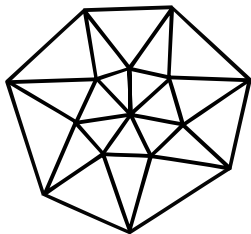


THE
PRISM
TAROT
COMPANION GUIDE



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When a gem is carefully faceted to reveal the full spectrum of its beauty, they call it a brilliant cut.

I cut this stone with all of you in mind.



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Introduction

A PRISM bends white light into a full spectrum of colors. In a similar fashion, looking through the prism of the tarot can help us see the true colors and many facets within ourselves. That is the core concept this deck seeks to explore.

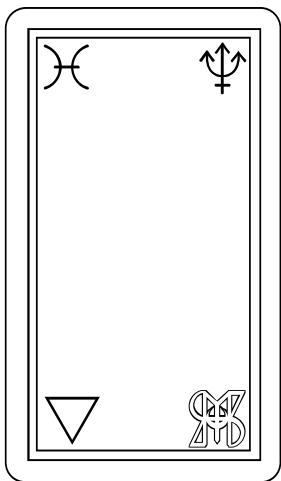
My goal in illustrating this deck was to create a gentle, dreamlike vision of the universe that would promote a sense of comfort and ease. Though the images are primarily composed of light and color, I wanted to be faithful to the energy of the cards and honor the duality of light and dark in my own way. It is not meant to sugar coat things, but to be a guiding light for navigating the darker aspects of the subconscious, illuminating the truth, and confronting the harshness of reality.

The deck itself is multifaceted and can be used as a tool for divination, self-reflection, sparking creativity, meditation, or play. Whether you're an avid tarot reader or supporter of the arts, I hope you can connect to my work in your own unique way. - L.L.

Card Anatomy

Sign

Planet



Element

Sigil

Each card has a different combination of these symbols depending on their unique astrological, planetary, and elemental correspondence. They all have the sigil I created with my intention for the deck, which may appear in various locations.

Color

Color plays a large role in the design and use of this deck. Aside from being a visual representation of the prism concept, the 7 colors each have individual meaning based on the energetic gears of the body, or chakras.

Red/Pink - Root Chakra energy.
Grounding. Focus. Support.

Orange - Sacral Chakra energy.
Creativity. Identity. Pleasure. Passion.
Desire. Inspiration.

Yellow - Solar Plexus Chakra energy.
Instinct. Wisdom. Confidence.

Green - Heart Chakra Energy. Love.
Compassion. Emotion.

Blue - Throat Chakra Energy. Truth.
Clarity. Communication.

Purple - Third Eye Chakra Energy.
Intuition. Spirituality. Psychic energy.

White - Crown Chakra Energy.
Enlightenment. Purity. Universal
connection.

Numerology

Use this as a quick reference to some helpful numerological correspondences when reading the cards.

I. A spark of potential. The promise of a new beginning.

II. Balance. Choices. Partnerships. Plans.

III. Expression. Expansion. Connection. Creation.

IV. Stability. Practicality. Restoration. Initial fulfillment.

V. Instability. Conflict. Reversal. Strife.

VI. Harmony. Cooperation. Comfort. Growth.

VII. Faith. Wisdom. Contemplation. Intention.

VIII. Change. Action. Renewal. Will.

IX. Fulfillment. Attainment. Reflection. Clarity.

X. Completion and renewal. The end and beginning of a cycle.

The Minor Arcana

The minor arcana is separated into four suits: Wands, Cups, Swords, and Pentacles. Those suits each consist of ten pip cards and four court cards.

Each suit exists within its own world and tells its own universal story, much like the Fool's journey present in the Major Arcana. They each deal with different aspects of the human psyche.

The energy of the minor arcana is more focused on the individual rather than the bigger picture. In readings, these cards often relate to aspects of our everyday lives, personality, and temporary circumstances.

After familiarizing yourself with the energy of each suit, you can combine that knowledge with what you now know about numerology, as well as their visual symbolism, to easily intuit the meaning of each numbered card.

For example, Cups relates to emotions and the number 5 relates to reversals of fortune and strife, so you can assume the V of Cups has something to do with emotional turmoil and loss. Of course, it also depends on the context of the reading and what your intuition tells you.

The Royal Court

Four court cards crown each suit of the minor arcana. These are the cards we are most able to identify with because they represent familiar human personality archetypes. As such, they are sometimes pulled from the deck as querent signifiers before a reading begins.

If they appear in a reading they are often representative of people in our lives or ourselves. They may also indicate the querent's current relationship to the personality of that card and suggest that they either are embodying that energy or denying that part of themselves.

Unlike all the other numbered cards in the deck, they are each indicated by the elemental energy they possess and introduce to their suit.

Though certain cards are associated with masculine and feminine energy, I want to point out that those energies exist within all of us regardless of gender identity. It is a core duality present in Tarot like light and dark. In order to make the deck more inclusive, I've given the court both traditional and gender neutral titles.



KNIGHTS OR MESSENGERS are the spirit of fire and fathers of the court. They possess the seed of creation and represent the raw power of their suit. They are passionate, swift, inspired, and violent. The waxing crescent moon represents their latent power. They relate to goals, decisions, rapid action, and messages.



QUEENS OR CULTIVATORS are the spirit of water and mothers of the court. They represent the nurtured power of their suit. They are nurturing, grounded, creative, and receptive. The half moon represents their half-ful-filled potential. They relate to confidence, independence, inner strength, and intuition.



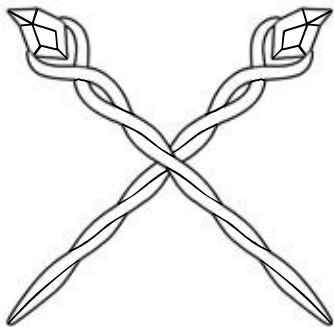
KINGS OR RULERS are the spirit of air and sons of the court. They represent the mastered and balanced power of their suit. They are sincere, compassionate, wise, and just. The waxing gibbous moon represents their nearly realized power. They relate to communication, personal values, advice, and leadership.



PRINCESSES OR TRANSFORMERS are the spirit of earth and daughters of the court. They serve as the vessel, inheritor, and guardian of the elemental energy that was born from the ace. They represent the transformed, purified, and fully expressed power of their suit. The full moon represents their fully realized power. They relate to growth, aspirations, and the human condition.

Aces are the spark of potential for the suit, and princesses are that potential fulfilled.

The Suit of Wands



Fire



Leo



Sagittarius



Aries

THE SUIT OF WANDS rules over will, inspiration, passion, and motivation. It speaks to our desire for connection, expansion, and power. In a reading, Wands will often appear when exploring matters of influence, creativity, and achievement.

The Story of Wands

I

The Hero of Wands is a restless young soul. A spark of yearning within compels them to travel south to seek out new forms of inspiration and power.

II

They take a moment to contemplate leaving the comfort of their home to set off on what will certainly be an arduous journey. With the whole universe in front of them, they must only choose a direction.

III

After making the necessary preparations, they set off with optimism, enthusiasm, and a clear target in sight—all the ingredients for success. They shoot for the power of the stars.

IV

Upon returning to their kingdom, they are given a hero's welcome. They bask in the happy, peaceful feeling of coming home.

V

However, the new power and expanded perspective they acquired on their journey is threatening to some. Rivals appear to challenge them in a clash of ideas and points of view.

VI

With powerful will and an open mind, they emerge victorious. The community continues to publicly celebrate their achievements.

VII

Resentment continues to build until what was once a friendly rivalry becomes an all out war for control. They go on the defensive in order to protect themselves and their status.

VIII

They see an opening to escape and soar higher, further, and faster into the sky, but danger still looms close behind.

