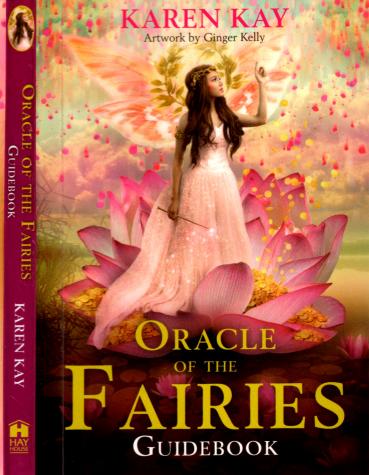
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Fairies are magical beings who are guardians and protectors of our precious planet. They care for plants, flowers and trees, and are the ultimate spiritual environmentalists. It follows that they're sometimes referred to as nature spirits or earth guardians.

The fairies want everyone to experience their ancient wisdom and to feel reconnected to the Earth, our home. As guardians of nature, the fairies' mission is to ensure we love and care for the planet as much as they do. The fairies are also magical manifestors; they wish to share ways to create beautiful blessings in our lives and to inspire us to rekindle our love and connection to the Earth. The fairies are delighted to spiritually support and encourage you on this fantastic journey as you walk upon the fairy path and through the fairy door of possibilities and miracles with *Oracle of the Fairies*.

If you have a love of nature and of the wonder of life, and you believe in magic, then *Oracle of the Fairies* is for you. This card deck is for anyone who knows that there's more to life than what we can see with our physical eyes. Anyone who loves and cares for the planet and has a passion for the environment will resonate with the *Oracle of the Fairies* as they step into another realm, where magic and miracles are real.

Oracle of the Fairies will gently guide you, giving you messages inspired by fairy wisdom that are easy to understand and can be easily applied in practical ways. The beautiful imagery on the cards combined with insightful fairy wisdom will inspire and encourage you, enabling you to forge your own path and personal connection with the fairies for the purposes of healing and manifestation, both in your life and in the lives of others – with their permission, of course.

Oracle of the Fairies offers solutions and inspiration for everyday questions and situations, revealed to the reader using special card layouts in this guidebook. Each reading will reveal positive and practical fairy guidance and insight directly related to the enquirer's unique energy and personal circumstances.

Introduction

The fairies guided and inspired me to create this gentle deck, and as I did so I would often be found writing in the midnight hours while listening to an owl in the distance, imparting its wisdom to my words. The fairies would also wake me up in the middle of the night, or around dawn, with inspiration and messages they wished to be included in these cards, and naturally I obliged. I feel very grateful and blessed to be a channel for this beautiful fairy energy and wisdom, and I sincerely hope that you, too, can feel this as you connect and conduct readings with *Oracle of the Fairies*.





ABOUT THIS OR ACLE DECK



oracle of the Fairies is comprised of 44 cards that will assist you on your journey to connect with the fairies and help you to tune in to their ancient wisdom.

It's impossible to make a mistake when working with this deck – the message each card brings depends on what you need to hear at that precise moment. Oracle of the Fairies will convey each message in a clear way but will still leave room for your own personal interpretation, making the cards easy to work with and to understand whatever your level of expertise in card reading, whether you're a beginner or a seasoned fairy-path practitioner. The beauty and fun of Fairyland is that there are no rules – this gives an extra feeling of fun and freedom

when working with the cards. Be prepared to think outside the box and get ready to explore the fluid and organic realms of the fairy world, where dreams are made and anything is possible.

This deck was born from fairy magic and fairy wisdom. Each time you work with the cards, more of this gentle magic will be released for the highest good of all beings – including the fairies!

How to Get the Most from Your Cards

To receive the full benefits of this oracle deck, first clear your mind and open your heart to the magical possibilities that are present in the fairy realm. Put any preconceptions or judgements about fairies to one side as you prepare to embark on a wondrous journey with your new fairy friends. When working with the fae – the fairy community – remember that everything is upside down and inside out, betwixt and between, so just remain open and receptive to the beautiful and uplifting fairy energy that you'll encounter when performing readings with the cards.

Each card in this deck is full of fairy magic and fairy energy that will have a special meaning and message just for you or for the person you're reading for. As you develop your own personal relationship with the cards, you'll find the most relevant cards just pop up – or literally fly out of the pack! So be open, expect the unexpected and enjoy forming a beautiful connection with the fairies – these magical and loving beings of nature.

Always use psychic protection when conducting a meditation or reading with the fairies; sometimes fairies can be mischievous, usually if someone is being disrespectful to the environment – so always be mindful of how you treat the Earth. Remember to keep up with your recycling and try not to use harmful household chemicals or buy fruit and vegetables treated with pesticides, as these are damaging to the land and the ocean. I have suggested a few protection techniques later in this guidebook (see pages 14–16).

Fairies have long received bad press from various areas of society, but I believe that fairies are created by the divine and that they're here for a specific purpose. Being close to the Earth, they have developed egos and are therefore spiritually evolving in a similar way to humanity.

When you're open to the loving fairy guidance contained within the messages in this oracle, you'll start to develop a fairy-feel for the best way to tread gently upon our planet. You'll also feel the

subtle – and sometimes not-so-subtle – fairy energy imbuing various aspects of your life. You might find yourself filled with more joy, with an extra sparkle in your aura and a spring in your step!

Forming a Bond with Your Deck

Forming a bond with your deck will help you to interpret intuitively and trust the readings. There are no hard-and-fast rules for how to do this; just trust your instinct and follow your heart. Holding the cards as often as possible will help to imbue them with your unique personal energy. Your readings will then resonate on a more personal level and become an expression and reflection of ancient fairy wisdom, manifesting both within and outside you in your daily life.

Before you look at the cards it's a good idea to cleanse the deck of any external energies, either by carefully burning some sacred sage and wafting the smoke over the cards, or by using a smudge spray—a convenient alternative to burning sage that can be bought from a specialist supplier. Cleansing the deck will give you a clear base from which you can build up a relationship with your cards.

Next, go through the deck, pick up each individual card and look at it closely to form a visual

connection. It's said that the eyes are the windows to the soul, so when you allow the beautiful images on the cards through the portal of your eyes, you're also allowing their energy to flow into your soul.

Once you've visually connected with each card, shuffle them a few times or for as long as you wish. It's also good to set your intention for the deck before you start your first reading. If it feels right for you, bless your deck by saying:

'Fairies, please hear me now: I ask from my heart that we can work together via the medium of these cards for the highest good of all beings, including the fairy realm. Please guide me with love and kindness as I open myself to this experience and to your magical fairy energy and wisdom.'

You can also use your own words; simply speak from your heart, be creative and allow the words to flow. You can even sing, if you wish — there are no rules, so you have total freedom to create your own special and magical connection with your cards. Your words don't have to make sense, as long as your intent is pure; the fairies will feel this and respond accordingly, often sending inspiration through rhyme, poetry or song. The most important thing is that you feel a natural and loving connection with

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your cards. Treat them as you would a new friend, asking for advice when you need it and allowing a friendship to grow in love and trust each time you conduct a reading. Above all, enjoy the process and take as much time as you need to bond naturally with your cards.

When you feel ready, you can perform a reading with your deck.





Setting the Scene

Before you start a reading, it's important to create the right atmosphere. Make sure you're in a quiet space where you won't be disturbed; perhaps play some background music to help create a peaceful atmosphere – fairies enjoy gentle, ambient music, especially when it includes bells, whistles or a harp. You could light some incense to enhance the atmosphere – fairies love flowery and sweet smells, so keep this in mind when selecting your fragrance. You might also like to use an oil diffuser, with a few drops of rose, honeysuckle or lavender essential oil to help you relax and enter a more receptive mood.

You may like to place your cards on a special 'oracle cloth' that you use for readings. Placing the cloth down before a reading will become an important ritual that helps you get into the right mindset, and lets your intuition know it will soon be needed. You can create an oracle cloth specifically for your new cards. Select some fabric that feels special to you – it could be simple hessian or cotton, or something more flamboyant like a super-shiny material that catches the light. On a spiritual and psychological level, you'll come to consider the laying of your magical cloth as an essential stage in the preparation for your reading.

Creating a Space Filled with Love

Now that the scene is set, it's time to prepare yourself for your reading.

- Get into a comfortable position, either sitting on a chair or on the floor.
- Take three long, deep breaths: as you breathe in, imagine you're breathing in pure love and light; when you breathe out, imagine you're releasing any cares or concerns. Don't force the breath, just breathe out gently for as long as feels right.

