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CARD SPREADS

When the cards are laid out in a spread, they are generally used as a focal point toward a specific topic. Different spreads are available online and in books, or you can create one specific to your needs.

Here are three card spreads that were carefully crafted for this deck. They are offered as a starting point. You can edit the spreads supplied in this guidebook to your taste — for example, you might add, remove, or adjust as many cards as possible. You can also seek alternative spreads you believe are more suitable for your comprehension and reading. As previously mentioned, there are several sources where spreads are available for free.

Single-Card Spread

The single card method is a common way to seek guidance at the beginning of your day. Simply shuffle the cards as you quieten your mind, tuning in to your inner self, and choose one card when your intuition tells you to.

For example, you could ask for a guiding energy for the day, or an indication of what to expect, or what lesson

you need to learn today, and so on. You can also use it to get a simple answer to any question.

This method is the most effective way to start learning the cards and how to interpret their meanings, since you will only be analyzing one card.

Past, Present, and Future

This spread is a common way of learning how to combine the meanings of multiple cards into a single, coherent meaning. Quieten your mind and tune in to your inner self as you hold the deck. As you shuffle the cards, contemplate the situation or question you have. When your intuition guides you, choose three cards from anywhere within the deck and lay them out as shown:

Past *Present* *Future*

Card One — *The Distant Past:*
The foundations and past context of the question you ask. Past factors which influence the situation today.

Card Two — *The Present:*
The factors that are entangled with the situation in the present, and influences that could help you choose the direction to take.

Card Three — *The Further Future:*
The possible consequences that may arise from the combination of the past and present.

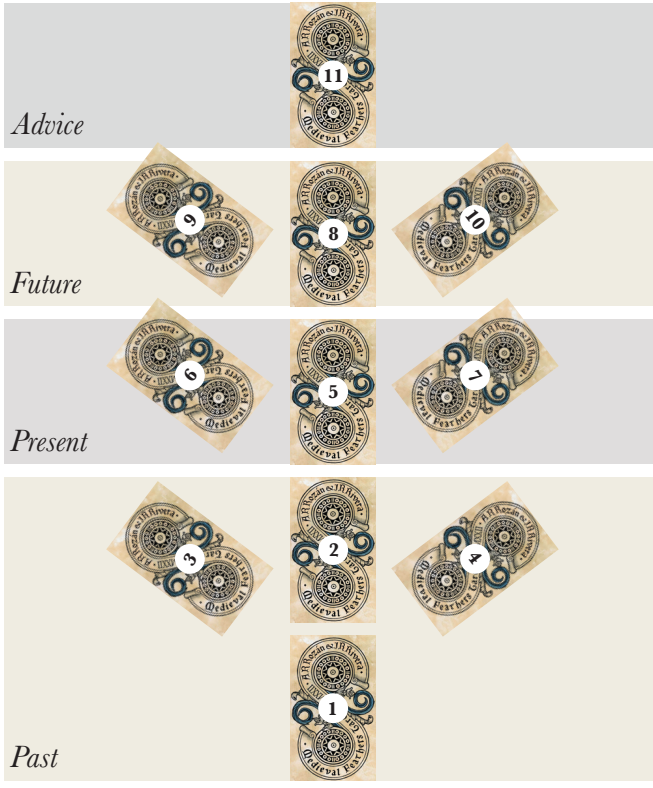
When you are ready, you can work on the expanded version of this spread below.

The Feather Spread

This simple layout is adapted from a more extensive one developed by the artist, Alejandro R. Rozán. It is an expanded version of the simple Past, Present, and Future spread (above). Looking at the past, the present, and toward the future is an excellent way to understand where you stand in life, which is what this feather-shaped spread will reveal.

Remember that previous energy influences the present, and current energy influences the future. You will have to cope with the power from the future, but there is still time to modify it.

Quieten your mind and tune in to your inner self as you hold the deck. Contemplate the situation or question you have as you shuffle the cards. When your intuition guides you, choose 11 cards from anywhere within the deck and lay them out as shown:



The Past

Card One: The root of the situation

Card Two: An event from the past, which influences the situation

Card Three: The internal/subjective (self) past influences on the situation

Card Four: The external/objective (others) influences on the situation

The Present

Card Five: A description of the present situation as it actually is

Card Six: How you (self) see the situation

Card Seven: How others see and influence the situation

The Future

Card Eight: The likely direction the situation is heading, based on all past and present influences

Card Nine: The possible internal/subjective (self) future influences on the situation

Card Ten: The possible external/objective (others) future influences on the situation

The Advice

Card Eleven: The answer to your question, action, or solution

When you think about it, the medieval imagery and the messages from Heaven provide us with a wealth of knowledge and guidance that we can utilize to improve various aspects of our life. The answers to your questions are within you and are revealed by the cards in this deck. These images, inspired by antique tarot decks once used to pass the time, now reveal glimpses of purpose and fortune.

If you come across a feather on the ground (regardless of its shape or color), pick it up and carry it with you. Give it a particular place in your house, perhaps even set it on an altar you may have and know that the skies have dropped a tiny message for you to decipher and implement in your life.

MAJOR ARCANA

0. LE MAT

0. The Fool

This poor and inexperienced beginner, expected to amuse people of class and riches, chooses to walk away to maintain his dignity. After his foolishness in front of those who formerly loved his company, no one will ever take him seriously. The parrot's feather tied to the back of his hat is a reminder that he is free to do whatever he wants and go wherever he needs to. His small, faithful companion sees him through the humiliation and attempts to encourage him to run away so he can escape the conditions placed on him to be someone he is not.

Upright Meaning: *Freedom*

Le Mat signifies freedom from everything that pushes you to be someone you are not. It also frees you from making decisions you disagree with. You must remember that you have free will and can do whatever you choose. Therefore, there is no need for you to stay where you are. If you ever doubt the call from within you to move on, don't second-guess it. Let yourself

run free with the wind and pay close attention to the present moment. Decide what you take into the future and what you will leave behind. Unexpected things will come your way. Receive them without being afraid of what will unfold before you, because there is so much that may benefit you. Life may have set one or more hurdles that hold you back, but the only way to liberate yourself is to conquer them in any manner imaginable.

Reversed Meaning: *Evasive*

You're having trouble committing to a project or a new relationship, and you want to leave it behind so you can run away and do senseless things. It is best for you not to run from it but stay and see how far you can advance. Start to write down ways to approach it, without thinking too hard on it and how much of it you wish to accomplish. By doing so, you will see how the missing pieces will start falling into place.

The Feather

The parrot's feather advises you to abandon old habits and adopt new ones that allow you to explore and discover new things you are curious about.