IX

They take temporary refuge in in the clouds, but with the permanent target on their back the battle is never-ending. Their power begins to fade, but they are determined to continue the fight.

X

In the end, the weight of their power and responsibility proves to be too heavy a burden. Even as they plummet from the sky, they are still unwilling to let go.

Ace of Wands



Upright: Awakening to your power. Igniting inspiration. New possibilities. Pursue your dreams and ideas.

Reversed: Lack of direction. Lukewarm aspirations. Feeling powerless.



II of Wands



Aries



Mars

Upright: Planning. Discovery. Stepping out of your comfort zone. Limitless opportunities. Adventure.

Reversed: Unattainable goals. Feeling stuck. Unclear motivation. Boredom.

— III of Wands —



Aries



Sun

Upright: Persistence. Staying on target. Travel. Expansion. Determination.

Reversed: Delays. Obstacles. Rushing into things. Learning from setbacks.

— IV of Wands —



Aries



Venus

Upright: Celebration. Harmonious home life. Stability. Family. Making amends. Positive life changes.

Reversed: Internal harmony. Fear of commitment. Stressful transitions. Instability at home. Family discord.

V of Wands



Leo



Saturn

Upright: Conflict. Opposing viewpoints.
Friendly rivalry. Challenge.
Peacekeeping.

Reversed: Internal conflict. Question-
ing your beliefs. Fighting for what's
right. Avoiding conflict. Feeling
at peace with yourself.

VI of Wands



Leo



Jupiter

Upright: Victory. Reaching a major
milestone. Public recognition. Pride.
Self-confidence. Achievement.

Reversed: Fall from grace. Shaken
confidence. Achievement without
recognition. Resentment. Private
success. Hubris.

— VII of Wands —



Leo



Mars

Upright: Defiance. Defensiveness.
Courage in the face of adversity.
Standing your ground.

Reversed: Exhaustion from struggle.
Inner strength. Being your own
cheerleader. Feeling overwhelmed.
Giving up.

— VIII of Wands —



Sagittarius



Mercury

Upright: Swift progress. Breaking free.
Laser focus. Abundant energy. News.
Rapid change. No hesitation. Travel.

Reversed: Acting too hastily. Delays.
Mistakes. Preparing for take off.
Resisting change or progress.

IX of Wands



Sagittarius



Moon

Upright: Tenacity. Waning power. Threats to progress. Maintaining resolve. Keeping up the fight.

Reversed: Paranoia. Mental exhaustion. Feeling overburdened. Considering giving up.

X of Wands



Sagittarius



Saturn

Upright: The burden of power. The weight of responsibility. Taking on too much. Inability to relinquish control.

Reversed: Letting go of burdens. Prioritizing your needs. Decluttering. Inner struggles weighing you down.

— Knight of Wands —

Messenger of Raw Power



The fiery aspect of fire.

Personality: Confident. Charming.
Fiery. Passionate. Impulsive.

Upright: A spark of creative energy.
Impulse. Inner power. Passion.

Reversed: Superficial. Hot-tempered.
Unproductive. Reactionary. Delays.

— Queen of Wands —

Cultivator of Growing Power



The watery aspect of fire.

Personality: Social. Courageous.
Determined. Encouraging.

Upright: Vitality. Confidence. Being
the center of attention. Enthusiasm.

Reversed: Vanity. Introversion.
Inner beauty. Independence.

King of Wands

Ruler of Balanced Power



The airy aspect of fire.

Personality: Inspiring. Bold.
Passionate. Visionary. Artistic.

Upright: Personal power. Artistic vision.
Strong leadership.

Reversed: Arrogance. Abuse of power.
Self-interest. Overly-ambitious.

Princess of Wands

Transformer of Purified Power



The earthy aspect of fire.

Personality: Energetic. Confident.
Inspired. Enlightened to their
personal power.

Upright: Come into your power.
Be courageous. Share your vision.

Reversed: Lacking courage or
confidence. Neglecting your need for
expansion. Untapped inner power.

The Suit of Cups



Water



Scorpio



Pisces



Cancer

THE SUIT OF CUPS rules over emotions, the spirit, and intuition. It speaks to our subconscious mind, creativity, and spirituality. In a reading, Cups will often appear when exploring matters of the heart, introspection, and relationships.

The Story of Cups

I

The Hero of Cups is a sensitive young soul. A spark of yearning within compels them to travel west to seek out the companionship of others.

II

They find a kindred soul with whom they share a strong bond and together they form a partnership.

III

Others arrive to celebrate their union and they find themselves surrounded by friends.

IV

With the companionship they desired comes a new sense of contentment and inner peace. Their cup is full, but nothing lasts forever. They become complacent and begin to take their comfort for granted.

V

Before they realize it they are alone again, left to mourn over everything they lost, and unable to see past their all-consuming grief.

VI

However, a spark of hope from the past reminds them that happiness is attainable if they choose to seek it out and remain true to themselves.

VII

They find themselves confronted with many possibilities, but their judgement is clouded by emotion.

VIII

They seek clarity by leaving their emotional baggage behind and undergoing a journey of self-discovery.

IX

Along the way, they discover that they can find emotional fulfillment from within. With that lesson learned, they are finally ready to pursue meaningful relationships with others.

X

They find the pure joy and companionship they were always searching for and their cups overflow with love.

— Ace of Cups —



Upright: An emotional or spiritual awakening. Trust your feelings. The arrival of new love or inspiration.



Reversed: Self-love. Repressed emotions. Exploring your intuition.

— II of Cups —



Cancer



Venus

Upright: A successful partnership. Budding Romance. Harmony. Unity.

Reversed: Disharmony. Broken bonds. Distrust. Self-love. Connection to oneself.

— III of Cups —



Cancer



Mercury

Upright: Success in a common goal.
Sharing ideas. Group activities.
Support from family and friends.

Reversed: Reconnect with family and
friends. Three's a crowd. Stifling
conformity. Need for alone time.

— IV of Cups —



Cancer



Moon

Upright: Complacency. Satisfaction.
Emotional stability. Apathy.

Reversed: Retreating from life. State
of defeat. Obsessive introspection.

— V of Cups —



Scorpio



Mars

Upright: Emotional upheaval.
Self-pity. Negativity. Resentment.

Reversed: Forgiveness. Guilt. Shame.
Letting go. Moving on.
Lessons learned.

— VI of Cups —



Scorpio



Sun

Upright: Nostalgia. Inner child.
Connecting with your roots. Simple
joys. Peace with the past. Reflection.

Reversed: Stuck in the past.
Holding on to grudges. Retreating
from reality. Being too rigid or serious.

————VII of Cups————



Scorpio



Venus

Upright: Many choices or ideas.
Clouded judgement. Temptation.
Wishful Thinking. Emotional decisions.

Reversed: Inner compass. Seeking out
the truth. Risks worth taking.

————VIII of Cups————



Pisces



Saturn

Upright: Emotional shift. Moving on.
Journey of self-discovery. Closure.

Reversed: Living aimlessly. Holding on.
Uncertainty. Hesitation.

IX of Cups



Pisces



Jupiter

Upright: Wish fulfillment. Attainment.
Sensual pleasures. Contentment.

Reversed: Overindulgence.
Feeling like something is missing.
A wish about to come true.

X of Cups



Pisces



Mars

Upright: Emotional fulfillment.
Harmony. Joy. Family.
Healthy relationships.

Reversed: The pursuit of happiness.
Cultivating stronger relationships
with others and yourself. Misaligned
values.

— Knight of Cups —

Messenger of Raw Emotion



The fiery aspect of water.

Personality: Romantic. Creative.
Sensitive. Introspective.

Upright: Refinement. Passion.
Promote harmony and peace.
Let your heart decide.