- After the third deep breath you can resume normal breathing, but now focus on breathing in love, and breathing out love.
- Continue breathing this way for as long as feels right for you, and you feel imbued with the energy of love, inside and out.

Protecting and Grounding Yourself

The energy from working with the fairies is often uplifting and light and this can feel very heady, so it's important to be grounded to enable you to be at your best during your reading. The more grounded you are, the more your spirit and intuition can soar.

A Simple Grounding Technique

Visualize a tree root growing from the base of your spine and going deep down into the earth. Trees are your earthly allies; they're a physical link between this realm and the fairy realm. They're strong and stable, so they keep you fully grounded throughout your reading.

You may discover other ways to ground yourself, so just use the one that feels right for you, as only you know what resonates with your spirit.

Psychic Protection Techniques

Psychic or spiritual protection is a kind of safeguarding. It allows you to feel fully comfortable when connecting with the fairies' energies as you work with the cards. You'll also feel safe in the knowledge that, as you psychically open up, you won't unwittingly attract beings who you may not want to connect with, and that only the energy of light and love may enter. See it a bit like wearing a seatbelt when you go for a drive in your car: you probably won't need it but it's already in place if you do. Getting psychically prepared before a reading is a good habit to get into.

Choose one of the following psychic protection exercises (or use one of your own).

The Golden Cloak

Visualize a beautiful golden cloak and place it upon your shoulders. Raise the hood over your head and as you do this say:

'I wear this golden cloak of protection. It will keep me spiritually safe while I work with these cards and connect with the realm of fairies. This golden cloak allows only the energy of love and harmony in, and any unwanted energies will be deflected. I am now protected.'

The Egg of Protection

Imagine you're surrounded by an iridescent egg-shape that's big enough to cover your entire body. The egg is sparkling and the shell is unbreakable but it will allow love and light to get through. While you're inside this egg, you're safe, loved and spiritually protected.

Calling in Your Guides

If you already work with a spiritual or fairy guide, you can invite them in now. Ask them to step forward to hold you in a circle of love and light where only love may penetrate. Ask them to keep any unwanted energies at bay. Know this is done.

As you become more familiar with your cards you might find a new fairy guide steps forward to work with you – this will usually be a fairy queen, who can help to keep any distracting energies at bay during your readings. Please note: you don't have to work with guides to perform readings with your cards.

Guardian Angels

A guardian angel is an angelic being whose sole job is to look out for you during your life here on Earth.

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Your guardian angel is assigned to you just before your physical birth and will protect you throughout your lifetime. Some of us are already blessed with knowing who their guardian angel is and already have a relationship with them. For others, a simple way of initiating contact with your guardian angel is just to ask, either out loud or in your mind:

'Dear guardian angel, please make your presence known to me so that I may have a deeper connection, and clearer communication, with you. Please give me a sign that you are near.'

You may wish to call in your guardian angel, or one of the archangels, for psychic protection during card readings. For example, you may decide to ask Archangel Michael to come to you to keep your sacred space protected during your reading. Visualize Archangel Michael wearing full body armour and enfolding you in his huge white wings. Know that you're safe, protected and shielded by this powerful protector.



WORKING WITH FAIRY ORACLE SPREADS



The following spreads, or card layouts, will enable you to see the answers to any specific questions asked during a reading. They range from a simple one-card reading to more in-depth readings such as the 12-card Fairy Ring. You can also create your own spreads when you become fully familiar with the cards. Whichever spread you use, when you're conducting a reading for yourself, make sure you keep an open mind when you see which cards you've pulled and try to avoid projecting your existing wishes and desires onto the cards.

You may find that cards actually fly out of the pack and sometimes they'll do this in pairs – if this happens, pay special attention as this occurrence

amplifies the significance of each card. For example, if the Inspiration and Manifestation cards appear together, each card's message will be reinforced by the other's energy.

Remember to put all of the cards into their box before and after each reading.

The 'Now' Reading

This is a one-card reading designed to give insight into any situation you're currently experiencing.

Shuffle the deck while keeping your situation in mind. When you feel ready, place a single card face down in front of you. As you turn the card over, be mindful that it will often reveal the undercurrent to your question or situation and may come as a surprise. The cards pulled represent your energy and *Oracle of the Fairies* is a medium for you to reveal the energies at work in your current situation.

You can continue to pull cards until you feel satisfied with the answers you've received.

Past, Present and Future

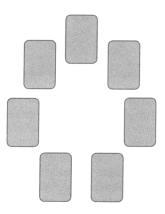
This is a simple three-card spread designed to reveal the energies at work in your past, present and future.



Shuffle the deck while focusing on the nature of the reading. When you feel ready, place three cards face down in front of you, working from left to right – these represent your past, present and potential future. Turn them over in the order you prefer to reveal their messages. When you turn over the 'future' card, remember the future is not set in stone and can always change, often depending on your own actions.

The Fairy Star

This card spread is based on the fairy star, which has seven points. Before you shuffle your cards, it's important that you focus clearly on one question (unless you require a more general reading, in which case just shuffle them until it feels like the right time to begin). Once you've decided on your question, shuffle the deck and, moving in a clockwise direction, place seven cards face down in the shape of a seven-pointed star.



Each card position has a different meaning. These are, starting with the card at the top of your star and moving in a clockwise direction:

- You and the energy around you at this moment in time.
- The energy of the question you've asked, or general energy.
- 3. The unconscious or conscious energy behind your question.
- 4. Any action that needs to be taken.

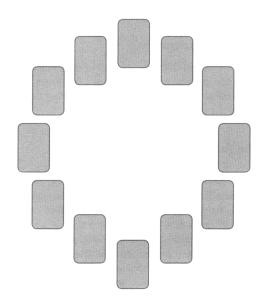
- 5. Any obstacles to be aware of.
- 6. Your spiritual growth.
- The possible outcome of your question (based on the current energies at play – but there may be other outcomes, depending upon your future actions within the current scenario).

The Fairy Ring

If you feel you need a more in-depth reading, this is the perfect spread. It's also good for annual forecasts for each of the 12 months of the year.

Shuffle your cards, then when you feel ready, place 12 cards face down in the shape of a circle (see page 22), working in a clockwise direction.

The first card placement – at the top of your circle – is for January, followed by February, March and so on as you move around the circle in a clockwise direction. Turn over the cards one at a time to discover the energy at play for each month of the year. If you feel you need clarification on a particular month, pull another card and its message will go deeper into the explanation. This 'Fairy Ring' reading can be performed in any month, but ideally only once a year.



Your First Reading

Select a fairy oracle spread for your reading (see pages 18–22) and shuffle the cards before you begin. Take as much time as you need while you perform your reading, observing your feelings and how you

feel when you touch the cards. Enjoy and savour the experience as you tune in to the messages revealed by the fairies on the cards. It's important to be honest with yourself as you interpret the cards, whether for yourself or for others. Often we don't want to see the less-than-perfect side of ourselves, but by being truthful about both our positive and negative aspects we can gain even more insight from our readings. When we allow our ego to get in the way, things can be misinterpreted and misunderstood, so be mindful of this whenever you conduct a reading.

Remember, fairies are joyful beings who wish for us all to enjoy this life and to spread love and joy. Making the world a better place and creating a trail of love and light is a fairy-tastic objective!

Other Ways to Use Your Cards

Naturally, the main use of the cards is to perform readings for yourself and others. However, you may find your creativity is heightened when you work with the *Oracle of the Fairies* deck and that you want to try other ways of working with the fairy energy present in the cards. If, for example, you're working on manifesting something in your life, you could carry the Manifestation card with you, perhaps using the

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card as a bookmark to stop it getting damaged, or placing it on your fairy altar – a place of focus where you can wish or pray, and that might include items such as a fairy figurine or a crystal. Each time you see the card, whether you're conscious of doing so or not, you'll be reminded of manifestation energy and this will reinforce it. This applies to any card you happen to be working with. If your budget allows, you could purchase a second *Oracle of the Fairies* deck to use in creative ways while leaving the first set complete for readings.

Be creative and allow your intuition and inspiration to come into play – after all, it's all about play when you're working with the fae! It should be a lighthearted and joyful experience, and a journey that you co-create with the fairies, in harmony with them, and this makes you more in harmony with the planet. This can only be a good thing, for the benefit and highest good of all.

Interpretations of the Cards



Abundance

Prepare yourself for incoming abundance! Release any mental blocks you may have; in Fairyland and human land there is enough abundance for everyone.

