



LUNA'S CIRCLE

The Beginner's Tarot Guide

78 Cards, Their Meanings & Your First Spread

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A Letter from Luna

Dear Seeker,

When I laid out my very first tarot spread, I remember the way the candlelight caught the gilded edges of each card and how the images seemed to breathe in the flickering shadows. I was bewildered, wide-eyed, and completely enchanted all at once. If that is where you are right now — welcome. You have found your way to something genuinely extraordinary. The tarot is not a fortune-telling parlor trick. It is a mirror. A map. A 78-card conversation between you and the deepest, wisest part of yourself. Every archetype lives within you. Every suit speaks to a dimension of your human experience. All this guide asks is that you come with an open heart and a quiet mind.

In the pages that follow, you will meet all 78 cards — the 22 Major Arcana, the great soul archetypes of the human journey, and the 56 Minor Arcana, the everyday situations and energies that weave through our waking lives. You will also learn two spreads: the simple, elegant Three-Card Spread for daily guidance, and the legendary Celtic Cross for deeper exploration. Use this guide as your companion on the path, not the final word. Your intuition is always the truest reader. The cards simply give it a language. I am so glad you are here.

With moonlight and magic,

Luna Moonshadow

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The Major Arcana

The 22 Major Arcana represent the grand archetypal forces of the universe — the great themes, lessons, and turning points that shape a human life. When a Major Arcana card appears in your reading, pay close attention: the universe is highlighting something significant.

0 The Fool

New beginnings, innocence, free spirit

The Fool steps into the unknown with boundless optimism, trusting that the universe will provide. This card invites you to embrace new adventures without fear, carrying only what truly matters.

I The Magician

Manifestation, resourcefulness, power

The Magician stands at the crossroads of heaven and earth, channeling divine will into reality. You have every tool you need — the question is whether you will use them with focused intention.

II The High Priestess

Intuition, sacred knowledge, divine feminine

The High Priestess guards the veil between the seen and unseen worlds, keeper of mysteries untold. She asks you to trust your inner voice over logic alone and to seek wisdom in stillness.

III The Empress

Abundance, nurturing, fertility

The Empress reigns over a lush garden of creativity, sensuality, and unconditional love. She reminds you to honor the natural cycles of growth in your life and embrace your own abundance.

The Major Arcana (cont.)

IV The Emperor

Authority, structure, control

The Emperor sits upon his throne, bringing order to chaos through discipline and clear boundaries. This card encourages you to lead with confidence, establish firm foundations, and take responsibility.

V The Hierophant

Tradition, spiritual wisdom, conformity

The Hierophant bridges divine wisdom and earthly institutions, offering time-tested spiritual guidance. He invites reflection on whether you are following genuine inner truth or simply inherited beliefs.

VI The Lovers

Love, harmony, relationships

The Lovers card depicts the sacred union of opposites — masculine and feminine, spirit and matter. It speaks to profound connections, meaningful choices, and the alignment of heart and values.

VII The Chariot

Determination, willpower, triumph

The Charioteer commands two opposing forces by sheer force of will, driving forward in victory. This card urges you to harness conflicting energies and steer them purposefully toward your goal.

The Major Arcana (cont.)

VIII Strength

Inner strength, courage, compassion

Strength shows a gentle woman calming a lion — not through force, but through love and patience. True power, this card reveals, comes from mastering your inner nature with grace and quiet courage.

IX The Hermit

Soul searching, introspection, solitude

The Hermit climbs the mountain alone, lantern raised, illuminating only the next step ahead. He calls you inward — away from noise and opinion — to discover what your soul already knows.

X Wheel of Fortune

Change, cycles, destiny

The Wheel of Fortune spins through birth, life, death, and rebirth in an endless cosmic dance. When the wheel turns, fortunes shift — this card reminds you to ride the cycle rather than resist it.

XI Justice

Fairness, truth, cause and effect

Justice holds her scales in perfect equilibrium, sword raised to cut through illusion and pretense. Every choice you make sends ripples through your future — this card asks you to act with integrity.

The Major Arcana (cont.)

XII The Hanged Man

Surrender, letting go, new perspectives

The Hanged Man dangles peacefully from the World Tree, his sacrifice illuminating hidden truths. By releasing control, a completely new — and enlightening — view of reality suddenly becomes available.

XIII Death

Endings, transformation, transition

Death rides through the landscape of the old, clearing space for what is genuinely new to emerge. Far from a dark omen, this card heralds necessary transformation and the rebirth that always follows ending.

XIV Temperance

Balance, moderation, patience

The angel of Temperance pours water between two cups, blending opposites into a higher harmony. This card advises patience, measured action, and the long-term vision that alchemizes life's contradictions.

XV The Devil

Shadow self, attachment, illusion

The Devil's chained figures could slip free at any moment — their bindings are illusion, not iron. This card illuminates addictions, unhealthy patterns, and the shadow beliefs that keep us small.

The Major Arcana (cont.)