Reversed: Daydreamer. Temperamental.
Introverted. Pretentious. Unrealistic.

— Queen of Cups —

Cultivator of Growing Emotion



The watery aspect of water.

Personality: Loving. Spiritual.
Empathetic. Intuitive.

Upright: Empathetic communication.
Kindness. Compassion. Trust your
feelings and intuition. One with the
flow.

Reversed: Co-dependency.
Emotional imbalance.
Misplaced empathy.

— King of Cups —

Ruler of Balanced Emotion



The airy aspect of water.

Personality: Calm.

Compassionate. Diplomatic.

Upright: Emotional balance.

Counseling. Positive interactions.

Reversed: Uncontrolled emotions.

Emotional abuse. Tapping into hidden depths of emotion.

— Princess of Cups —

Transformer of Purified Emotion



The earthy aspect of water.

Personality: Spiritually enlightened.

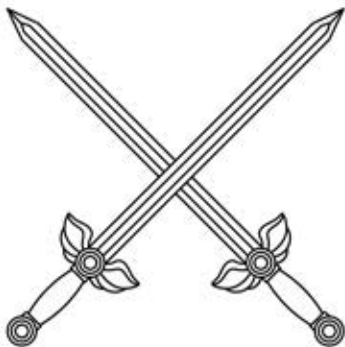
Gentle. Reflective. Kind. Creative.

Upright: Trust your intuition. Seek your own spiritual path. Emotional growth. Creative expression.

Reversed: Creative block. Spiritually lost. Unchecked emotions.

Untapped intuitive potential.

The Suit of Swords



Air



Libra



Gemini



Aquarius

THE SUIT OF SWORDS rules over the mental realm, the psyche, and intellect. It speaks to our desire for truth, knowledge, and rationality. In a reading, Swords will often appear when exploring matters of learning, psychology, and mental strife.

The Story of Swords

I

The Hero of Swords is a curious young soul. A spark of yearning within compels them to travel east to seek out all the knowledge the world has to offer.

II

To navigate the obstacles before them, they must first face their own blindness to the truth in order to attain mental balance and clarity.

III

True mental clarity can only be found by letting go of emotional attachments. It is a hard lesson to learn, but heartache imparts the wisdom that can only be found in suffering. They allow themselves to mourn, then move on.

IV

The mental toll of the first two trials forces them to take a moment's rest. They use the time to recuperate and recenter so they can be ready for the challenges that still lie ahead.

V

They push forward with renewed vigor to overcome trial after trial. Without emotional attachments to hold them back, they take out anything and anyone in their way without remorse. When finally they stand victorious at the apex, they realize that the price of their triumph was a part of their own humanity.

VI

Upon the solemn realization that there is nothing left for them where they are, they decide to begin a new journey towards a fresh start. They strive to release their baggage along the way, but it still weighs heavily upon them.

VII

They spot an opportunity for a new beginning on the horizon, but in a desperate attempt to bury the past and hide their true selves they resort to deceit.

VIII

Deception leads to an inevitable end. As they gaze into the abyss, they feel as if there is no escaping their circumstances, but they just need to free their mind.

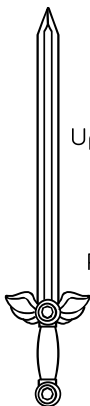
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The weight of their intellect drags them into the depths of overwhelming fear, anxiety, and sadness.

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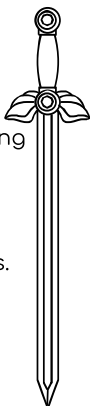
They succumb to the harshness of reality, but hope for a new beginning still lingers. There is nowhere to go from the bottom but up.

Ace of Swords



Upright: Mental awakening
New insight. Clarity.
Seek out the truth.
Fight for your beliefs.

Reversed: Mental chaos.
Confusion. Anxiety.
Mental fog.



II of Swords



Libra



Moon

Upright: Indecision. Blindness to the truth. Logical action. A stalemate.

Reversed: The lesser of two evils. No positive outcome. Mental imbalance.
Being third party to a conflict.

— III of Swords —



Libra



Saturn

Upright: Mental suffering. Growth from pain. Letting go. Sudden realizations.

Feeling your emotions. Hard to swallow truths. Grief.

Reversed: The end of suffering. Healing. Moving on. Inner negativity.

— IV of Swords —



Libra



Jupiter

Upright: Rest. Recharge. Be passive. Live to fight another day.

Reversed: Avoiding inner turmoil. Restlessness. Frustration. Being too passive.

— V of Swords —



Aquarius



Venus

Upright: Resentment. Regret.
Consequences. Pick your battles.
The cost of victory. Living with defeat.

Reversed: A no win situation.
Letting go of past resentment.

— VI of Swords —



Aquarius



Mercury

Upright: Moving on. Letting go of
mental baggage. The road to recovery.
Transitions. Fresh starts.

Reversed: Resisting change. Unfinished
business. A mental or spiritual journey.

— VII of Swords —



Aquarius



Moon

Upright: Betrayal. Lies. Deception.
Pitfalls of dishonesty. Cunning to get
ahead. Bending the rules.

Reversed: Self-deception.
Keeping secrets. Imposter syndrome.
Pretending to be ok.

— VIII of Swords —



Gemini



Jupiter

Upright: Feeling trapped by your
circumstances. Playing the victim.
Needing a change of perspective.

Reversed: Negative self-talk.
Limiting beliefs. Mental bondage.
A shift in perspective.

IX of Swords



Gemini



Mars

Upright: Anxiety. Nightmares.
Depression. Overthinking. Insomnia.
Self-fulfilling prophecy.

Reversed: Cognitive distortion.
Self-imposed fears and negativity.
Releasing mental anguish.

X of Swords



Gemini



Sun

Upright: Devastating change. Hitting
rock bottom. Victimization. Bad news.
Nowhere to go but up.

Reversed: The end of suffering.
Accepting inevitable change. Healing.

—Knight of Swords—

Messenger of Raw Intellect



The fiery aspect of air.

Personality: Ambitious. Witty.
Energetic. Cerebral.

Upright: Mental energy. Logic.
Swift progress. Focus. Quick decisions.

Reversed: Hyperfocus. Recklessness.
Burn out. Restlessness. Judgmental.

—Queen of Swords—

Cultivator of Growing Intellect



The watery aspect of air.

Personality: Honest. Intelligent.
Competent. Communicative.

Upright: Independent thinking.
Sharing wisdom. Speaking the truth.

Reversed: Cold-hearted. Unfeeling.
Lack of confidence. Co-dependence.
Lack of objectivity.

— King of Swords —

Ruler of Balanced Intellect



The airy aspect of air.

Personality: Intellegent. Analytical.
Authoritarian.

Upright: Mental balance.
Truth. Justice. Logic. Clarity.

Reversed: Quiet power. Superiority
complex. Pretension. Inability to make
critical decisions. Abuse of authority.

— Princess of Swords —

Transformer of Purified Intellect



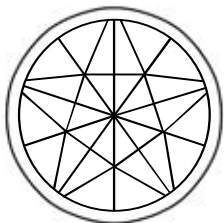
The earthy aspect of air.

Personality: Truthful. Open-minded.
Intellectually enlightened.

Upright: Live your truth. Moral
conviction. Share ideas. Embrace
new ideas. Express yourself.

Reversed: Wasted intellectual potential.
Acting without thinking. Thinking with-
out acting. Neglecting self-expression.

The Suit of Pentacles



Earth



Taurus



Virgo



Capricorn

THE SUIT OF PENTACLES rules over the physical and material world. It is also the suit of life, the earth, and humanity. It speaks to our senses, external identity, and physical environment. In a reading, Pentacles will often appear when exploring matters of wealth, health, work, home, and family.