The arrival of this fairy tells you that abundance is on the way! Perhaps you'll receive an unexpected gift or a cash windfall. It could also be a spiritual gift. Whichever form it takes, you just have to make sure that you're ready for it. Make sure you're in a place of receptivity – that you believe and 'know'

you're worthy to receive any abundance. Work on this if you feel it could be an issue for you. By feeling truly worthy, we can be receptive to the flow and blessings of abundance in our lives.

If you feel unworthy, ask yourself why and be honest in your answer, for this is the key to the door of abundance from the universe – spiritually, emotionally and physically. Often, feelings of unworthiness can stem from childhood, and facing these feelings can sometimes be challenging and painful. Talking your feelings through with a trusted friend or a professional counsellor could reap many rewards, shifting any negative views of yourself and of your worthiness to receive. Self-worth is key here.

The Fairy of Abundance says there's enough abundance in the universe for everyone and you have just as much right to it as anyone else. So prepare yourself for incoming abundance, and enjoy!



Ask for Help

Angels are celestial beings who protect everyone, and the fairies say now is the time for you to ask for angelic assistance.

There are times in our lives when we need celestial assistance, and that time may be now. Angels are omnipresent, non-denominational beings who can be called upon for help by anyone at any time for any kind of assistance — from clearing congested traffic to fast healing after a medical procedure.

Perhaps you're very independent and feel that you can sort out everything and anything on your own, without help. Fairies, too, are generally self-sufficient creatures and can usually deal with any challenges that might arise, but on occasion even the fairies need a little divine intervention and may ask for an angelic helping hand. It makes perfect sense: if we humans can call on the angels, why wouldn't the fairies ask for angelic intervention too? This card may be telling you that an angelic boost would be beneficial for you, or someone you know, at this time.

With this card the fairies are encouraging you to call on a personal guardian angel to help you through any tricky situation you may be experiencing. The fairies will also sprinkle some fairy dust on you to give you some cheer and joy during challenging times, or even if you just need a fairy boost!

Be aware that sometimes fairies are referred to as the angels of nature, or nature angels, but they're not celestial angels. The roles are very different from one another, though they sometimes meet somewhere in the middle.

Remember that there are no rules and that the angels are happy to work with fairies and humans alike when it's for the highest good of all.

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Believe in Magic

Open your eyes and see the magic that's all around in nature. The Fairy of the Northern Lights says you are part of nature, so you are magical too.

When the Fairy of the Northern Lights appears, she comes to tell you to open your eyes and see the magic that's all around you. The aurora borealis is pure magic, and seeing the colourful ribbons of light dancing in the sky is on many a wish list. Perhaps you, too, have felt drawn to see this phenomenon

in real life? If so, this card is confirmation that it's time to start making those plans. Or maybe another faraway location is calling to you? When nature beckons you, your spirit knows the way to go.

The message may not be so literal, however. Instead, this magical fairy could be flying in to remind you to open your eyes and heart to the magic and wonder of the natural world, so much of which we take for granted. The Fairy of the Northern Lights says, 'When you're taking a walk, stop: look up, look down and see the magic that's all around!' Because sometimes we need a gentle reminder to stop and smell the roses, and revel in the magic of nature. Perhaps you're being called to inspire someone else to see the world through new eyes of wonderment. Children see magic all around them; it's natural to them. If you feel stuck in a rut, tune in to your inner child and learn to see the world through the eyes of a youngster once again.



Celebration

Get ready to let your hair down and celebrate! It's time to go out to dance and play – an invitation could be on the way.

An invitation to a special occasion could be on the way! So it's time to put on your dancing shoes – or be ready to kick off your shoes and dance in bare feet in nature.

Have you been working too hard recently? Perhaps you've just forgotten what it's like to have fun. It's so easy to get wrapped up in work and in the more mechanical and mundane activities of daily life, which means we often forget to prioritize essential fun-time. This card reminds you that it's time to celebrate, whether you go out or stay in – perhaps you could invite some friends round and host your own fairy-ther. ty, or even a fairy ball! Even when times are challenging there's always something to celebrate. You don't need an official reason – just being alive is a more than worthy cause for a celebration. Dance, rejoice and celebrate life in all its magical glory.

Do you have a birthday soon? Or is there a special anniversary coming up that may have slipped your mind? Always make sure you keep a diary to mark down special occasions so you never have to miss a thing, and have your party clothes ready just in case you receive an unexpected invitation — it's good to be spontaneous, as that's where there's always an extra sprinkling of fairy dust and magic.

Fairies are excellent at celebrating. They find the fun even in little things and need no excuse for a party. The energy of celebration is around you right now.



Come Together

Fairies like to be busy and a group of them is showing you that many hands make light work. Working as a team helps get the job done.

A group of fairies has come to show you that working as part of a team can make any task feel fun – and the time will fly by! What's more, a team of happy humans can be super-productive. Teamwork can also be very rewarding and help each individual to feel valued and uplifted.

We each have our own unique set of skills that we bring to the table, and combining this with the talents and abilities of others can form a mighty workforce indeed. Working together can be a bonding and supportive experience, and also sets an example to individuals who have yet to join forces. It's also the foundation upon which communities are created.

Perhaps you tend to work alone, either out of preference or necessity. This can be important for particular types of work, such as writing, but the fae wish to show you another way; even when you work alone, you can call on your fairy friends to help inspire you and this can help to get the work completed.

If you know someone who could do with a helping hand, reach out and let them know that you care and are there for them should they need you. People are funny beings and often feel shy about asking for help, so it's time for you to take the initiative – and that includes reaching out for help yourself if you need it.



Divination

Embrace your powers of divination, which are especially strong right now. You have the ability to see your current situation with crystal-clear clarity.

This fairy wants to remind you that you can use divination to help you through challenging circumstances. Your energy is strong at this time and you have the ability to see things that others may not. Perhaps someone close to you would benefit from your spiritual gifts.

Anything can be used for divination purposes: these cards, crystals, a crystal ball, the flames in a fire, the stars in the night sky, water. In fact, anything that opens a psychic doorway can be used, and will enable you to see backwards and forwards in time. Divination also brings you fully into the present moment. It's not about fortune-telling for thrills, although future truths can be revealed. It's more about working with the divine powers to reveal what will help towards spiritual progression, for yourself and others.

Divination is a serious spiritual practice and isn't something to be dabbled with for amusement. You might experience visions or come to know things that need to be handled delicately and with empathy when sharing with others. If you feel confident, you could give readings to friends and family. You may feel drawn to do this professionally too. If this feels right, seek the guidance of someone who has been working with divination for a while and whom you respect. You can use divination alongside any other spiritual technique.



Fairy Spotting

It's time to go fairy spotting! It's said that 'seeing is believing' but in fact the opposite is true: believing is seeing.

Have you ever seen a fairy? Maybe you have, but you tried to explain it away with the voice of reason. Or perhaps you're a fully-fledged believer, or better still a 'knower' – you know fairies exist. Fairies can appear to us in many different ways. Being sensitive and open to experiences is helpful when fairy spotting as it allows us to be more receptive

to seeing these magical spirits of nature. They very often appear as flashes of light darting around wooded areas or gardens — or, if you're really lucky, inside your home. They can also manifest just outside your line of sight, often in the corner of your field of vision, so you're not totally sure if there's anything there at all. Sometimes they can be felt intuitively, seen only in your mind's eye. They may also bring a flowery scent or an unusual smell rather like toffee apples or popcorn. When they appear in their full form it's a true privilege, for they're rightly wary of humans.

You could try photographing fairies. Even if you can't see them with your own eyes, a camera can often pick up a fairy essence, which may appear as a beam of light or a tiny orb. The best place to do this is out in nature, either in your garden or in woodland. Midsummer's eve is a particularly good time to look for fairies. You're most likely to see a fairy if you care about nature and the environment, as they will be more willing to connect with you.



Find Balance

Find the balance between your work, rest and playtime and you will have more energy, harmony and productivity in your life. Take a power nap.

'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.' You've probably heard this before. Does it apply to you or someone you know? Are you working too hard and not allowing enough time for rest and play? Are you feeling bored — or are you in danger of becoming boring? Be truthful with yourself when answering.

Even though fairies are known to be super-hard workers, they also know how to rest and play. The fairies are flying in now to remind you to take a break and give your body and mind a well-deserved rest. The problem with work is that once you've completed one task there's always another waiting — a bit like housework! But even though it may feel as though you need to rush to get everything done, taking some time out can actually give you more energy to complete the task at hand. Fairies love to snooze, and they're telling you that 40 winks in the afternoon (also known as a power nap) could be beneficial for you. The strong message here is to get some rest!

