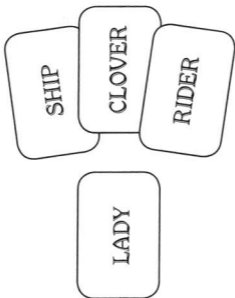
but to dance without stopping. Even though she suffers from blisters and bleeding feet, she must keep dancing. Finally, she sees an executioner whom she begs to help her. He chops off her feet but the shoes go dancing off into the woods. Moved by her cries, he helps her with crutches and a rosary. Finally, she enters a church where her confession is heard. Once she repents, her aching burden is lifted. A teaching tale from the world of fairy tales brings the message of the Cross. What burdens of life are bearing down on you? When

the Cross appears, there will be sorrow. Pain is to be expected. Remember to carefully review the cards nearby to determine the nature of the suffering and ways you can cope with it. Remember that burdens can be lifted, pain can be eased and suffering will pass. But don't look away from the Cross when it falls in your spread. You are being called to deal with this issue.

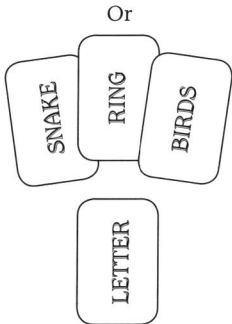
Fan Spreads

There are many examples of cartomancy spreads that use the shape of a fan. For our fans, we will be using three cards on top with one on the bottom. The bottom card is the focus while the cards above it represent the folds of the fan.

Here are two examples of how you might read a fan. Remember that the Lenormand style is very concrete. Sticking to the meanings of the cards is the best way to learn and to read with this type of cartomancy.



A journey (Ship) brings you luck (Clover) in the form of a message (Rider). A woman will be the messenger.



An untrustworthy woman (Snake) should not be partnered with (Ring) because she will gossip about you (Birds). Watch for a communication (Letter) that confirms this.

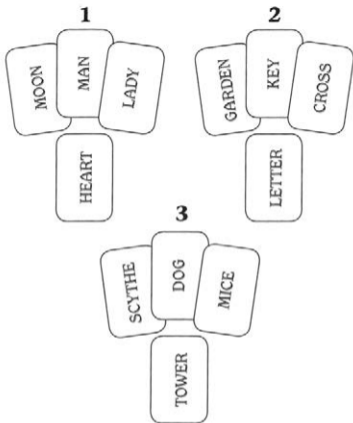
Now let's look at two Fairy Tale spreads that incorporate the fan method for Lenormand readings.

Crossroads Spread

In fairy tales a common theme is the crossroads. Many heroes and heroines meet someone at the crossroads. How they treat this stranger can determine if they are sent on the right path or a wild goose chase. Here is a spread to help you with choices in your life. It uses the fan method with a set of three fans.

Shuffle the cards. Cut them as you like. Lay out one set of fou

cards to the left, as shown in the diagram on page 110. Lay out a second set of four cards to the right. Lay out the third set of four below those two sets so that it is in the middle. Remember that each set is a mini fan so the bottom card of each fan is the focus while the top three give you insight into that card's focus.



In this example, fan one would be read by looking at the bottom card first. We have the Heart so this choice is an

emotional one with a lot of passion attached to it. The Moon, Gentleman and Lady could be read as your need to be recognized (Moon) by people (Gentleman and Lady) in your life.

The second fan has the Letter at the bottom so this choice is about communication and connection with a potential blockage somewhere. The Garden and the Key could be read as needing to communicate with others (Garden) about what's really important (Key) and what could cause pain and suffering (Cross).

The third fan begins with the Tower, which indicates that there is a feeling of being restricted or even trapped by rules and structures.

The Scythe, Dog and Mice emphasize this with messages of a possible accident (Scythe) that must be met with loyalty and steadfastness (Dog) while trying to avoid the small thefts and destructions of the Mice.

The top two fans will be your two choices. It is up to you to determine which will be the best for your fairy tale adventure. The bottom or third fan represents you at this time

in your life. It is to show you what may be driving you to make this choice.

Tower Spread

Rapunzel was trapped in a tower. To get down she had to get involved in her own rescue. No one could reach her without her assistance. This spread is to help you find out who will give you assistance and who may wish to keep you there.

Shuffle the cards. Cut them as you like. Lay out three sets of four-card fans.

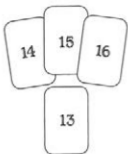
You will lay your fans out starting at the bottom, with the second one above that one, and so on to create a tower in appearance.

This spread uses four fans of four cards each. The top three cards highlight the message of the bottom of each fan.

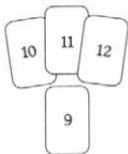
Place the four fans so that they are in a vertical line with the first fan being the bottom one. This will resemble a tower.

You will read from the bottom up.

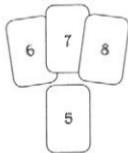
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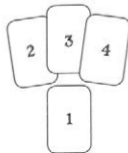
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The first fan indicates why you feel trapped. The bottom card represents you with the top three cards of Fan One giving you more information.

The second fan indicates who or what is keeping you in this situation. The bottom card of this fan will point to the person or thought holding you here. The top three cards can show you what this person may really be feeling.

The third fan indicates what lesson or teacher is most important in this situation. Even the worst of times can

give us some wisdom to carry with us. The bottom card is the key concept while the top three expand on what you really need to know.

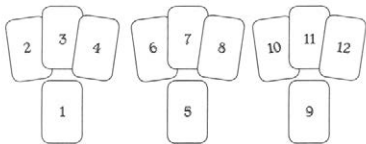
The fourth fan indicates how you will escape this Tower you are currently feeling trapped in. The bottom of this fan offers you an action to take. The top three cards contain wisdom and warnings about how this action may affect the Tower overall. Remember that getting out of this tower could make you use all of your long hair.

Happily Ever Afters

Of course, no fairy tale is really complete without the ending, is it? In this spread, you will explore how to find your own “happily ever after”. Remember that sometimes we are our own completion so it may be that your happily ever after doesn't involve another person.

Shuffle the cards. Cut them as you like. Pulling from the top of the deck, you will lay out three sets of four-card fans. Place the fans from left to right

and read them in that order.



Fan one: What you are bringing to a relationship. The bottom card represents you. The top three cards are your strengths and weaknesses. For instance, Dog/Fish/Birds might point out that you are a very loyal friend (Dog) who is generous (Fish) but has a tendency to over share (Birds).

Fan two: What the source of your happily ever after will bring you. As with your fan, the bottom card represents your potential love. The top three cards are his or her strengths and weaknesses.

Fan three: The place to look for this person or thing that may be the source of your happily ever after. Here, the bottom card shows you a physical location. The top three cards will point to what type of physical location. The center card is the focal point while the outside cards should be read as modifiers of the center.

For instance, Garden in the center with Clover on the left and Snake on the right would be a lucky gathering place with some pitfalls. That sounds like a casino to me.

Keep in mind that the Lenormand style of reading is very concrete, so try to read the cards as literally as possible.

**Let the cards tell
their stories!**

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