The Story of Pentacles

I

The Hero of Pentacles is a sensual young soul. A spark of yearning within compels them to travel north to seek out everything the material world has to offer.

II

The world offers them many opportunities, but they soon become overburdened by the number of pursuits they are trying to juggle.

III

They find relief by employing the help of others with diverse skills and a common goal. Together they create something beautiful.

IV

The success of their undertaking leads to wealth and material security. However, they become overprotective of what they have and lose sight of their true goal.

V

Their stagnant greed brings about poverty of the mind, body, and soul. Negative thoughts isolate them from the help they seek.

VI

Their experience with struggle makes them realize the importance of charity and generosity. With a new understanding of the balance between give and take they become self-sufficient.

VII

They continue to work hard and diligently to be a contributing member of society. However, they begin to grow tired of the grind and contemplate a new course of action more aligned with their soul's desire.

VIII

They take a step back from their manual labor to pursue a more creative undertaking. It takes time and patience to learn a new skill, but they are nothing if not diligent.

IX

Eventually, they are rewarded for all their hard work. They are able to find peace in the material comfort they have created for themselves.

X

They worked hard to create a better future, not only for themselves, but for generations to come. They feel a sense of true accomplishment and connection to the world.

— Ace of Pentacles —



Upright: A physical awakening.
Renewed wealth. Abundance. Growth.



Reversed: Lost opportunities. Greed.
Risky business. Corruption.

— II of Pentacles —



Capricorn



Jupiter

Upright: Multitasking. Adaptability.
Balance. Priorities. Time Management.

Reversed: Imbalance. Stress. Worry.
Overworking. Taking on too many
tasks. Skewed priorities.

— III of Pentacles —



Capricorn



Mars

Upright: Harmony. Diligence.
Diversity. Organization. Group projects.
Working towards a common goal.

Reversed: Disorganization. Imbalanced
group dynamics. Undervalued skills.
Being too reliant on others.

— IV of Pentacles —



Capricorn



Sun

Upright: Material security. Sound
financial decisions. Materialism.
Being too conservative. Hoarding.

Reversed: Unchecked spending. Greed.
Feeling defensive. Placing too much
value on the material. Loss of
something you have been clinging to.

— V of Pentacles —



Taurus



Mercury

Upright: Financial ruin. Poor health. Rejection. Loneliness. Insecurity. Lack mentality. Unwillingness to seek help.

Reversed: Support from within.
The end of a struggle.
Alternative fulfillment.

— VI of Pentacles —



Taurus



Moon

Upright: Generosity. Give and take. Accepting help. Charity. Balance. Self-sufficiency.

Reversed: Self-care. Selfishness. Unbalanced relationships. Debt.

— VII of Pentacles —



Taurus



Saturn

Upright: Reaping what you sew.
Long term investments.
Sustainable results. Perseverance.
Better things on the horizon.

Reversed: Contemplating changes.
Wasted time or energy. Fruitless effort.
Cutting your losses. Burn out.

— VIII of Pentacles —



Virgo



Sun

Upright: Trying something new.
Personal growth. Hard work. Diligence.
Prudence. Skilled work.

Reversed: Hyper-focus. Perfectionism.
Bettering your inner self.
Stagnating projects.

IX of Pentacles



Virgo



Venus

Upright: Refinement. Indulgence.
Rewards for hardwork. Connection
to nature. Financial independence.

Reversed: Self-worth. Overworking.
Work/life imbalance. Wealth hoarding.
Living in excess. Gluttony.

X of Pentacles



Virgo



Mercury

Upright: Material fulfillment.
Inheritance. Ancestry. Tradition.
Generosity of spirit. Long term
stability. Looking towards the future.

Reversed: Corruption. Dissatisfaction.
Financial setbacks. Family issues.

— Knight of Pentacles —

Messenger of Raw Life



The fiery aspect of earth.

Personality: Productive. Sensuous.
Materialistic. Conservative.

Upright: Steady progress. Productivity.
Conservation. Material needs.

Reversed: Self-discipline. Perfectionism.
Stubbornness. Obsession.
Being over-protective.

— Queen of Pentacles —

Cultivator of Growing Life



The watery aspect of earth.

Personality: Nurturing. Grounded.
Reliable. Giving. Maternal.

Upright: Practicality. Generosity.
Connected to nature. Natural instincts.
Financial independence.

Reversed: Self-care. Work/home
imbalance. Financial dependence.
Misplaced generosity. Need to
reconnect with nature.

— King of Pentacles —

Ruler of Balanced Life



The airy aspect of earth.

Personality: Steadfast. Successful.
Reliable. Skilled. Generous.

Upright: Material balance.
Business success. Financial advice.

Reversed: Stubbornness. Bad
investments. Poor spending habits.
Elitism. Material imbalance.

— Princess of Pentacles —

Transformer of Purified Life



The earthy aspect of earth.

Personality: Grounded. Practical.
Sensual. Healthy. Connected to nature.

Upright: Reflect on your human
potential. Connect to nature. Always
keep growing. Live in the moment.

Reversed: Disconnection from nature
or humanity. Neglecting your physical
well-being. Materialism. Inner focus.

THE MAJOR ARCANA

The major arcana tells the story of the Fool's journey of redemption to enlightenment. As in life, there are many ups and downs along the way.

The Fool travels down 21 paths on their journey, and those paths can be further broken down into three arcs. The first arc from The Magician to The Chariot represents outer triumph, the second arc from Strength to Temperance represents inner triumph, and the third arc from The Devil to The Universe represents triumph over both the inner and outer worlds (or the conscious and subconscious) and the successful blending of the two, resulting in a perfect state of cosmic consciousness.

When major arcana cards appear in a reading, they suggest that there may be powerful forces at work creating circumstances that are outside of your control. Just as they represent points on The Fool's journey, they represent turning points in your own life that may be life altering. They serve as messages, guidance, and warnings to you from the universe.



The Fool

Only a fool would try to fly
before their wings
have time to grow
and venture forth in blindness
from the comfort of above
for the inevitable chaos of below.

But if you don't take the leap,
you'll never know.



Air



Pluto

Upright: New beginnings. Infinite potential. Courage to take a leap of faith. Innocence.

Reversed: Naivety. Blind faith. Reckless actions.

I

The Magician

The fall created
a bridge between worlds
and illuminated
the infinite connection
between body, mind,
heart, and soul.
Thus the universal truth of
as above, so below.

A true magus needs only
the courage to speak their desire
and the will to make it so.



Mercury

Upright: Manifestation of desire.
Willpower. Tools for success.
Focus. Acting on intention.

Reversed: Latent talents. Mental fog.
Hidden potential. Misuse of power.
Manipulation.

II

The High Priestess

The guardian of the divine feminine
waits patiently
between the twin pillars of duality
for one who is worthy
to peak beyond the veil
and unlock the sacred knowledge
they've waited lifetimes to share.



Moon

Upright: Heightened intuitive potential. Duality. Listen to your inner wisdom. Embrace your divine feminine energy. Subconscious desires.

Reversed: Lack of faith in your intuition. Shutting out your inner voice. Denial of the divine feminine. Secrets. Lies. Hidden agendas.

III

The Empress

The Empress descends
to gently dip their feet
into the stream of consciousness
forming a connection
that sends ripples
throughout the universe.

The cypress trees
who once laid down
their branches for Venus
grow tall and lush once again
for the one who holds Earth
and the power of creation
in their hands.



Venus

Upright: Femininity. Connection to Earth. Abundance. Maternal energy. Giving birth to life or new ideas.

Reversed: Creative stagnation. Lack of self care. Need to reconnect with nature. Misplaced maternal energy. Co-dependence.