This card could also be saying that you're playing too much. Perhaps you're procrastinating when you ought to be working. You need to be really honest with yourself about this, as only you will know if you have the right balance of work, rest and play in your life.

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Flourish

The Lotus Flower Fairy tells you to learn from experience and shed your inner light on any unclear areas of your life, or those of others.

From dirty mud beautiful flowers emerge. We can liken mud to the trials of life, to the things that have hurt us but also ultimately shaped us and helped us to grow into the people we are today. From pain comes growth, and this growth can inspire others who are going through similar discomfort. The Lotus Flower Fairy comes to say that you have

a wealth of experience that can be used to help others. When we learn from the past and from painful experiences, we can truly and fully flourish into beautiful beings who shine from the inside.

You're a beautiful flower, born of the lessons of the past. If you're going through a tough time right now, this fairy reminds you that you're receiving life's spiritual ingredients with which to grow and flourish.

This card also tells you that a lotus flower and a rose can't be compared, for every flower is unique and beautiful, and the same goes for us humans. We each have special talents and skills, and no one can be as good at being you as you are. The fairies know this only too well. So celebrate the wonderful person you've become and continue to flourish, precious one.



Friendship

Fairies and humans alike need friends. Now is the time to seek out those who will support and encourage you on your journey to fulfil your dreams.

We all need someone we can trust, to share our private thoughts with. This card tells you to reach out to old or new friends, to gather your friends around you, for there's power in numbers. Friends can offer advice that can give us hope and another point of view. Fairies, too, gather in groups to

support each other and there's great wisdom and comfort in doing this. Like-minded and like-hearted friends are like fairy dust shining in our darkest and lightest hours and are always there for each other, no matter what time of day or night it is. True friends celebrate our successes and our joy for they're truly happy when we're happy.

This card is also asking if you are being a good friend — or have you neglected your friendships? Perhaps an old colleague or school friend needs you to reach out. Close your eyes and see who pops into your mind, then get in touch with them — perhaps give them a call or send an email, just to say hi and check they're doing okay. Friendships can last a lifetime and should be treasured.

It could also be time to make new friends, so join a class to learn a new skill or go for a walk at a popular park or attraction. By getting out and exploring you're much more likely to meet others with similar interests than if you stay at home. You never know, you could make an #FFF (Fairy Friend Forever)!



Go Outside

It's time to go outside! Tune in to the powerful peace of nature, wherever you are, and feel at one with your habitat.

When the Fairy Queen of the Forest graces your card, it's time to get out and get close to nature. The magic of your local forest or woodland is calling to you right now. Often the message is simply to get outside so you can recharge your batteries. We can forget to do this when we get wrapped up in our work, particularly if we're sitting in front of

screens and computers. So, if you can, spend some quiet, contemplative time in this environment. Find a place that calls to you, sit there and just 'be'. Have no expectations, just experience your surroundings and be receptive to any signs.

The Fairy Queen of the Forest urges you to feel the powerful peace of nature and to be open to any signs - such as the appearance of certain animals, or their actions - that may appear during your mini-retreat. You might need only five minutes, but you can be assured that this gift to yourself of being in nature will give you much more energy to get on with your working life in a more productive way. It would be wise to follow this advice from the Fairy Queen of the Forest when she appears because she knows only too well how precious the gifts of the forest are. If you're not physically able to get outside, then look at an image of woodland in a book or magazine – or, as a last resort, on screen. You can also use creative visualization to imagine you're outside enjoying nature.



Healing

Now is a time for you to give or receive healing. Everyone has a natural ability to heal others – yes, even you!

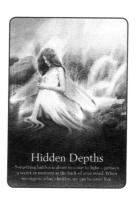
The Fairy of Healing has flown into your reading today to let you know she can help you to heal yourself or another. Healing can take many forms, even just through listening — when we feel we're being heard it can make us feel better, so people who have the ability to listen with love and without judgement are already healers. Sometimes just

being in the presence of someone who is receptive to our thoughts and feelings can help us to feel uplifted and healed.

Hands-on healing is a technique many feel drawn to, and perhaps this is something you, too, wish to explore. Are you in need of healing yourself? It's important to listen to your body and to take time out so it can heal naturally. Make sure you're getting all of the correct vitamins and nutrients. Sleep can also be an amazing healer.

This card could also be a reminder that you or someone close to you needs to visit a health professional. The Fairy of Healing can assist with your healing journey whether you're using conventional or complementary healing methods. The Fairy of Healing is also asking you to explore healing therapies that may be new to you, such as aromatherapy, flower essences or hands-on healing. Art therapy is especially helpful for younger people as it allows them to express their feelings through the use of colour and painting, and this can aid their healing.

If this card shows up next to the 'Find Balance' card, this indicates your need for extra rest right now.



Hidden Depths

Something hidden is about to come to light – perhaps a secret or memory at the back of your mind. When we expose what's hidden, we can become free.

Sometimes it's easier to be in denial than to face a challenge, so we act as though something never happened and pretend everything is fine. However, releasing the things that have been hidden from view can be very liberating and help us to move forward with our lives. The Fairy of Water comes

to hold your hand gently and guide you during this releasing experience.

One of the reasons things stay hidden is that they can contain painful memories. This is totally understandable, and if there's been a major trauma in your life it's important to seek professional help. Remember you don't have to do this alone; all you need to do is take the first brave step towards wanting to be free from your past. Once you've done this, there are people who can help you to walk gently through the experience and teach you how to release it with love. Then you'll be able to move forward feeling lighter and happier and ready to embrace the rest of your life positively. The fact that this card has appeared now means you may be ready to face what has been hidden, but only do this if and when you feel the time is right.

Another meaning of this card may be that someone you know is keeping a secret from you. Secrets are fine, but not when they hurt another being, It's time to be honest with yourself and ask that others do the same for you, but be gentle with everyone concerned – including yourself – during this process.



Hope

Hope is always there, even if we can't see it. Optimistic expectations can help change a negative situation into a positive one.

The Fairy of Hope flies in to remind you to believe in hope, for it's the key to the door that can lead you away from your current predicament. No matter how hopeless things may seem, if you look deep inside your heart your spiritual heart-wisdom will reveal a glimmer of hope, and this can lead you to a brighter future. This fairy tells us always to stay full

of hope, because positive thoughts and beliefs can literally change your future.

On this card we can see a rainbow – a symbol of hope – and the dove of peace flying towards the fairy shows us that hope and peace often come together and that anything is possible. Sometimes we just need an extra boost, so the fairies fly in on the wings of the dove to let us know that they're with you while you're experiencing difficulties.

Remaining hopeful while those around you are full of doubt and negativity can be extra-challenging, but remember that hope comes from deep within our hearts and is an excellent habit to cultivate. Heart-wisdom and hope will see you through whatever is going on for you and those around you right now, so have courage and trust — the Fairy of Hope walks hand in hand with peace and miracles.



Inner Child

The Fairies of Playfulness remind you to make time to embrace your inner child – playing keeps us young at heart. Do something silly and fun, but stay safe.

George Bernard Shaw said, 'We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.' There's so much wisdom and truth in this quote. All fairies love to have fun and play, and, much like the 'Find Balance' card, this message comes as an order for you to make time to play — especially

if you feel you don't generally get a chance. Playing keeps us young at heart and helps us to connect directly to our inner child.

It's so easy to get caught up in the daily grind of mundane chores and routines. This is okay as long as things are balanced. When you set aside some space for joyful activities, you'll find yourself even more energized for the work you need to do. You may even discover that your work now fills you with joy.

Fairies are experts at playing, so you could ask them to help you loosen up and have some fun by saying, 'Fairies, show me how to play, and to fill with joy this very day!' Playtime will give you renewed vitality and add a spring to your step. So put on your coat and, if it's safe to do so, go and play right now!



Inspiration

Be prepared, as you'll soon receive a visit from the Fairy of Inspiration. Come dusk or dawn, she can call at any time.

The Fairy of Inspiration is full of ideas and will gladly share them with you. All you need to do is be receptive to her whisperings. She may plant the most fantastical ideas in your head, but remember you always have a choice, so if an idea doesn't resonate for you, then simply let it go; it may be meant for someone else. When an idea does

resonate, however, go with the fairy-flow and trust where it may lead. Sit back and enjoy the fairy-ride of fun and creativity as you transform inspirational ideas into reality.

