

# SPIRITSONG *Tarot*

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# INTRODUCTION

Tarot is a tool for empowerment and insight. It's an accurate way to unlock the subconscious mind, bringing thoughts and feelings into awareness through tarot symbolism. As a device for guidance and messages, tarot can help clarify situations so you can make the best decisions on your life's journey.

This Spiritsong deck is a melding of two traditions of divination: one where animals are seen as spiritual helpers between our world and the spirit world, and one that uses 78 cards as a tool to connect with our highest self. The Spiritsong Tarot structure is based on the traditional tarot, containing the 22 Majors, the 56 Minors and four suits. Following the structure of the Rider-Waite Tarot, each animal was specifically selected based upon shamanic and Native American symbolism, both classic and modern, merging each animal's unique power with classic tarot practices. For example, the Spiritsong animal Raven has attributes such as 'creation' that parallels some of the same symbolic tarot attributes of the traditional

Magician card, which is why the Raven is the animal representing that card.

## THE SPIRITSONG ANIMALS

Connected to the portals of higher worlds, the 78 Spiritsong animals are mentors of divine guidance. Bearing their own shamanic medicines, they're forever open to providing their energy when called upon. They're always available to you and for you, to help you attain your greatest potential. If you ask, they will provide guidance needed to assist you in finding the best remedy for any situation. The Spiritsong animals are a reflection of the true inner self, and offer their courage to you as you endeavor to meet your goals. With the 78 Spiritsong animals by your side, you are boldly empowered to open new doorways of knowledge that can lead toward the realization of your greatest spiritual growth.

## THE ELEMENTAL SIGNS

The Minor Arcana contains 56 cards, which are divided into four suits. Elemental interactions can build deeper relationships

between cards, although incorporating elements in a reading is optional.

Each card includes a symbol of one of the four elemental forces of nature: fire, air, water, and earth. The elements govern the natural world, and are seen and felt everywhere. The four elements are aligned to our thoughts, feelings, will, and actions.

**△ FIRE ELEMENT:** Inspiration and will

**△ AIR ELEMENT:** Intellect and understanding

**▽ WATER ELEMENT:** Feelings and expression

**▽ EARTH ELEMENT:** Material objects and possession

## THE SPIRITSONG SUITS

**ACORNS:** Acorns symbolize growth, strength and unlimited potential. Acorns are used in place of the traditional Wands and are tied to the energy of motivation and inspiration. Element: **△** fire

**FEATHERS:** Feathers symbolize power,

freedom and celestial wisdom. Feathers are used in place of the traditional Swords and are tied to the energy of ideas and influence.  
Element:  $\Delta$  air

**SHELLS:** (Sea) shells symbolize harmony, peace and fertility. Shells are used in place of the traditional Cups and are tied to the energy of emotions and imagination.  
Element:  $\nabla$  water

**CRYSTALS:** (Quartz) crystals symbolize manifestation, clarity and abundance. Crystals are used in place of the traditional Pentacles/Coins and are tied to the energy of livelihood and materialism.  
Element:  $\nabla$  earth

# THE CARDS

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# MAJOR ARCANA

## O. THE TRAVELLER · GAZELLE

### *Adventure and Potential*

**MESSAGE:** Free-spirited Gazelle is the explorer of new paths and the seeker of new adventures. Following his intuition, he bounds gracefully into the unknown. He swiftly changes direction and zigzags to avoid complications. As a result of this ability, he's comfortable in his own vulnerability. Gazelle prompts you to harness your own youthful enthusiasm that will help fuel the way to new experiences and a bright future. At the same time, he wants you to remember to look where you're going when leaping into new terrain. With faith and optimism, allow yourself to flow with life.

**KEYWORDS:** A new experience, leap of faith, spontaneity, adventure, potential, freedom, childlike energy.

**REVERSED MESSAGE:** Examine what is directly ahead of you and review steps taken before making the next move. When



responsibilities are dealt with, you can safely move onward.

**REVERSED KEYWORDS:** Foolishness, recklessness, irresponsibility, naivety, lack of judgment.

## 1. THE MAGICIAN • RAVEN

### *Willpower and Creation*

**MESSAGE:** With her talent in bringing magic to a situation, Raven is your mentor in making the best use of your skills. She will help you shed fears so that you can unleash your full potential and personal power. Transforming ideas into reality, Raven knows that possibilities begin from nothing. Her spirit holds the fires of creativity that turn obstacles into productive expression. Let this be a reminder to reach onward into the infinite as you unleash beautiful energies. When you allow divine force to flow through you, your intentions toward making dreams come true will manifest through sheer will. You can make things happen, because you are the ruler of your reality.

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