IV

The Emperor

A stoic sentinel
stands upon the precipice
of a jagged valley
carved by gentle waters.
to gaze down upon their dominion.

The crown of Mars weighs heavy
on one who would wage war
to protect sacred life.
They hold the world in their hand
and tighten their grip.



Aries

Upright: Stability. Structure. Authority.
Masculinity. Paternal figures.
Voice of reason.

Reversed: Abuse of power. Rigid
thinking. Oppression.
Question authority.

V

The Hierophant

On the other side
of the twin pillars
the guardian of
the divine masculine
reaches out from the light
to offer a hand to the lost.

They hold the key
to the collective
wisdom of humanity
and share it freely.



Taurus

Upright: Embrace tradition.
Established values and beliefs.
Community. Collective Wisdom.
Spiritual leader.
Divine masculine energy.

Reversed: Question the establishment.
Be your own teacher. Personal values.
Seek wisdom from within.

VI

The Lovers

One travels the path of lightning,
the other, the path of the serpent.

Despite the inevitable
collision of their meeting,
they reach out for one another.

Finally,
two who were once solitary
find completion and
harmony in their duality.
Their decision to become one
unifies the world
and they find truth
in each other,
and a new path together.



Gemini

Upright: Love. Temptation. Union.
Morality. Harmony of opposites.
Choices. Choosing your own path.

Reversed: Discord. Imbalance.
Self-love. Stay true to yourself.
Resist temptation.

VII

The Chariot

With the fickle winds of victory
beneath their wings
the charioteer throws open
a curtain of stars
and bursts forth to soar
across the galaxy.

With blind faith and sheer will
they command the guardians
of light and dark
who tentatively heed their command
as they travel with divine purpose
even deeper into the unknown.



Cancer

Upright: Energy. Purpose. Taking action. Being in control. Putting in effort. Focusing on a clear goal.

Reversed: Re-evaluating your path. Focusing on self-discipline. Relinquishing control. Seeking a clear direction. Redefining your goals.

VIII

Strength

True strength
is the courage to gaze
into the feral eyes of a beast
and meet their fear
with compassion,
their violence
with patience,
and create a connection
with infinite love--
even when the eyes we gaze into
are our own.



Leo

Upright: Inner strength. Compassion.
Understanding. Gentleness over force.
Courage. Kindness.

Reversed: Feeling emotionally
depleted. Self-doubt. Uncontrolled
emotions. Repressed feelings.

IX

The Hermit

Sometimes
we need
some distance
to reflect
on icy mountains
and dazzling auroras,
to cradle ourselves
in the egg of the cosmos
until we can be reborn
in the light of wisdom.



Virgo

Upright: Gazing inward. Soul
searching. Retreating from the
material. Introspection.
Being a guiding light.

Reversed: Isolation. Overthinking.
Withdrawal. Disconnection.
Taking time for yourself.

X

The Wheel of Fortune

From beyond the light
a vision appears
of the living mechanism
whose perpetual motion
brings about the turns of fate.

Its prophecy reveals
moments of triumph
that usher us towards destruction
and back again,
the chaos within the cosmos,
and the intricate connection
of all things.

It calls upon us to accept our destiny
and take the wheel.

4

Jupiter

Upright: Upward reversal of fortune.
Turning points. Inevitability. Destiny.
Trust the universe. Karma. Vision
Enlightenment. Universal connection.

Reversed: Downward reversal of
fortune. Resistance to change.
Negative cycles. Regaining control.

XI

Justice

The double-edged
blade of truth rests,
sheathed within the throat of Justice.
They perform a balancing act,
a display of faith and focus,
a protest for fairness,
with awareness
of the potential price of their valiance.
With one hand on mercy
and the other on severity
they bridge the gap with mildness
and cannot be moved.



Libra

Upright: Imminent justice. Truth.
Fairness. Inner compass.
Consequences.

Reversed: Personal biases. Corruption.
Guilt. Losing faith in old beliefs.
Judging yourself too harshly.
Justice being impeded.

XII

The Hanged One

Pause,
it's necessary.
Feel,
it's temporary.
Time suspended
for a sacrifice.
An inversion
of perception.
Calm waters
reflect the truth.
Ripples
dispel illusions
and teach the art of letting go.



Water



Neptune

Upright: Time to pause. Sacrifice.
Release. Be open to a new perspective.
Processing grief. Necessary change.

Reversed: Resisting the call to pause.
Ignoring problems. Indecision.
Self-destructive behavior. Stagnation.

XIII

Death

The cosmic hourglass exists
at once full of promise
and devoid of mercy.

Like the wheel,
it is turned ceaselessly
by the hands of fate.

Inevitable endings
plant the seeds
for beautiful beginnings.
We were born to transform,
decompose down to bare bones
then start again.

Time is an illusion,
and so are we.



Scorpio

Upright: Inevitability. Transformation.
Rebirth. Transitions. Change.
Letting go of old attachments.

Reversed: Resistance to change.
Intense personal transformation.
Fear of the inevitable.

XIV

Temperance

Imagine,
fire and water meeting
without destroying each other,
but instead harmonizing
to become something
powerful and new.

Imagine,
the same convergence happening
to reconcile the wild elements
inside of you.

Imagine,
the serenity
of feeling everything in balance,
removing your shackles
to the material
and being the light
that exists peacefully within darkness.

Imagine,
that golden crown
you've always reached for
being placed gently on your head
by your highest self.



Sagittarius

Upright: Connection to your highest self. The middle path. Patience. Idealism. Being in alignment with your life's purpose. Harmony. Balance. Positive energy. Moderation.

Reversed: Straying from your path. Living in excess. Imbalance. Negativity. Misaligned actions and values.

XV

The Devil

In this shadow theater of fools
the Devil whispers sweet lies
with every string that they tie,
then makes you play
the part of Pied Piper
in a tale of your own demise.

Your demons know
the selfish desires you hide
and tell you they're just sublime.
The indulgence feels so good,
you believe them every time.

But can you also feel
the burning sting of salty tears
on the freshly cut slit in your tongue?

Live deliciously
with a new craving
you can never satisfy
for the taste of blood.



Capricorn

Upright: Bondage to the material.
Lack of self-control. Attachment
issues. Manipulation. Shadow-self.
Dark fantasies. Strong bonds.
Unhealthy relationships.

Reversed: Inner demons.
Mental ailments. Denial of your
shadow-self. Cut psychic cords.
Release unhealthy attachments.

XVI

The Tower

You can say
you never saw this coming,
but the storm clouds
towered over you from the start.
No matter how well
you built the foundation,
in due time everything falls apart.

You pray for divine intervention
from the deities
you turned your back on.
They're still out there in the heavens
unphased by your destruction.

Even in the midst of your annihilation
the universe still remains.
Hold onto this revelation
and start again.



Mars

Upright: Upheaval. Chaos. Disruption.
Violent change. Sudden revelations.
Dissolution of a partnership.

Reversed: Narrow avoidance of
disaster. Living dangerously.
Existential crisis. Resistance to
accepting the truth or change.

XVII

The Star

The birth of a star is often violent,
its life marked by brilliance,
its end barely noticed,
but there's still hope in its existence.

The charioteer who once
dashed across the starry sky
with haste and hubris
was thrown from their carriage,
and when they got back up again
had a sudden longing for stillness.

Feel the ground reach up to meet you.
Meditate on the serenity that exists
between the light and dark aspects
of you.

Close your eyes to see
the stars realign within you.
Then, with renewed faith in your power
ride again.



Aquarius

Upright: Hope. Faith. Meditation.
Coming into your power. Focusing
on the future. Determination. Renewal.

Reversed: A test of faith.
Feeling hopeless. Despair. Spiritually
drained. Lacking motivation.