Perhaps it's time to plant your own seeds – your own ideas. Take a tip from this card's helpful fairy and plant your seeds of inspiration in fertile soil, allowing them to grow using positivity combined with practical action.

Call on this friendly fairy whenever you feel you're lacking inspiration. To connect with her, go outside and just 'be' in nature; or, if you're unable to get out, meditate on a photo of nature in a magazine or online. Allow your senses to perceive the beauty all around, and set your intention to allow the inspiration to flow.

The Fairy of Inspiration is the sister of the Fairy of Manifestation, so if this card appears in a spread with the 'Manifestation' card then magic and miracles will be close behind. The Fairy of Inspiration will also encourage you to inspire those around you.



Journey

It's time to prepare for a journey! It may be impromptu or planned – either way, make sure you're ready when the time comes. Pack your passport now.

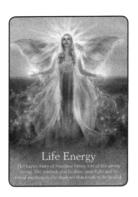
It seems you may be about to embark on an exciting journey, so start packing your suitcase or backpack right away – but remember to travel light so you can easily be spontaneous, both with your physical journeys and with the journeys of your heart and being.

Perhaps this is the right time to set out on an adventure of your own – you never know who you might meet. You may find yourself thinking about relocating or even moving to another country. It's worth signing up to low-cost-travel websites to see what bargains appear, or go back to basics and just stick a pin in a map and travel there. Maybe you know someone who deserves a holiday or a day out. You could take the initiative and invite them to join you on a fun-filled fairy journey. This card may also be telling you that your passport needs to be renewed.

The Fairy of Travelling, pictured on this card with a speedy hare, is telling you to prepare and be ready to take a leap of faith when the moment is right. It's a potentially super-exciting time, full of fun, as you venture into the wonderful unknown. It's also a chance to feel truly alive and surrender to your magical destiny, banishing any preconceived plans or expectations. This message may also relate to members of your family who are about to move or go on holiday.

However it manifests, a journey is imminent. It might be near or far, or even an inner journey, but the main thing is that you're ready and willing!

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Life Energy

The happy Fairy of Sunshine brings lots of life-giving energy. She reminds you to shine your light and to reveal anything in the shadows that needs to be healed.

The Fairy of Sunshine comes with an abundance of life-giving light and energy. Perhaps you've been feeling shy or lacking in confidence? If so, this golden fairy says it's your time to shine!

Sometimes we hide our light for fear of being seen and feeling vulnerable. This is quite normal, but

it serves us neither spiritually nor physically. Light also exposes any issues lurking in the shadows that need to be healed and released, allowing this process to happen. Once these issues are revealed, there's no need to dwell upon them any more: recognize and release them, then move on. This process is essential for spiritual growth. Radiating our natural light makes us feel good, and it can inspire others to shine their inner light too.

Maybe the Fairy of Sunshine is saying you need to get more vitamin D from sunlight – perhaps a mini-holiday to a sunny location is just what the Fairy of Sunshine ordered! She may also be telling you that if someone feels like a ray of sunshine in your life, keep them close; or she may be calling you to be a ray of sunshine in someone else's life.

Sunlight is healing but too much of it can be harmful, so on a practical level be sensible when you sunbathe and use sun protection made from natural, ideally organic, ingredients to protect your skin.

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Light

The Fairy Queen of Light comes to shed love and light onto your current situation, and to remind you that light can penetrate the darkness.

'Love and light and all things bright will remove your fears in the darkest night' – this is a message direct from the Fairy Queen of Light. Light is your protection: it casts away any shadows, and wherever it shines the truth will ultimately be revealed. The Fairy Queen of Light also comes to

remind you that you are light! She stands in the dark forest, yet her light travels far so she can find her way clearly through the darkness. If you feel as though you can't find your own light, she will offer you one of her lamps to illuminate your path, and the path of others who need to discover their own inner light. It's an instinctive thing to be attracted to light, and when you shine yours it will attract others like moths to a flame.

Fairy light has a different quality to other light. It contains magical particles that not only expose the truth but also reveal the beauty of a situation and the lesson to receive from it. When the light of truth shines, nothing can be hidden, and the shadows are exposed. There's nothing harsh about this healing and revealing light; the Fairy Queen of Light shines her light gently and peacefully – but persistently too, until only the truth remains. She reminds us that when we can face the darkness and the shadow side of ourselves without fear, the light can remain as a permanent part of our 'seeing' and our experience in life.



Look in a Book

Whatever your question right now, you'll find the answer in a book. The words you find will bring the insight you seek.

The fairies are saying that the guidance you seek is contained within a book. Look around right now and pick up the first book you see. Hold the book against your heart and say: 'Fairies, turn the pages in this book for me, and guide my fingers to the words I need to see.' Now close your eyes and randomly flick through the book, allowing your finger to come

to rest somewhere on a page. Read the words and see if they resonate with you (if your finger lands on a picture, try again until it lands on text). If the words immediately seem relevant, take them on board. If they don't, write them down and sit with them for a day or two. Be patient and their meaning will come to you.

You can also ask for the meaning of the words to be revealed in your dreams. Before you go to sleep, write the words on a piece of paper and place it under your pillow, saying: 'Fairies, these words I place beneath my head, reveal the meaning while I lie in my bed.' In the morning write down any dreams you can remember, then be patient as the wisdom from your words filters through into your waking reality.

The card may also be a reminder that reading a book would be good for you right now. If there's one you've been meaning to read for years, now is the time to do it. The fairies may also be saying that a book could prove a valuable gift for someone else as it may open their mind to other ways of being.



Lost and Found

What was once lost is about to be found, thanks to the Lost-and-Found Fairy. Sometimes she can help us find things we never even realized were lost!

The Lost-and-Found Fairy collects lost treasures and keeps them for a rainy day, revealing them when they're needed most. She is attracted to shiny things and often keeps company with magpies and crows, for they too have a keen eye for things that sparkle – if you see these birds, this fairy is probably nearby.

If you've misplaced something, either materially or spiritually, call on this helpful fairy to find it. She will often leave little hints, tips and clues. She may remind you to be practical; for example, if you've lost your keys, retrace your last steps in your mind — where were you when you last saw them?

This fairy often appears in autumn and wintertime. In autumn, animals often bury food ready to sustain themselves during the colder months, and seeing them do this could be a sign to stash away the things that will sustain you, too, during this period. These could be material things such as food and money – remember, she is a very practical fairy! Or you might stash away cherished memories inside your heart and tap into them whenever you need a spiritual boost.

The Lost-and-Found Fairy also reminds us that it's okay to lose things; perhaps you never really needed them anyway, or their time and purpose has been served. 'It's no use crying over spilt milk' could also be the message she brings: let it go, get a cloth and clean it up, then go and get some more milk (ideally vegan nut milk!) if you really need it.



Magical Blessings

Whatever you're going through, you're being assisted by magical fairy blessings. The fairies say you can bless others too.

To receive fairy blessings is an honour, and right now the fairies are bestowing their blessings upon you and your current situation. Fairy blessings are magical and can also be healing. Only you will know what form these blessings take.

You can ask the fairies for their blessings at any time; perhaps you have a job interview coming up, or a challenging situation at home. To do this, close your eyes and speak from your heart, explaining why you feel their blessings would be beneficial. Then wait. Patience is a virtue when hoping for a message or sign from the fairies, and remember they will only bestow blessings if it is their will.

It's important to acknowledge the fairies' blessings and give thanks. An easy way to do this is to leave some raw food, such as fruit or nuts, in your garden or outside your door (wildlife can enjoy any leftovers, or these can simply biodegrade). You can also leave seeds out for the birds or pick up some litter – caring for the environment is a way that we humans can return blessings to the fairies.

The fairies are also reminding you that you can bestow blessings on others. Showing our loved ones that we care is a form of blessing, especially to those who live alone or are feeling lonely. A visit, a smile or a hug can make the world of difference. Just a kind and loving thought can also be a blessing.

This card is also a reminder to count your blessings and to focus on the positive aspects of your life.



Magical Gateway

It takes courage and trust to venture into the unknown, yet this is where the greatest rewards are. It's time to step boldly forward without looking back.

The fairies are asking you to step through the fairy door and into their world of magic and wonder. They're telling you that fairy tales are real and that you're never too old to believe in fairies. Perhaps you've been thinking about embarking on the fairy path? If you're using this deck, the chances are

you already have more than a passing interest in the ways of the fae. If so, now is the time to walk through the fairy door and fully embrace your magical fairy self. The golden key to this fairy door resides inside your heart.

