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How to Read Tarot Class

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Greetings! I'm looking forward to our upcoming class and to meeting all of you. Here, you'll find info on what you need to get ready before class, so that we can start the learning—and the fun!—right on time.

Holly Buczek, Instructor

How to Read Tarot Class

The two groups of cards in a tarot deck are called "Arcana"—a word that means "secrets or mysteries." In this 90-minute class, tarot mentor Holly Buczek will help turn these mysterious images into familiar friends by teaching you the basics of reading and interpreting them. Traditionally, your first tarot deck should be a gift, so this class includes a very special deck as a gift from Holly: the beautiful and inclusive Star Spinner Tarot Cards illustrated by Trung Le Nguyen.

- Holly will start the class with an introduction to the cards and an intuitive, astrology-based exercise that will be especially important for people who are new to tarot.
- Next, you'll calculate your Major Arcana "Personality Card," which represents who you are in this lifetime and reveals your major strengths and the lessons you're here to learn.
- Finally, you'll learn a new spread, guided by Holly, with important tips and tricks to bring into your new tarot practice.

Class length: 90 minutes.

Comes with the class: Exquisitely illustrated by artist Trung Le Nguyen, the [Star Spinner Tarot Deck](#) features a gorgeous diversity of imagery and romantic expression inspired by multicultural myths, legends, and folklore.

Important note: Please **do not** open the deck until Holly tells you to in class (she'll explain why).

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BEFORE CLASS

- Clear a workspace on your table or counter with plenty of space to lay out your cards.
- Set up your laptop or tablet where you can see and hear it clearly.

MATERIALS FOR THE CLASS

- The [Star Spinner Tarot Deck](#) included with this class. (please do not open it before class, you'll see why!).
- Notebook and pen to take notes—you can use a new notebook that will become your "Tarot journal" as you continue to learn and practice beyond class.
- A candle for atmosphere, if you like.

Tarot 101 card-reading guide, by Holly Buczek

You can't cheat your natural intuition...but you can refer to this "cheat sheet" to help you understand and remember the overall structure of your deck.

Ways to read the cards:

- Trust your instincts (remember, you already know what the cards mean — you've lived it.)
- Know that there is no "right" or "wrong"
- Notice the first symbol, visual image, color or number that catches your attention and use it as a way into the card
- Tell the story of what you see
- Relate what you think and feel and allow the card to whisper you a message

MINOR ARCANA

The elements of the four suits

- *Wands = fire*: passion, creativity, action, drive, ambition, career
- *Swords = air*: thoughts, decisiveness, mind, communication, brain
- *Chalices/Cups = water*: emotion, feeling, heart, cleansing, calming
- *Coins/Pentacles = earth*: money, nature, material items, anything tangible

The 1–10s of each suit reflect your day-to-day journeys in life

Ace: The start of things. You are being presented with an opportunity.

- 2: Building upon that opportunity. Partnership.
- 3: Creation of something new, like an idea or project. Birth.
- 4: Setting the foundation. Balance, stability, and grounding.
- 5: Conflict. You're the heart of a conflict and cannot see what came before or the way out.
- 6: Taking a break or a step back from that conflict to reassess. A brief respite from your troubles.
- 7: Back to conflict, but now you start to do the real work to resolve it.
- 8: Double down on the 4 by building an even stronger foundation that has grown out of your resilience while dealing with the conflict.
- 9: Wish fulfillment. You're almost at the end of the cycle.
- 10: Lessons learned, but it's time to restart. No turning back-only new beginnings.

The Royals usually represent people in your life or an element of who you are

- *Pages = pre-teen energy*: discovery, exploration, inquisitive, curious, innocent
- *Knights = teenage energy*: quick movement, impulsivity, defiance, rebelliousness, acting without thinking
- *Queens = "mother" energy*: leading with a nurturing spirit, intuition, inner strength, emotional authority*
- *Kings = "father" energy*: leading with power, force, guidelines, authority, control*

***Note:** "Mother" and "father" shouldn't be taken literally. Their meaning is open to interpretation by the reader of the cards. They mean whatever they mean to you.

MAJOR ARCANA — THE BIG LIFE LESSONS — MAJOR EXPERIENCES

The Fool's Journey through life represents everyone's journey through life.
You are The Fool and the Fool is you.

- **The Fool** — Enters life with optimism — ready to dive in without a care in the world.
- **The Magician** — Instills you with the tools you need to advance (the full 4 suits of the deck)
- **The High Priestess** — Connects you to your intuition first, since this is the most important thing you'll need to go forward.
- **The Empress** — Fills you with the wonders of the natural world — Abundance.
- **The Emperor** — Teaches you a lesson about a power and leadership.
- **The Hierophant** — Instills The Fool with spiritual knowledge, tests you, and presents you with the keys to open the gate to go forward.
- **The Lovers** — The Fool encounters love in the garden of Eden (look at them apples). Will you choose true love or forbidden love?
- **The Chariot** — Fueled by your newfound love, the Fool embraces ambition and drive
- **Fortitude/Strength** — The Fool learns that strength comes from within and is not pure force
- **The Hermit** — Teaches the Fool/you to connect to deeper meaning in your life, to search for your true purpose in the world.
- **Wheel of Fate/Fortune** — The Fool learns that life has incredible ups and downs and that a twist of fate can lead you in a whole new direction.
- **Justice** — The Fool/you start to consider your personal value system and moral code. Ethics are now a part of what you have learned within.
- **The Hanged Man** — Here's where the Fool's Journey starts to get crazy. You learn that decision-making is all within your control, and that you must be ready to decide when it's time to make a move.
- **Death** — The end of something big ALWAYS means the beginning of something else. Don't fight it — death is rebirth.
- **Temperance** — A Calming visit from an angel helps the Fool to find balance within.

- **The Devil** — The Fool learns about temptation and being drawn to toxic behavior and situations.
- **The Tower** — An inevitable event that comes out of the blue to shake the Fool/you to your core.
- **The Star** — Cleansing energy from the cosmos.
- **The Moon** — Deepening of intuition. Exploring dreams, the subconscious and cooler/darker side of life.
- **The Sun** — A blast of warmth and a flash of light — happiness and optimism abound.
- **Judgment** — A true calling presents itself to the Fool. You are now fully self-realized and understand who you would like to be in the world.
- **The World** — Welcomes you with open arms — endless possibilities — openness, vulnerability and a deeper connection to the universe.
- **The Fool** — Because life is a regenerating cycle...we start again at the beginning.



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