XVIII

The Moon

Lulled by sweet serenity
the sound of gentle waves
calls you to rest,
but don't be fooled
it's yet another test.

In your slumber
you find yourself
on a moonlit shore
by the primordial waters
where illusions
and nightmares are born.

The path to morning
is long and winding,
each misstep a promise
of being lost forever
in endless depths.

When your untamed spirit
comes out to play
your intuition can keep you safe
if you listen very closely
and let it lead the way.



Upright: Subconscious messages.
Trauma. Illusions. Anxiety. Dreams.
Shadow self. Lunar influence.
Uncertainty. Listen to your intuition.

Reversed: Repressed shadow self,
desires, or emotions. Confusion.
Unclear messages. Clouded intuition.
Overcoming trauma, illusions, and
anxiety.

XIX

The Sun

They say the Sun is also a star,
but to those on Earth
it is so much more.

Its light and warmth
are close enough
to reach out and feel.

It is the monarch of the morning,
and the herald of a new day.

It ignites a once empty horizon,
and calls you to wake up
so you too can rise
and set the world on fire.



Sun

Upright: Radiant energy. Vitality.
Optimism. Youthful exuberance.
Enlightenment.

Reversed: Disconnected from your
inner child. Struggling to see the
bright side. Overconfidence. Naivety

XX

Judgement

The call of Gabriel's horn
radiates seven sounds of sorrow,
the notes flow into
a rapturous crescendo
that wakes the dead.

Once wayward souls emerge
from their sullen graves
who in life,
through strife and suffering,
saw the truth behind the veil,
now rise gladly
towards their final judgement
ready to be born again.



Fire



Uranus

Upright: Call to action. Atonement.
Life-altering decisions. Forgiveness.
Leaving the past behind. Redemption.

Reversed: Ignoring the call. Regret.
Shame. Fear. Holding onto the past.

XXI

The Universe

You've come so far
to see yourself
as you were meant to be
and take your place
at the center of the cosmos,
but it is a Fool's errand
to seek the ending
to an endless sea.

You are infinite
like the universe that surrounds you,
full of stars and swirling galaxies,
constantly expanding and exploding,
only to begin again.



Saturn

Upright: Ultimate achievement.
Balance of mind, body and spirit.
World Travel. Celebration. Fullfilment
of your destiny. Infinite regeneration.
Retrospection.

Reversed: Closing in on your goals.
Not quite ready to cross the finish line.
Something missing. Personal closure.

The Prism and the Void

I included two bonus cards, The Prism and The Void, to expand upon the message and theme of the deck. They add another core duality to explore: clarity and obscurity. More specifically, they relate to the present state of mind of the reader or querent and how accurate and effective the reading may be at the current moment in time.

Sometimes your mind is clear and open to the messages the cards have for you, and sometimes it just isn't. You may not always be conscious of this, but it's something you know intuitively. I think it's an important part of the process to be able to acknowledge that.

If you prefer to read with only the traditional 78 cards, that's perfectly fine, too. I want the experience to be your own.

The Prism

The cosmic prism
absorbs infinite light
through 22 facets
that bend it
into the colors
that paint the galaxy
and reveal the truth
in all things.

A seven-sided prism refracts light into seven rainbows. It has three sets of seven facets that represent the three arcs on the fool's journey, plus the largest seven-sided facet on its face for a total of 22. Seven is the number of perfection, eternity, and divinity. The seven colors also relate to the chakras.

This card fully embodies the theme of revealing one's true self that The Prism Tarot seeks to explore.

In a reading, The Prism indicates that your intuition and intentions are in alignment so the message of the cards can come through crystal clear. You can trust that your reading will be accurate. In the abstract, it represents truth, light, and inner joy. It suggests that there are many possibilities on the horizon, but you are focused and

able to make clear judgments.

It will also appear when you are able to embrace your true colors and are on the right path to becoming your highest self. Share the full spectrum of your personality with the world.

The reversed may suggest that your inner world is in alignment and you are ready to share your light with others. You may not feel ready yet, but this is the sign you've been waiting for. Don't be afraid to be authentically yourself. On the flip side, it could mean that you are too absorbed in the light and are denying the dark side, or your own shadow side. Beware of toxic positivity and extremes. It cautions against becoming distracted or overwhelmed by the many possibilities before you, or focusing only on what you want to see. Are you allowing yourself to be blinded by the light? Don't forget that light and shadow must both exist in harmony.

The Void

I paint galaxies
to calm my weary mind.
I imagine floating
breathless
feeling weightless
embraced by blankets of light
colors I've never seen before
cold and warm at the same time
then darkness,
silence,
nothing.

But great things
are born from nothing.
Everything begins and ends
with the void.

The void is the darkness that lies at the center of the universe. It is the source of all destruction as well as creation.

In a reading, this card indicates that you should probably put the cards away for now. You may not be in the right headspace to receive a clear message. It may represent empty feelings, intentions, or sentiments. There may be a lack of fulfillment or awareness in your life and therefore

you are not asking the right questions.

But it can also be symbolic of a new opportunity. You may be on the verge of a big bang moment, something that can alter your reality and change the course of your life. It urges you to embrace your shadow self, if you aren't doing so already, in order to fully accept who you are and allow your light to shine through.

The reversed may indicate a blatant disregard for your shadow self that is holding you back from your true potential. You may feel as if there is a black hole inside of you, sucking all the joy from your life. Avoid catastrophic thinking, also known as the **call of the void**, or *l'appel du vide* in French. You may be acting soullessly or against yourself, doing things that feel like self-betrayal or self-sabotage. Act according to your true feelings. There is a void inside you that needs to be filled, and that can only be accomplished by embracing all that you are. Embrace both your light and your dark. Avoid extremes.

The Tree of Life

The Tree of Life is an ancient diagram of human consciousness with roots in Jewish mysticism and Kabbalah. In Tarot, The Tree of Life serves as the blueprint to the meanings of the cards and how they are connected. Conversely, the cards are considered to be the keys to the Tree of Life. For this reason, much deeper meaning can be found in the cards when their position on the tree of life is considered.

It is a very complex subject that I invite you to explore further. The following pages will serve as a broad breakdown of the companion diagram I created to expand your experience with the cards.

The 3 Pillars

The balance of opposites is a recurring theme in the symbolism of the cards, specifically in The High Priestess, The Hierophant, Justice, and The Chariot. In each, there is a purposeful representation of three pillars—light, dark, and neutral.

On the left is Boaz, the pillar of severity and the feminine principle, on the right is Jachin, the pillar of mercy and the masculine principle, and in the center lies the pillar of mildness which serves as the keystone between them.

The position of the cards on the pillars determines the polarity of their energy. This is the reason that some cards can feel more inherently negative or positive than others.

The Lightning Flash

In nature, the polarity between positive and negative forces creates electricity, and it does the same here. This lightning flash is one of divine energy sent down to earth. It creates the path of enlightenment. It can also be thought of as the path from creative energy to manifestation in terms of magic.

The 10 Sephiroth

Along the path of the lightning flash are ten nodes called sephiroth. They are orbs of divine emanation that represent ten states of consciousness.

This is the origin of the numerical meaning of the cards of the minor arcana.

I. Kether, or The Crown rests at the top of the tree with one half dipped into humanity and the other still resting in divinity. It is the connection between those two worlds and the root of consciousness. Like the Aces it is pure, infinite energy.

II. Chockmah, or Wisdom rests on the top of the right pillar and represents pure positive masculine energy. It possesses the will to create. In addition to the twos of the minor arcana, Knights are also associated to this sephirah. They are the fathers.