It's important to know that once you step through this magical gateway your life will be changed. You'll see and feel nature in a deeper way; you'll feel more connected to the plants, trees and flowers and develop a deeper compassion for all living things. You might even find yourself becoming vegan or vegetarian, if you're not already. Your interest in conservation and the environment could also be heightened. These are all traits of someone who has ventured through the fairy door, so consider this carefully.

If you're at all unsure whether you should walk through the fairy door, meditate on the question until you know in your heart that it's the right thing to do. Once you've passed through the door, prepare for more magic and joy to enter your life, knowing that you're always safe, protected and loved.



Manifestation

Be very honest and clear about what you wish to manifest in your life. Now write it down on paper: manifestation, step one!

One of the simplest manifestation techniques is to write down what you want to manifest, whether it's an idea, a wish or a dream. Be honest with yourself and very clear about what it is you wish to happen. Once it exists on the paper, it exists in the physical world. Can it really be that simple? In a word, yes! Another great way to do this is to say: 'I wish to

manifest [your idea/wish/dream], or something better, in my life.'

Next, think of practical steps that you can take to start the process of bringing your idea into the world, always remembering that your plan must respect the free will of others. Intention is key here, for it's our intent that directs the flow of energy in our life, like a magnet. Stay fully focused and allow the Fairy of Manifestation to guide you during this magical exercise. Try to do one thing every day towards manifesting your idea, wish or dream, and trust in the process. Be sure to keep a lookout for any fairy signs that may appear along the way, and follow their advice. This way you're allowing the divine universal intelligence to help you manifest in the best way for achieving the highest good of all.



Moderation

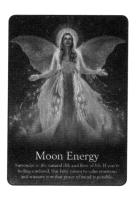
Is there something you know you shouldn't be eating? Try to eat mindfully and healthily – although the fairies say that a little bit of what you fancy is fine!

This card draws your attention to your diet and how the food you eat has a direct influence on your health. Perhaps you're consuming too much unhealthy food, or are drinking to excess, or know someone who is. When it comes to food and drink, moderation is the key. We're all capable of

developing either healthy or unhealthy eating habits, and it's important to be honest with yourself about this. How does the food you eat make you feel? Are you always trying out new food fads? Do you still feel empty after a meal? Eating excessively is a sign we're lacking in something else. A lack of love or feeling of being unloved can create false hunger. If you feel you or someone you know has an eating disorder then it's important to seek professional help so that a balanced relationship with food can be regained.

Fairies can also consume human food, but by absorbing its energies rather than consuming it physically. Next time you're eating outside, perhaps enjoying a picnic, you may notice that your food tastes a little bland. This may be because the fairies are also enjoying your feast!

The fairies encourage you to eat food that's fresh, pure and, ideally, free of pesticides. Raw foods, such as salads, can give us extra energy due to the increased nutrients and vitamins they contain. It might also be worth exploring natural vitamin supplements, especially in wintertime.



Moon Energy

Surrender to the natural ebb and flow of life. If you're feeling confused, this fairy comes to calm emotions and reassure you that peace of mind is possible.

We're all affected by the Moon, whether we realize it or not. Perhaps you feel especially tuned in to the Moon cycle right now. The Fairy of Moonlight often appears when we have too many thoughts or are feeling confused. You can call on this fairy to take

away any concerns or to inspire you to come up with solutions to the challenges you're facing.

Working in harmony with the Moon can enhance any efforts you're making to manifest something in your life. The New Moon phase is the perfect time to plant the seed of a wish you may have. As the Moon grows, waxing through its phases, so too will your wish. The Moon's waning phases are best for releasing anything that no longer serves your highest good, such as unpleasant thoughts, health issues or people who aren't right for your life.

When you place a crystal in moonlight it will absorb the magical moonbeams, which can then be used for fairy spells. Clear quartz is particularly good at absorbing the Moon's energy and will help to amplify many things in your life, from health to finances. Amethyst is good for increasing spiritual energy, while rose quartz helps to enhance love.

The Fairy of Moonlight also sends inspiration to you to write down your thoughts, poetry or songs, or even to write a book. Writing down what's in your head can be very therapeutic. Don't censor your thoughts: once the words are on the paper you've symbolically released them from your mind. You can then bury or burn the paper to release fully any cares, worries or concerns.



Motivation

When spring approaches the Flower Fairies urge you to 'spring' into action. If there's something you've been merely thinking about doing, they say get busy and do it.

The Flower Fairies, also called pillywiggins, are super-excited to fly into your cards! They know you have a special task at hand and they're here to encourage you to get on with it. Working with flower essences, aromatherapy and scented candles will help you to tune in to the Flower Fairies – the

scent of a flower can have a powerful healing effect on your mind, body and spirit. Perhaps you could bring some fresh flowers into your home, ideally still growing on the plant rather than cut flowers. Wearing colourful clothing in the same shade as your favourite flowers can also help you to feel uplifted, as well as brightening the day of anyone who sees you. The women of Rajasthan in India wear bright colours and are referred to as 'Flowers of the Desert'; seeing them certainly lifts the spirit.

Call on the Flower Fairies if you feel you're lacking motivation. It's said that the best way to get something done is to ask a busy person — or, in this case, some busy fairies! They might not do the job for you, but they will certainly help to motivate you. You can connect to them easily by being outside next to some flowers, or inside your home near a potted plant in bloom, and saying: 'Flower Fairies, I call on thee to motivate and inspire me!' The Flower Fairies will leave a sign or two over the coming days or weeks — just pay extra attention so you don't miss the creative ways in which they impart their flowery wisdom.



Music

Listen carefully for there may be a message in the music you hear. Music can lift your soul, rekindle memories and charm fairies to your door.

Fairies love to listen to and play music. All music stirs the emotions, and the music of the fairies can lure you into a dreamlike state of enchantment where time stands still and the magic of the music is palpable.

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Try playing some gentle music and notice how it makes you feel. It's a powerful medium, so be mindful of the type of music you listen to as you work, rest or play. Perhaps you could try creating your own fairy music, or write some lyrics for your own fairy song or poem. You don't have to be a professional musician to do this – everyone has some degree of musical ability, so try not to think about it too much and just allow the words or music to flow. Don't be shy – sing your song and let your spirit fly. See how good this feels!

If you pull this card the fairies may be prompting you to turn on the radio and listen out for the lyrics of a song that touches your heart – there could be a poignant phrase in the words for you. Songs can rekindle memories, and there could be a message in the music for you, so listen carefully. If you keep hearing the same song in different places, it's another sign to listen to the song with your heart.

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Nature's Signs

Be receptive to the subtle messages from nature as you go about your day. Nature talks to us continually – we need only open our hearts and minds.

The fairies love to leave hints and clues for us in nature. It's one of the many creative ways in which they initiate communication with us. For example, fairies often leave feathers or release floating dandelion seeds to let us know they're nearby. The appearance of a friendly bird, such as a robin, is

another message from the fairies that they're close by. Fairies and other creatures often work together as they're all in harmony with the Earth, whose wisdom can come in many forms. Just allow yourself to be receptive and use your intuition to decipher any signs that you see.

You could leave your own sign for the fairies next time you're out in nature, letting them know you wish to connect with them. Leaving a tiny wooden fairy door next to a tree is a sure sign to the fairies that you're a fairy friend, while placing a figurine of a fairy or gnome in your garden or on your porch tells the fairies that you welcome them. (When leaving things outside for the fairies make sure they're natural and biodegradable, and don't use any screws or nails because some fairies don't like metal.)

If possible, sit next to a flowing stream and visualize your cares being resolved and any concerns flowing away. Alternatively, imagine your hopes and wishes flowing towards you, looking out for any significant signs from nature as you do so. The fairies will pick up on your intentions and help to manifest them. If you don't have access to a stream, it can be just as effective to visualize this process.



New Beginnings

This fairy godmother heralds the joyous news of a new baby – or the birth of a cherished idea. Protect and nurture your ideas as you would a baby.

This fairy godmother is overjoyed to bring news of a birth! This could be the birth of a child or an idea. Either way, it's wonderful news and there's an aura of happiness and celebration surrounding you right now or in the near future. Your precious dreams and wishes will soon attract a personal fairy

godmother, who will help them to gestate under her protection before they're delivered into the world. If this message doesn't apply directly to you then someone close to you may be about to reveal that a child will soon be born, or that an idea is soon to be released into the world. All births are cause for celebration, so it could be down to you to mark this momentous occasion and host a special party or gathering to honour the new arrival.

