

Simplicity Tarot

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@ Introduction @

Do you remember the first time you ever read tarot for yourself? I remember I was mystified, intrigued and felt like I had a power source of hidden knowledge in my hand. I shuffled the tarot deck all excited and a bit nervous, drew three cards, flipped them over, looked down, stopped and thought, “What the heck does this mean?”

This memory, of course, stuck with me. Over the years, as my passion for tarot grew, so did my yearning to create a tarot deck that would make reading easier for newbies and all those still struggling with the cards. To achieve this, I knew I had to create a deck with the following components. First, I wanted to base the deck on Rider-Waite™ artwork, because that is the most familiar tarot imagery. I also wanted to modernize the artwork to make it easier to interpret. Secondly, I decided I would add keywords to the cards to make the tarot

reading experience easy. Next, I wanted to create a tarot deck with uplifting light colors to make it more inviting. Lastly, I planned to add only the essential card symbolism to simplify each tarot card's meaning. Following these concepts, Simplicity Tarot was born.

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The Simplicity Tarot is a working tarot deck of 78 cards, including the 22 Major Arcana cards, 40 Minor Arcana cards and 16 Court cards. The Simplicity Tarot deck was created with the beginner tarot reader in mind, as well as for the struggling reader. That does not mean there is nothing for the seasoned tarot reader to discover and enjoy in this deck. While the Simplicity Tarot's imagery is inspired by the classic Rider-Waite Tarot, its images have a modern style approach, filled with watercolor images on a white background, giving each card a delicate, uplifting and clean aesthetic. To make each card easy to interpret, the more advanced, confusing symbology was removed, and the essential symbols were kept. Keywords have also been placed at the bottom of each card to suggest the basic tarot meanings.

Simple Tips to Prepare for a Reading

Preparing Yourself for a Tarot Reading

Everyone has different ways they prepare to do tarot readings. Below are some common methods and my personal recommendations for using your Simplicity Tarot deck.

Setting Up, Cleansing and Protecting a Tarot Reading Space

Before conducting a tarot reading, create a space for the reading to take place. This can be an area that is dedicated just for divination, an altar, or a very simple surface that is laid out with a cloth of some kind to place your tarot cards. There's no limitation on the size, or how simple or elaborate this space can be. Do what works best for you. What is important is that the space should be clean and treated as a sacred place to channel divine information.

I also recommend you spiritually cleanse your divination space of negative vibrations before conducting a tarot reading. To do this, you can burn any type of cleansing incense such as sage or palo santo. Spraying spiritual colognes such as Florida Water or Kolonia 1800 has been said to chase negative vibrations away quickly. Lighting white candles is also a common method for keeping your sacred space protected, for the color white is known to deflect negative vibrations, while attracting positive vibrations that can uplift one's energy. You may also say a short prayer to whatever angels, protective spirits or spiritual guides you work with.

Placing crystals such as Black Tourmaline around your sacred reading space is another great way to protect and cleanse your sacred space. Black Tourmaline is known to transform negative vibrations into positive ones. Clear Quartz is another excellent crystal to place in your tarot

reading space, because it can amplify one's intuition. Amethyst is also known to enhance psychic ability and creates a soothing atmosphere. Choose whichever crystal feels right to you, and trust that what you have selected is perfect for your reading space.

Creating Your Tarot Reading Atmosphere

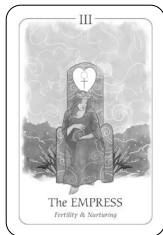
Being grounded, calm and in a clear state of mind aids in channeling and interpreting a tarot reading. As a way of creating a grounding, calm atmosphere, some choose to dim the lights, light candles and burn soothing incense such as lavender or frankincense. For some, meditation is essential before conducting a tarot reading to be in a thoughtful mindset.

Visual Work

Here is a quick and simple visualization exercise to help get you into the right

mindset to conduct a reading. To do this, ground yourself and envision a small bright white light that no darkness can touch at the center of your chest. Feel this light pulsing. See and feel it growing bigger and bigger, until it's larger than the room you are in. See it beaming out beyond the windows, releasing all darkness away. Stay in this moment for some time, then open your eyes and notice how energized your body feels.

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For the third month, I drew the card of the Empress, which represents fertility and nurturing and is a very positive card to see. This can mean that prior investments that

I'd made, such as hard work or previous financial investments, will pay off. The Empress in the tarot in relation to finances is all about growth, prosperity and fertile opportunities to increase finances.

Interpreting the cards as a whole message

Now that I have interpreted my tarot cards one by one, I will try to interpret the cards as a whole using the tips mentioned above, to form a conclusion on what the tarot is trying to tell me about my finances over the next three months.

My conclusion: Over the next three months,