III. Binah, or Understanding rests on the top of the left pillar and represents pure negative feminine energy. It nurtures and gives form to the creative energy established in Chockmah. In addition to the threes of the minor arcana, Queens are also associated with this sephirah. They are the mothers.

IV. Chesed, or Mercy possesses the spirit of benevolence. The fours of the minor arcana are attributed to this sephirah.

V. Geburah, or Severity possesses the spirit of judgement. The fives of the minor arcana are associated with this sephirah.

VI. Tiphereth, or Harmony corresponds to the ego and the heart and possesses the spirit of mediation. In addition to the sixes of the minor arcana, Kings are also associated to this sephirah. They are the sons of the Knights and Queens.

VII. Netzach, or Triumph possesses the energy of the emotions and the artist. The sevens of the minor arcana are associated with this sephirah.

VIII. Hod, or Glory possesses the energy of the intellect and the scientist. The eights of the minor arcana are associated with this sephirah.

IX. Yesod, or Foundation receives and purifies the energy from all the other sephiroth before transmitting it to the

physical plane. The nines of the minor arcana are associated with this sephirah.

X. Malkuth, or The Kingdom represents stability and the physical world. In addition to the tens of the minor arcana, Princesses are attributed to this sephirah. They are the daughters of the Knights and Queens.

The 7 Levels

There are 7 levels on the path of enlightenment that correlate to the 7 chakras. To determine which cards correspond to each chakra you just have to consider their position on the tree.

Aces = Crown

Twos and Threes = Third Eye

Fours and Fives = Throat

Sixes = Heart

Sevens and Eights = Solar Plexus

Nines = Sacral

Tens = Root

The 22 Paths

There are 22 paths that connect the sephiroth. These paths are the origin of the major arcana. The energy of those cards is created by the flow of energy between their two connecting sephiroth. So, while they fully embody their own numerological correspondence, deeper meaning can be found if you look at them this way too.

For example, Strength is the path between Chesed (mercy) and Geburah (severity). With that in mind, it makes sense that Strength would represent gentle persuasion and understanding.

The 4 Worlds

The tree of life exists simultaneously within four different worlds. This is what accounts for the four suits of the minor arcana. The stories that unfold within the minor arcana can be thought of as the same journey occurring in four different realities.

Atziluth - The world of Emanation.
Corresponds to fire and the suit of Wands.

Briah - The world of Creation.
Corresponds to water and the suit of
Cups.

Yetzirah - The world of Formation.
Corresponds to air and the suit of
Swords.

Assiah - The world of Manifestation.
Corresponds to earth and the suit of
Pentacles.

The Serpent

Just as the lightning flash represented the descent of divine energy to earth, the serpent represents the ascent. It climbs the 22 paths on the journey of redemption told by the major arcana.

The Tree of Life serves as a reminder that there is nothing arbitrary about the symbolism of the Tarot. It rose from the ancient depths of human consciousness and will continue to be relevant throughout the reign of humanity. The cards connect us to the past, present, and future, as well as to the universe, ourselves, and each other.

The Astral Calendar

I created the Astral Calendar to use as a reference for the connections between the cards and astrology.

In the center is the wheel of the year. The innermost ring shows the modality (fixed, mutable, or cardinal) and elemental correspondence for each of the 12 zodiac signs. The next ring outlines each sign's ruling planet(s) and major arcana card. The signs are then broken down into 3 decans, each of which have their own ruling planet and minor arcana card. Each of those cards is assigned to one of the 7 ancient planets. Each Knight, Queen and King rules over 3 decans of the zodiac. Each Princess rules over one quadrant of the universe above the fixed sign of their element. The Aces correspond to the 3 signs of their own element.

Around the outside of the chart are the cards associated with each planet. The cards on the colored planets also have ruling elements. The Fool is air, The Hanged One is water, and Judgment is fire. Earth corresponds to humanity and does not have a specific card association.

You can use the Astral Calendar to find cards and planets that correspond to certain important dates in a reading, like birthdays. Please note that the range of dates for each decan are only approximate as they change slightly year to year. There are many online resources to find the exact dates for the year you were born.

Another important thing to note is that each numbered minor arcana card has a ruling planet that is different from that of the ruling planet of the zodiac decan it is associated with. For instance, I was born on November 3, so in the second decan of Scorpio which is ruled by Neptune. However, my card is the VI of Cups which is ruled by the Sun. Additionally, if I were to use the calendar to determine my court significator (or card that represents me in a reading) it would be the King of Cups.

There are many connections that can be found between tarot and astrology. You can even look beyond your sun sign and dive into your whole birth chart.

Reading Tips

Whether you're reading for yourself or someone else, I believe that there is no right or wrong way to approach tarot reading as long as you go in with an open mind, integrity, and a willingness to see the truth.

*I've chosen to represent the Princess archetype instead of Pages. However, if you prefer to read Pages feel free to restructure the hierarchy.

*The keywords I've provided for the meaning of each card are merely guidelines to help you get started. Infinite meaning can be found in them depending on the context of a reading and what your intuition tells you.

*Reading reversals is a personal preference, but I think they add a lot of depth and expansion to a reading. It's important to note that they are not just the opposite of their upright counterparts. They have more to do with how the energy of the card is being expressed. When a card is upright its energy can be fully expressed. When it's reversed that same energy still exists, but it becomes repressed and unable to

reach its full potential. You can think of it as an “in progress” state.

In many cases, reversals guide you to look inward for the answers you seek. Imagine a card laying upright before you, then imagine rotating it from its upward to reversed state. The motion creates an inward spiral that points to you.

*Significators are cards that are sometimes used to represent the querent (or person asking the question) in a reading. They can be chosen randomly, by personal preference, or by referencing your birthdate on the Astral Calendar. Generally, court cards are chosen for this purpose because they represent personality archetypes.

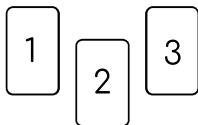
*It's important to be well acquainted with your deck and thoroughly shuffle it before you begin a reading. There is no right or wrong way to do so. Clear your mind and be open to the messages it has for you.

*Don't just read the cards individually, but read the story they create together.

*Remember, if you don't like the outcome of your reading, you have the power to change it.

3 Card Spreads

These are two great beginner spreads, and my go-tos for when I just want to sit with my cards and do a quick check-in. They may seem simple, but they can be extremely powerful.



Past, Present, Future

A spread for the year's turning points or times of change in your life.

1. Something to let go of or a lesson to take with you.
2. Something to be grateful for in this moment.
3. Something to look forward to.

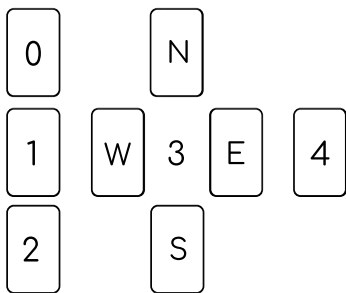
Self Check-in

A spread for when you feel stuck or disconnected from yourself.

1. How am I feeling?
2. What do I need?
3. What can I do for myself?

The Compass Spread

A spread for when you're at a crossroads, feel directionless, or need to realign your inner compass.



0. Your Significator
1. Your Current Situation
2. A Direction and Guidance
3. An Action to Take
4. The Destination

Place a significator in the 0 position face up, then place the cards for position 1 and 2 face down. Lay out the four compass cards for position 3 face down starting with north and go clockwise. Then place the final card face down in position 4.

Begin by turning over card 1. This card represents your current situation or the problem at hand that you are trying to solve. Flip card 2. This card will offer guidance for moving forward and tell you which direction to take.

Wands: Go South

Cups: Go West

Swords: Go East

Pentacles: Go North

If a major arcana card appears here, read it, interpret its guidance, and either stop there or draw again for a minor arcana card. Alternatively, you can use your 4 sided die to determine which way to go.