The birth of a baby, or an idea, often comes with a feeling of pride and love, and it's totally fine to feel proud of your own or someone else's achievements – after all, it takes a lot of super-hard work to get to this birthing stage. This type of pride is a healthy feeling; it's pride from a pure heart and not from the ego.

This card also serves as a message that you can be your own fairy godmother! Imagine if you had the power to make your own dreams and wishes come true, like Glinda the Good Witch of the South explains to Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* when she says, 'You had the power all along, my dear.'



Precious Time

The Fairy of Time wants you to experience every moment fully and to make the most of your precious time. Be mindful not to waste others' time either.

Are you a clock-watcher? Or does it feel like the days are passing you by? The Fairy of Time wants you to experience every moment fully, even in peaceful solitude or meditation, to make the most of your time on Earth and celebrate the magical gift of life. With time comes age, and with age often

comes wisdom, which makes wisdom a precious gift from time if we've learned the lessons that time has gifted to us.

Perhaps you feel as though you never have enough time to do all the things you need to – but it's our attitude to time that dictates the way it impacts our lives. In Fairyland time isn't linear, so fairies don't feel the same restrictions and confines of time that we experience here in the human realm. If you're governed by time and are always glancing at your watch, try taking it off and notice how it makes you feel. Feeling free within time is a beautiful experience. Be aware of time, but don't be ruled by it, and always make time for yourself.

This card could also be saying that you're about to learn a timely lesson. It's also important to respect the time of others. Are you always 'fashionably' late? If so, set your alarm a little earlier, arrive on time and surprise everyone!



Protect Your Dreams

You are the guardian of your precious dreams and they are safe in your care. Keep them close to your heart until you're ready to release them.

Allow your dreams to have strong foundations before revealing them to the world at large. While they're growing and still tender it's important to cherish and protect them. It would be wise not to reveal your dreams to anyone unless you fully trust them to hold your dreams dear and to keep them

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as safe as you do, and you're under no obligation to reveal your deepest wishes and dreams even to those closest to you until the time is right. We all have the right to protect our heartfelt dreams and wishes – do so with positivity, trust and love.

You can ask the fairies to add an extra layer of protection to your dreams by saying: 'Fairies, this is my dream, it is dear to me, please help to protect it 'til it comes to be.' As your dream grows, nurtured by the protection it has received from you and the fairies, it will gain power and momentum. This will serve you well for when your dream is released into the world. Nurture your dream so that it may come to be in this earthly realm for the highest good of all. Follow any guidance during this time, from physical signs or your intuition, if it seems wise. You alone will know when the time is right to release your dream.



Protection

The Fairies of Protection are shielding you with a magical fairy ring of love and light. Practise psychic protection before embarking upon any spiritual work.

The Fairies of Protection are forming a powerful fairy ring of light around you, or someone close to you, providing the extra boost of protection that's needed right now. If you're especially sensitive or empathic you might find yourself picking up vibes from places or people around you. These may

include unpleasant vibes as well as good ones, and this is where the Fairies of Protection come in because their ring of rainbow light acts as a protective shield from any unwanted energies.

When we're psychically open, we act as a beacon and can attract different types of energy. Some of these energies may be unwanted, so the Fairies of Protection remind you to use psychic protection when undertaking any kind of spiritual work or meditation and will give you their own protection too. This card is also a reminder to make sure you're spiritually grounded, which can add an extra layer of psychic protection. A simple way to do this is to visualize a long tree root growing from the base of your spine and going deep down into the earth.

The protection from a fairy ring of rainbow light can give you more confidence during your spiritual practice and meditation, so if you need an extra layer of spiritual security, ask the Fairies of Protection to provide it.

The fairies might also be nudging you to protect someone else spiritually or physically, but always ask permission before assisting anyone — it's important to remember that we all have free will and the right to choose whether or not we'd like any spiritual help.

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Pure Intention

The Fairy of Manifestation will help you to use your wishes wisely. Manifest your heart's desire with pure intention and for the highest good of all.

The fairies are usually very happy and willing to help us manifest our wishes, as long as these are both from our heart and not for selfish reasons. It's also important that your wishes don't impose on the free will of others, and that your wishes are for the highest good of all concerned – including the fairies!

This means tuning in to your inner wisdom. If it feels right, you can also call on the Fairy of Manifestation to supercharge your wish.

Here's a wonderful wishing technique using dandelion seed heads, which are full of wishes just waiting to be carried into the air, fuelled by your wise and wishful intent. Hold one of the fluffy seed heads to your heart and visualize your wish. Imagine that your wish has already come true, including your thoughts, feelings and emotions when the wish has been fulfilled. Then take a deep breath, fuelled by your wish, and blow the seeds into the air. Know the wish seeds will be collected and protected by a sylph wish-guardian, one of many tiny fairies who dwell in the air. The sylph will take your wish to the Queen of the Sylphs and ask her to manifest it for you. It's important to give thanks to the sylphs once you've blown your wishes away. The beauty of making wishes in this way is that you're also helping the plant to spread its seeds far and wide. When you help nature, you automatically assist the fairies too, so this is a wise way to create a win-win situation for them and you!



Purity

Always trust in the purity of your heart. Look inside your heart and within it you will find the answer to your question.

Unicorns are creatures of purity, and with this card a unicorn joins the fairies to tell you that now is the time to tune in to your heart – whatever your question or situation, look into your own pure heart for the answer. Even if you doubt your ability, deep within, beyond ego and mind, a pure heart will reveal its deepest truth and wisdom. When

you can fully trust the purity of your own heart's wisdom, you'll find that any challenges in life can be approached with a gentle kindness and compassion, for yourself as well as for others.

Perhaps you've found yourself in a situation where the purity of your heart is needed to shed light on challenging circumstances. Sometimes those close to us need our assistance – your pure heart can help to show the way for them too.

This card may also be saying that you're becoming too tied up in your thoughts, but you can transfer the purity of your heart to your mind. The mind will always present a million questions, whereas the heart will always offer a single response: that love is the answer to everything. Know that you can be a flawed human with a pure heart – you don't need to be a saint to do this!



Shine from Within

Looks are only skin-deep – true beauty shines from within, and it's time for you to shine! This is a time for self-acceptance and for revealing your true beauty.

Fairy glamour is a form of magic used to make something appear different from what it really is. It's seen in many fairy tales, such as *Cinderella* and *Snow White*, where fairy glamour is used by the evil queen to disguise herself as an old crone. In its simplest form, fairy glamour often involves using cosmetics

to give the appearance of being more youthful. In spiritual terms it can mean you're showing one face to the world while keeping your true face or feelings hidden. Sometimes it's important to do this, especially if you feel threatened, but usually it's because you fear being seen for who you truly are. This comes down to learning to love yourself – not in a selfish way, but in a self-accepting way. Once you're able to accept yourself, others will accept you too, as they're merely a reflection of what we think and feel about ourselves.

This card may also be asking you to reflect on when you last wore a glamorous outfit or went to the hair salon. If you're neglecting yourself due to a busy job or home life, remember that making time for 'you' is essential. Even just escaping for half an hour and taking a luxurious bath can help you to feel uplifted and energized. Feeling good about yourself, no matter what your age, is beneficial not just for you but also for those around you — especially younger people, who are strongly influenced by the behaviour of the adults around them.

The card may also be asking if someone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes and appearing as someone other than themselves.

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Solitude

Think of 'being alone' as meaning you are 'all one' and in total harmony with everything. The greatest treasures are those that wait silently during your quiet times.

Sometimes when we think of being alone it can bring a fear of feeling lonely or melancholy, as we often associate being alone with these feelings. Here's the good news: it really is okay to be alone – being comfortable in your own skin and in your

own beautiful company. How free does this make you feel to know this?

Tuning in to the deep places within, where our inner treasures reside, can be a profound and enlightening experience. The spiritual essence of this experience is peace – peace within and without. Experiencing true peace is also something that can only happen when we spend precious time in solitude, in contemplation or meditation, even if it's for only a few minutes each day.

When we're out of balance, being alone can make us feel lonely and sorry for ourselves, and we might still feel like this even when we're in company. Counterbalance this by observing your blessings and it won't be long before you're in a state of gratitude for your own divine company.

If this card has popped up for you today, the fairies are urging you to take some time out and spend it alone. It's in such moments, of being alone, that the messages of the fairies can come through more clearly – the increased spiritual space enables you to be more receptive and aware of any subtle messages and signs from the fairy realm.

Alternatively, this card might be saying that you're spending too much time alone, so consider this too.



Stargazing

When you gaze at the stars you give yourself fairy-focus. Your intuition will flow more freely and reveal what you need to know about your situation.