XVI The Tower

Sudden change, upheaval, revelation

Lightning strikes the Tower, sending its inhabitants tumbling into the free air below. What feels like destruction is often divine correction — clearing false structures to reveal solid ground.

XVII The Star

Hope, faith, renewal

A naked figure kneels by a pool of still water, pouring starlight back into the earth and sky. After the Tower's storm, the Star arrives as pure grace — promising healing, hope, and renewed faith.

XVIII The Moon

Illusion, fear, subconscious

The Moon illuminates the shadowy path between the known and unknown, stirring the depths of the psyche. Things are not as they appear — this card urges you to navigate uncertainty with curiosity, not fear.

XIX The Sun

Joy, success, vitality

A radiant child rides triumphantly beneath the blazing sun, arms wide open to all of life. The Sun card floods your reading with warmth, clarity, and the joyful confirmation that all is well.

The Major Arcana (cont.)

XX Judgement

Reflection, reckoning, inner calling

The angel's trumpet call awakens souls rising from their coffins into a new and luminous existence. Judgement asks: have you been living your true calling? Now is the moment of honest self-reckoning.

XXI The World

Completion, integration, accomplishment

The World dancer moves within a laurel wreath of victory, the four elements celebrating her at each corner. This card marks the triumphant completion of one great cycle and the promise of a richer one to come.

The Suit of Wands

Fire · Passion, Creativity & Ambition

The suit of Wands burns with the energy of fire — it governs inspiration, career ambitions, creative ventures, and the raw will that drives us forward. When Wands appear, life is asking you to act, create, and ignite something new.

Ace of Wands

A spark of creative fire ignites new passion and inspired beginnings.

Two of Wands

You hold the world in your hands — now choose your direction boldly.

Three of Wands

Your plans are in motion; watch from the heights as your ships sail in.

Four of Wands

Celebrate! A milestone reached brings joy, homecoming, and community.

Five of Wands

Competing energies and lively conflict push you toward creative solutions.

Six of Wands

Public recognition arrives — ride through the crowd with pride and confidence.

Seven of Wands

Stand your ground fiercely; your position is worth defending.

Eight of Wands

Swift movement! Messages fly, plans accelerate, and energy surges forward.

Nine of Wands

Battered but unbroken — gather your remaining strength for the final push.

Ten of Wands

You carry more than your share; it is time to delegate or set burdens down.

Page of Wands

A free-spirited messenger arrives with exciting news or an adventurous invitation.

Knight of Wands

Rush forward with passion — just ensure your enthusiasm is paired with a plan.

Queen of Wands

Radiate confidence and warmth; your charisma draws others to your vision.

King of Wands

Command the room with visionary leadership and an inspiring entrepreneurial spirit.

The Suit of Cups

Water · Emotions, Relationships & Intuition

The suit of Cups flows with the tides of the heart — it rules our emotional lives, relationships, psychic impressions, and dreams. When Cups appear, the universe is asking you to feel deeply, connect authentically, and trust your inner knowing.

Ace of Cups

A wellspring of love, new emotional beginnings, and spiritual gifts overflows.

Two of Cups

A soulful partnership forms — mutual attraction, respect, and heartfelt union.

Three of Cups

Gather your dearest friends in celebration, laughter, and overflowing gratitude.

Four of Cups

Restless boredom or emotional withdrawal blocks you from seeing an offered gift.

Five of Cups

Grief lingers on what was lost; yet two full cups remain standing behind you.

Six of Cups

Nostalgic sweetness — reconnect with innocence, childhood joy, or a past love.

Seven of Cups

Dazzling illusions and fantasies cloud your ability to make a clear choice.

Eight of Cups

You walk away from what no longer fulfills you, seeking deeper emotional truth.

Nine of Cups

The wish card — emotional satisfaction, dreams realized, and contentment found.

Ten of Cups

A radiant rainbow of domestic bliss, lasting love, and family harmony appears.

Page of Cups

An emotionally open, creative soul arrives with an unexpected message of love.

Knight of Cups

The romantic idealist rides in — follow the heart, but watch for dreamy excess.

Queen of Cups

Lead from deep empathy and intuition; your emotional intelligence is your power.

King of Cups

Master your emotional depths with wisdom, calm, and compassionate authority.

The Suit of Swords

Air · Thought, Communication & Conflict

The suit of Swords cuts with the precision of air and intellect — it governs thoughts, words, decisions, conflict, and the power of the mind. Swords are honest and sometimes brutal, but they always point toward clarity.

Ace of Swords

A breakthrough of mental clarity cuts through confusion with razor-sharp truth.

Two of Swords

You sit at a stalemate, blindfolded — a decision cannot be avoided forever.

Three of Swords

Heartbreak, grief, or betrayal pierces deeply; allow yourself to fully feel and heal.

Four of Swords

Step away from the battle; rest and contemplation are now sacred medicine.

Five of Swords

A hollow victory — ask yourself what winning this argument truly costs you.

Six of Swords

Transition toward calmer waters; leave turbulence behind as you move forward.