1: South

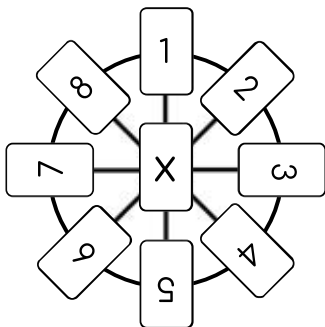
2: West

3: East

4: North

Next, flip card 3 in the position of the cardinal direction you were told to go. This is the action you should take. The final card in position 4 will represent the destination or outcome of taking the advice of your reading.

The Wheel of Fortune Spread



One of the keys to happiness is to find stability among the ups and downs of life. Downturns of fate are inevitable, but with awareness you can work to actively stay on the upside of the wheel as much as possible. Use this spread for guidance when you feel like you've lost control of your fate or you fear an impending downward turn.

To begin, pull the Wheel of Fortune from your deck and place it in the center of your reading space, either upright or reversed depending on the current state of your, or your querent's, luck.

If you are currently going through hard times, reverse it. If you are feeling lucky but afraid of the impending downturn, keep it upright. The rest of the cards will be placed around the wheel and read either upward or reversed in relation to it, as the numbers are read in the diagram.

Each card relates to one of the 8 Sabbats or the Wheel of the Year.

1. Birth/Rebirth - This position relates to Yule. What will help give you a fresh outlook or perspective? What positive changes can you make to turn the wheel in your favor?
2. Purification - This position relates to Imbolc. What negative force(s) can you remove from your life to improve the outlook of your fortune?
3. Balance - This position relates to Ostara. What is throwing your wheel off balance and what can you do to restore it?

4. Creation/Cultivation - This position relates to Beltane. What can you actively do to improve the outlook of your fortune? What should you focus on cultivating?

5. Turning Point - This position relates to Litha. What will ultimately bring about a shift in your fortune?

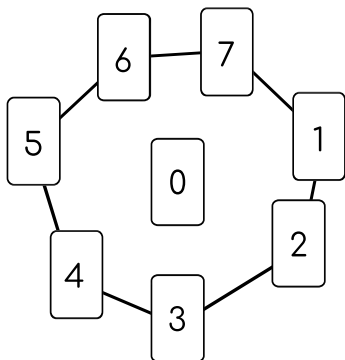
6. Reward/Consequence - This position relates to Lammas or Lughnasadh. If you listen to the advice of this reading and your intuition and act on it, what will be the outcome? Conversely, what is the risk of ignoring it?

7. Gratitude - This position relates to Mabon. What are the gifts in your life that can help ground you in gratitude despite the turns of fate?

8. Intuition/Spirituality - This position relates to Samhain. How can your intuition guide the way forward? What is it trying to tell you?

After all the cards are read, circle back to position 1 and readdress the questions it posed.

The Prism Spread



I designed this spread as a companion to The Prism Tarot. Each card represents the current state of one facet of your personality. Listen to the message it has for you. Ask yourself if you've been neglecting it or indulging it. How can you strike a balance and paint the picture of your ideal self? It's possible that you're already there, but it's important to check in every so often so you can always keep growing and improving.

0. You may choose to place a significator in the center of the prism before doing the reading.

1. Your grounded, practical, and passive side.

2. Your indulgent, creative, and passionate side.

3. Your confident, brave, and active side.

4. Your loving, emotional, and nurturing side.

5. Your intellectual, honest, and ethical side.

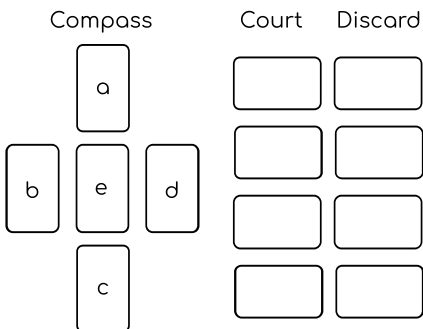
6. Your spiritual/intuitive side.

7. Your highest self and inner wisdom.

DOMINION

A game of luck, strategy, and intuition
for 4 players using The Prism Tarot
and a 4-sided die.

Set Up



- a. Ace of Pentacles
- b. Ace of Cups
- c. Ace of Wands
- d. Ace of Swords
- e. Major Arcana Discard

Set the court cards, minus the Princesses, aside in four face up piles according to suit in this order: Knights on top, then Queens, and Kings. Leave space next to each for the discard piles.

Each player gets a Princess card. They can be chosen blindly or by preference. Keep your Princess face up and to the side until you need them. Their suit will dictate the minor arcana cards you should aim to collect and the court cards you need to buy.

Shuffle the deck and deal the rest of the cards. Each player will have 15 cards in their hand plus their Princess.

————— **How to Play** —————

Each round has two phases--a trick phase and a turn phase.

Trick Phase

Each round begins with a trick phase in which each player chooses a minor arcana card from their hand and places it face up simultaneously on the table. If you have none in your hand you do not get to participate. Whoever plays the highest number wins the trick and adds the other players' cards to their hand.

In the unlikely event of a power struggle where there are multiple cards of the same value played and no clear victor, each player will draw again. Winner takes all.

The winning player must then roll the 4-sided die to determine which princess will take possession of the card(s) that won them the trick.

1=Wands 2=Cups

3=Swords 4=Pentacles

They then take their turn and play continues clockwise.

Turn Phase: Trading

Each player gets one turn before the next trick phase. On your turn, you must trade one card of your choice from your hand with one from another player of your choice. The other player must fan their cards out and allow you to choose one blindly. Keep your trade a secret from the other players.

Buying

After trading, you may buy a single court card that corresponds to the suit of your princess with any minor arcana cards in your hand of the same suit.

Knights cost 2 cards, Queens cost 3 cards, and Kings cost 4 cards. You must buy them in that order and you

can only buy one per turn. Cards spent will go into the discard pile next to the court pile of that suit.

Once you possess a court card of your suit you may place it on the Ace, or throne, of your suit on the compass.

Major Arcana Effects

Major arcana cards each have special effects and abilities. You may use them at the beginning of your turn or during a card trade depending on the effect.

The Prism - Everyone reveals their hands.

The Void - Everyone's hands are reshuffled together and dealt again.

Elementals (Judgement, The Hanged One, and The Fool) - The player of your choice has to give you all of the cards they have in the suit of your choice. This counts as your trade for the turn.

Planet Ruled - Instead of choosing blindly when trading, you may request a single card in the suit of your choice.

Zodiac Ruled - When you are chosen for a trade you get to choose the card the player receives from you.

Once you play a major arcana card it must be discarded in the center of the compass, even if the play fails.

Throning

Once you successfully buy the Knight, Queen, and King of your suit, you may place your Princess on the Ace, or their throne, to rule their quadrant of the universe. Whoever places a Princess on their throne first wins the game.

Capturing

If you take possession of the last card a player has in their hand during the trick phase you also take possession of their Princess. That player is then out of the game. You can win by throning any Princess in your possession.

Tips

Stay aware of how many cards you have left in your hand.

Pay attention to who wins tricks and where the cards go.

When all else fails, trust your intuition.

Inspiration

Tarot has a long history of being used for gameplay. I have an education in game design, so it's a concept I've always been fascinated by and wanted to explore.

I designed this game to tell the story of how the Princess inherits all the energy from their suit and eventually takes their throne. It is a journey of completion from the initial spark and potential of the Ace to the ultimate fulfillment of that potential.

I also wanted to create an experience that would help players internalize the hierarchy of not only the court cards, but the majors and minors as well. The majors have more control over the game while the minors are subject to many twists of fate.

For more information about the deck
and its creation go to:
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