

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a fan of tarot cards. The cards are fanned out, showing various illustrations including a figure on a log, a green landscape, and a figure with a staff. The background is blurred, showing a wooden surface.

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Tarot 101

A Witch With Me Academy Course

Module I

TOPICS WE WILL COVER

An overview of the Tarot

The history of Tarot

How Tarot is different from other forms of cartomancy

The system of Tarot

Tarot and Gender



What is Tarot?

AN OVERVIEW

- A form of divination, known as cartomancy
- Follows a specific system of meaning, commonly
Rider-Waite-Smith
- Includes the Major and Minor Arcanas

A Brief History

AN OVERVIEW

- Began in 14th or 15th century as a card game played by Italian nobles - *Tarocchi*
- 18th century occultism
- Early 1900s = A.E. Waite commissions artist Pamela Colman Smith to develop artwork for a Tarot deck, published by William Rider & Son
- Known as Rider-Waite-Smith, or RWS

A Brief History

RWS VS THOTH

- Another well-known Tarot system is the Thoth Tarot, created by Aleister Crowley
- RWS and Thoth have a few key differences
- Beginners should start with basic RWS deck

*Beginner
Deck
Recommend-
ations*

GOOD BASIC RWS DECKS

- Llewellyn's Classic Tarot
- Radiant Rider-Waite Tarot
- Universal Waite Tarot
- The Crow Tarot
- Crystal Unicorn Tarot
- Any deck by Paulina Cassidy; especially the Joie de Vivre deck
- The Fountain Tarot
- Motherpeace Tarot
- Morgan-Greer Tarot
- The Modern Witch Tarot

Tarot vs Other Forms of Cartomancy

THE DIFFERENCES

TAROT

Deck of 78 cards divided into
Major and Minor Arcanas

Each card has a specific meaning
across decks

ORACLE

Deck of any number of cards,
divided into any format if the
author chooses

Each card's significance is
determined by the author

LENORMAND

Most commonly a deck of 36 cards

Based on a regular deck of cards

Very literal in meaning

Read in pairs

How it Works

TAROT SPREADS

- Tarot provides answers through the use of SPREADS
- In a Tarot spread, each card is assigned a meaning as it relates to the overall theme of the question

Common Spreads

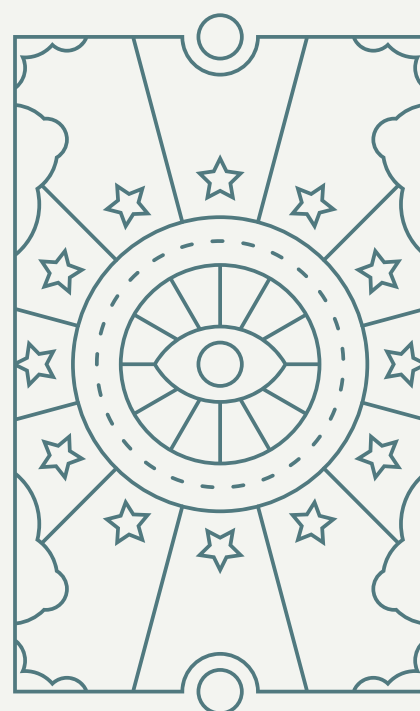
SIMPLE SPREADS

- 1 card: Simple response, no context
- 2 cards, "Approach/Avoid": The first card is what you should **APPROACH** as it relates to the question, and the second shows what you should **AVOID** as it relates to your question

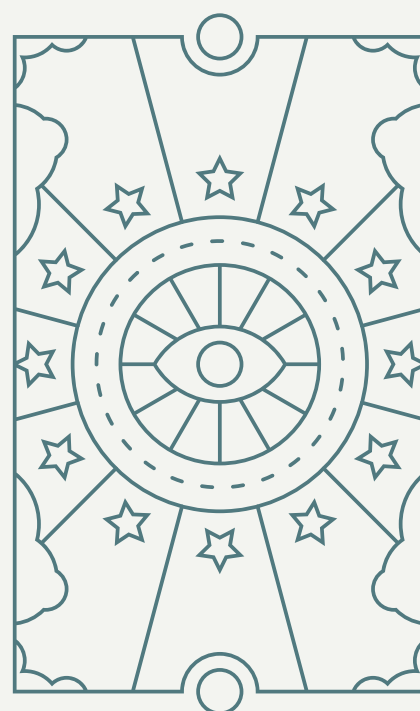
3-Card Spread

PERSONAL FAVORITE & MOST USED

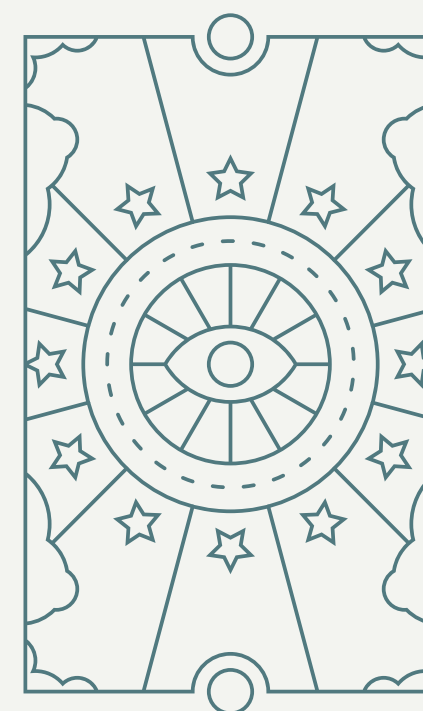
- 1: Past/foundation/history
- 2: Present/current/today/where you are now
- 3: Future/direction things are headed/outcome



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THE SYSTEM OF TAROT

The Major Arcana

22 CARDS

- Symbolizes a journey from The Fool (number zero) to The World (number 21)
- Major themes, personality traits or ways of viewing the world



THE SYSTEM OF TAROT

The Minor Arcana

56 CARDS

- Organized like a typical card deck, with four suits
- Each suit include Ace to 10, plus four court cards
- Each suit corresponds to a different Element (as defined by ancient Greeks: earth, air, fire, water)
- Focuses on daily actions, activities, habits -- ways we implement the big ideas of the Major Arcana



THE SYSTEM OF TAROT

The Minor Arcana Suits

TYPICAL CORRESPONDENCES

- Pentacles/disks/coins: EARTH
- Swords: AIR
- Staves/wands: FIRE
- Cups/chalices: WATER



THE SYSTEM OF TAROT

The Gender Binary

- Tarot developed when the Western world was very focused on the gender binary
- It may help to redefine MALE and FEMALE as more MASCULINE traits and more FEMININE traits, regardless of the gender on the card (or your gender or the gender of the person for whom you are reading)



Coming Up Next



MODULE 2:
SELECTING A DECK &
READING INTUITIVELY
Preparing for divination



MODULE 3:
THE MAJOR ARCANA
*How cards can be read individually and
together as a story*



MODULE 4:
THE MINOR ARCANA
*How to interpret using numbers and
knowledge of the four elements*

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