This card says the answer you seek is in the stars. This can literally mean looking up into the night sky and stargazing. Stargazing is like a form of divination: allow your gaze to drift around the sky and see what flows into your mind. Fairies can be very active when the stars begin to appear and shine upon their

surroundings. This also applies to you, except the stars are illuminating your current situation so that a solution can be more easily seen. Stargazing can bring about a deep sense of peace and can also help you to put things into perspective. Look how tiny the stars appear to be – yet this is only an illusion. Conversely, perhaps something in your life appears to be bigger than it is in reality?

Do you have an interest in astronomy? If not, this card may be saying that it's time to explore this area. The insight you seek may also be found in astrology. This may be in a daily horoscope, or it could be the perfect time to have your birth chart created by a professional so you can see the energy currents at play in your life. This doesn't mean you have to change your life, but being aware of certain astrological patterns can be helpful as you move forward.

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Temptation

Are you in denial about an unhealthy habit, perhaps one that makes you feel guilty?

This fairy says you have the power to overcome temptation, whatever its guise.

The Fairy of Temptation reminds us that we all have desires – this is part of the human condition and it's totally fine. Desires may be things that make us happy and feel good, or be activities that can potentially harm us, such as smoking, drinking or substance abuse. Alternatively, there's the temptation to be or

feel 'holier than thou' or 'the most spiritual', showing us that temptation can manifest in many ways. Junk food is something many people are tempted by. This is mainly due to the way it's advertised, but also when we're craving certain nutrients and vitamins, in which case we tend to get a 'quick fix' by eating things that are very often sugary.

We can learn to overcome the negative aspect of temptation with the help of the fairies. Go outside into nature, dig a small hole and whisper or shout out loud anything you wish to remove from your life – these can be temptations that do not, or no longer, serve your highest spiritual and physical good. Now fill in the hole with the soil you dug out.

The fairies can help you to transmute your misdirected energy into healthy, harmonious and positive energy so you feel rebalanced and realigned. The more balanced you are, the less likely you are to succumb to temptation. The Fairy of Temptation is not a judge of temptation; she is merely showing ways in which you can regain control over this aspect of your life. She can make us feel empowered and able to say 'No' to the things we know aren't good for us. With empowerment comes confidence, and with confidence comes the ability to make positive choices in our lives.

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Transformation

This fairy tells you to surrender to a transformation in your life that's happening for your highest good. Embrace your transformation – the best is yet to come.

The caterpillar has no idea it's about to transform into a beautiful butterfly. If you've drawn this card the Fairy of Transformation has flown into your reading to remind you that you're transforming, or are about to transform. Change can be challenging,

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but it can also be exciting as you witness your own beautiful transition into a new you.

Butterflies are messengers from the fairy realm, so if you see a butterfly be aware of what's going on for you in your life, or what you were thinking when you saw the butterfly. The butterfly can act as a spiritual exclamation mark, highlighting the answer to the question you asked during the reading. Whatever your current circumstances, know that things are changing and transforming for the highest good for all.

The Fairy of Transformation wishes to remind you that change can be more amazing than we can ever imagine. When we let go and surrender to the natural changes that occur in our lives, the process of transformation can be a beautiful experience. Change and transformation can also have a ripple effect on those around us. Sometimes people resist change, making it an unpleasant and painful experience, so seeing you willingly transform, with love and trust, may have a super-positive influence on their personal experience of transformation. This fairy tells you which parts of yourself and your life are ready to transform, so follow her lead and allow, trust and flow – all is well.



Tree Wisdom

This Tree Dryad will help you to navigate through your current situation. Her flute can reveal insights and answers through the sounds it makes.

This Tree Dryad invites you to tune in to ancient tree wisdom and allow it to imbue your aura. She plays upon her wooden flute to attract your attention through its enchanting sound and vibration, and wishes you to know that your present situation can be helped when you connect with trees.

Hugging a tree is a great way to have direct physical contact and form an energetic connection. Always ask permission from the tree before doing this. Take a few moments to visualize yourself deeply rooted in the ground, just like the tree, and say in your mind or out loud, 'I wish to connect with you. May I hug you, tree?' You should receive an instantaneous answer, which may come as a word or a feeling. Trust this.

Trees offer their wisdom through different gifts depending on the season. In the spring and summer months, tree blossoms can be very healing and uplifting. In the cooler seasons of autumn and winter, the trees shed their leaves knowing that there will be new growth in the springtime. The same goes for you. The fairies say tree wisdom can help you shed any unwanted cares or concerns, so learn to release with love and know that new spiritual growth will come to you when the time is right.

Tree wisdom is knowing that birds, insects and animals will carry the trees' seeds far away so they can grow in their own right, literally in their own light. Perhaps it's time for you to move away from a situation that's stunting your growth, or for a general move to allow a new set of circumstances to open up in your life.

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Wait for Winter

During the colder months the Fairy Queen of Winter will help you manifest your most heartfelt wishes, as long as your intentions are for the highest good of all.

Wishes or spiritual seeds made in your heart will come to fruition during the winter months, emerging like winter berries – ripe and full of promise. The Fairy Queen of Winter, with snowflakes on her wings, comes to remind you to keep your faith, to remember that all wishes, like

seeds, grow in darkness until they're ready to burst forth into the light.

Are you ready to receive your wishes? Part of the wishing process is to prepare yourself for their manifestation. This could involve removing any psychic ties or spiritual obstacles that have been holding you back from the full realization and birthing of your dreams into this earthly realm.

Wherever you live in the world, you'll know the Fairy Queen of Winter is nearby when the weather turns cooler or when you see snowdrops pushing up through the snow – this is a sign that your wishes, too, are soon to bloom. Remember that our wishes don't always manifest in the way we've envisaged; they will come to be in whichever way is perfect for all concerned and for the highest good of all.

Be especially receptive to any ideas or inspiration that float into your mind around the magical time of winter. It's also the time to practise divination using winter-related mediums such as snowflakes or ice, if you live in a country that has cold winters; if you don't, you can use ice cubes.



Wisdom

Have you ever been told that you're wise beyond your years? Now is the time to call upon your inner fairy wisdom to help you with a challenge.

This fairy is telling you it's time to call upon your own inner wisdom in order to help yourself at a challenging time — or perhaps someone you know could do with some insight into their situation. This wise fairy is accompanied by a white owl, owls being a symbol of wisdom. She tells you it's time for you

to trust your own knowing and reminds you that wisdom doesn't only come with age — wisdom is the ability to see the bigger picture. So fly silently like the owl, and hear and see everything before coming to a decision based on this wisdom. Being wise doesn't always mean you're right, but it does mean you have the ability to see into situations in a more impartial way than many others can, and for the highest good of all concerned.

We all have access to inner wisdom, and pulling this card shows it's time for you to trust this fully. You could find yourself being asked for help, or to facilitate a healing between two or more parties. This is where wisdom comes in. Allow your intuition to speak through the filter of wisdom but always remember that others have a choice and free will. So give loving advice but not orders, as no one really likes being told what to do – including you!

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Wish Wisely

Use your wishes wisely to manifest your heart's desire and take practical steps towards making your dreams come true.

What is the wish dearest to your heart? The Fairy Queen of Wishes reminds you to use your wishes wisely and to take action to make your dreams come true. Do you feel worthy to receive your wish? Clear any spiritual obstacles you're aware of and prepare to receive!

Wishing and manifesting are very similar. Start by simply writing your wish or wishes on a piece of paper. This is the first act of manifestation: as your pen touches the paper you're starting to 'ground' your wish into this earthly realm. Then imagine what it will feel like if your wish is granted; visualizing your wish will help to bring it into being. Sit quietly in meditation for a while, then say out loud: 'Dear fairies, this is my wish. Please help it to be. I am open for you to inspire me.' When you wish in this way, you're co-creating with the fairies. Now be receptive to any signs or inspiration you receive over the coming days and weeks.

When you pull this card, it may be that you're about to receive a fairy gift – or you're being reminded to offer a gift to someone else; perhaps it's their birthday or anniversary. Receiving a gift reminds someone that another person cares about them, and sometimes when we give a gift we make a wish come true for that person. Of course, the highest form of giving is to do so without thought of receiving in return.

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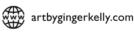
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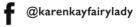


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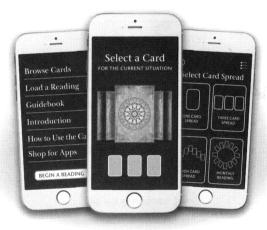






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