Seven of Swords

Stealth, strategy, or deception is afoot — yours or another's, proceed carefully.

Eight of Swords

You feel trapped, but the bindings are largely self-imposed mental limitations.

Nine of Swords

Anxiety peaks at midnight — the fears haunting you are worse than the reality.

Ten of Swords

A painful ending is also the absolute bottom; the only direction from here is up.

Page of Swords

A quick-witted, curious mind arrives with sharp insight and probing questions.

Knight of Swords

Charge forward with decisive action — speed is your asset, but plan as you go.

Queen of Swords

Speak your truth with cool clarity; your perceptive mind cuts through all pretense.

King of Swords

Think analytically and act with impartial authority grounded in moral principle.

The Suit of Pentacles

Earth · Material World, Work & Abundance

The suit of Pentacles is rooted in the fertile earth — it governs money, work, physical health, home, and the tangible abundance of daily life. Pentacles ask you to be practical, patient, and willing to tend to your material foundations.

Ace of Pentacles

A golden seed of material opportunity is planted — tend it with patient care.

Two of Pentacles

Juggle competing priorities gracefully while remaining adaptable to change.

Three of Pentacles

Collaborative craftsmanship produces exceptional work — teamwork is your asset.

Four of Pentacles

Clinging to security creates stagnation; loosen your grip and let abundance flow.

Five of Pentacles

Financial hardship or feeling left out in the cold — help is nearer than it seems.

Six of Pentacles

Generosity flows freely — give and receive resources, time, and support openly.

Seven of Pentacles

Pause to evaluate your long-term investments; patient effort is building toward harvest.

Eight of Pentacles

Devoted craftsmanship and the diligent refinement of your skills lead to mastery.

Nine of Pentacles

Hard-won self-sufficiency and abundant reward arrive through your own discipline.

Ten of Pentacles

Lasting legacy, generational wealth, and the stability of home and family flourish.

Page of Pentacles

A grounded, studious student arrives eager to learn practical and earthly wisdom.

Knight of Pentacles

Steady, methodical progress — plodding wins this race through reliability and care.

Queen of Pentacles

Nurture abundance with practical wisdom; your home and body are your sacred domain.

King of Pentacles

Sovereign mastery over material resources — build lasting wealth through proven strategy.

Your First Spread

The Three-Card Spread

The Three-Card Spread is the most beloved starting point in tarot — simple enough for a first reading, yet rich enough to carry a lifetime of insight. The three positions read as a story: what was, what is, and what is unfolding.



Card 1 — Past

This position reveals the foundation beneath your question. It may show a recent event, an old pattern, or a past influence that is shaping the current situation. Ask: what energy have I been carrying into this moment?

Card 2 — Present

The heart of your reading. This card reflects the energy you are currently living and the forces most active in your life right now. It often points to the core of what is truly being asked.

Card 3 — Future

This is not a fixed prophecy — it is a likely outcome if current energies continue on their present course. It shows where you are headed and what energy is crystallizing ahead. You always have the power to shift this trajectory.

How to Do Your Reading

1. Light a candle and sit quietly for a few breaths. State your question or intention aloud.
2. Shuffle your deck while holding your question in mind. When it feels right, stop.
3. Draw three cards from the top and lay them face-down, left to right.
4. Turn each card over one at a time, reading them in order: Past, Present, Future.
5. Notice your first instinctive feeling before consulting any book or guide — your gut is the first reader.
6. Weave the three cards together as a story. How does card one lead into two? How does two set up three?
7. Journal a few sentences about what resonated. The cards speak louder the more you listen.

The Celtic Cross Spread

A Deep Dive into Any Question

The Celtic Cross is the most iconic tarot spread in the world, offering a panoramic view of a situation from every angle. It is best used for questions that carry real weight — relationship crossroads, career decisions, spiritual turning points. Ten cards. Ten perspectives. One complete picture.

1 — The Significator

The heart of the matter. The core energy at the center of your question.

2 — The Cross

What crosses you. The immediate challenge, tension, or obstacle you face.

3 — The Foundation

The root cause or unconscious influence beneath the situation.

4 — The Recent Past

What is passing or has just occurred. Energy that is moving away.

5 — The Crown

The best possible outcome or what you are consciously reaching toward.

6 — The Near Future

What is moving toward you in the coming days or weeks.

7 — The Seeker

How you see yourself in this situation. Your self-perception and attitude.

8 — The Environment

How others see you and the surrounding social/material environment.

9 — Hopes & Fears

What you most deeply hope for — and simultaneously most deeply fear.

10 — The Outcome

The likely resolution if all current energies continue on their course.

Tip: The Celtic Cross rewards slow, meditative reading. Don't rush to look up every card. Sit with the visual story the spread is telling you before reaching for your reference guide.

Your Cards Are Waiting

You now hold the foundation of the tarot in your hands.

But the deepest readings happen when someone who truly knows the cards lays them out for YOU — with your name, your energy, your specific question.

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