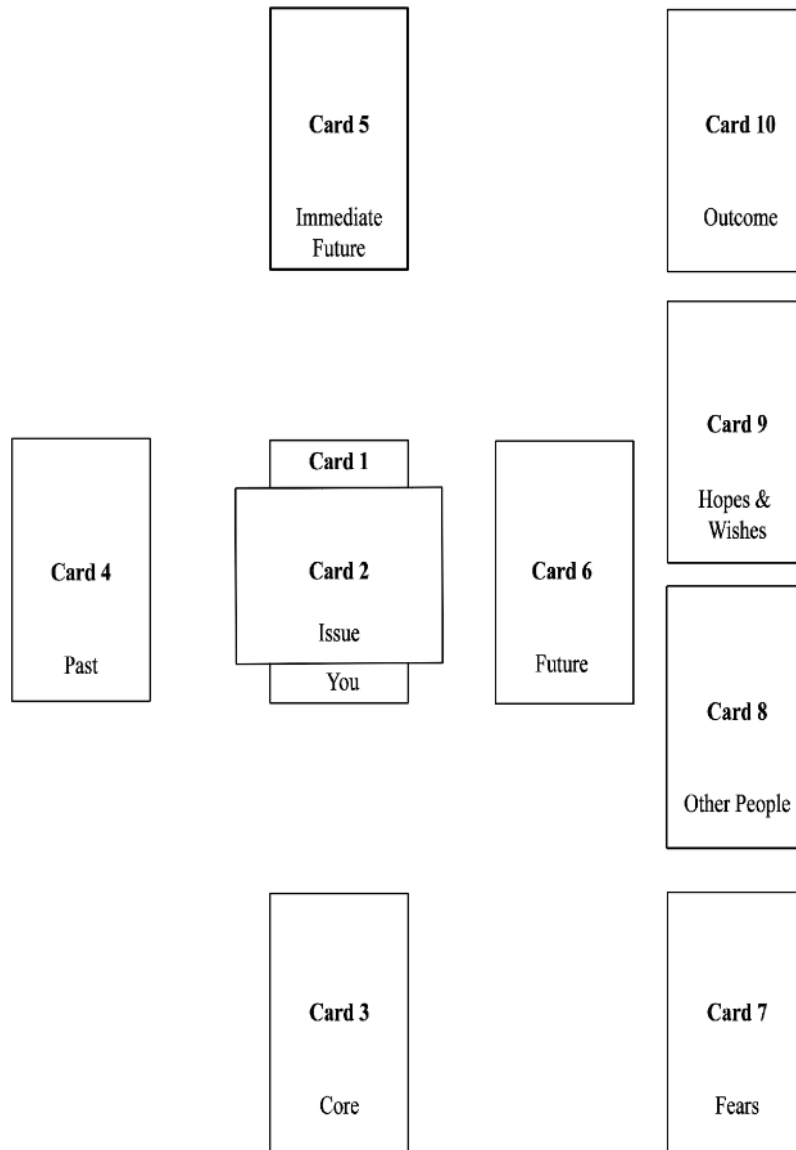


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Tarot Course Exercise FIVE - Celtic Cross

There are 10 positions in the spread.



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Position 1 is the situation.

Position 2 crosses position 1 and this will often bring up the real issue or the challenge. This is the opposing factor.

Position 3 is below 1 and 2 and this adds further detail to the present situation. It is the root cause of the problem.

Position 4 to the left indicates the past.

Position 5 above the cross indicates influences which are leaving and the immediate future. It can also be the goal of the querant.

Position 6 to the right is close future.

Position 7 at the bottom of the vertical line indicates the fears of the querant. This can also be how you see yourself.

Position 8 directly above 7 indicates other people. It can represent matters of the home.

Position 9 directly above 8 indicates the hopes and wishes of the querant. There is often some key guidance with this card.

Position 10 at the top of the row indicates the outcome.

For more information you can put another row from bottom to top beside the first one. You can continue adding rows, which will give even more information.

You would normally only do this if the outcome is not clear. This may be that the question is unclear or has not yet been decided.

When you add extra rows to the Celtic Cross spread, it can add considerably additional insight to the reading.

You can read up the columns from the bottom to the top. You can also read across each line, so you have additional information on Your Fears, The Influence of Other People, Hopes and the Outcome.

Practice Exercise FIVE – Major Arcana, Cups, Wands, Swords and Pentacles

Take out all the cards.

There are two situations here. One is a work situation and one is a personal situation.

At the moment the person simply wants to know what is happening with those situations and what direction they are going in. Think about what you might say to the person sitting in front of you. Remember to remind them that the cards are indicating the general outcome of a situation IF they do not make any changes. However they have the free will to make changes to any situation.

1) What is happening with my work situation?

Place the following cards in the Celtic Cross positions and begin your interpretation. Make a note of your answers in your tarot journal.

- 1) 2 of Pentacles
- 2) 4 of Swords
- 3) Queen of Cups
- 4) The Emperor
- 5) Ace of Wands
- 6) Ace of Swords
- 7) 2 of Swords
- 8) 8 of Swords
- 9) 8 of Wands
- 10) Death

2) What is happening with my relationship?

- 1) 3 of Wands
- 2) Hermit
- 3) Star
- 4) 6 of Cups
- 5) Ace of Pentacles
- 6) The Tower
- 7) 10 of Cups
- 8) Wheel of Fortune
- 9) The Chariot
- 10) 2 of Cups

Write down your answers. Take note of any thoughts, feelings and impressions that come to mind as you are doing this exercise.

Using the same questions, shuffle and cut the cards and lay them out again, maybe thinking of yourself (if applicable) or someone else. Practice doing this, so that different cards come up in different positions. Write down your answers in your tarot journal.

Go with the first impressions that come to you. When you have done that, then check back with the definitions in your notes, just to add extra distinctions to your own meanings.

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Exercise with 21 card Romany Spread.

7 card, 3 row Spread using 21 cards

This spread is traditionally called the Romany Spread

This is a very simple spread to get an idea of what has happened in the past, which is having an effect on the Querant's (person asking the question or person you are reading for) life now and the general way things are progressing- if no changes are made.

It consists of 3 rows of 7 cards, laid from right to left and starting at the bottom of the table (i.e. closest to you, the reader)

Lay out 7 cards- this is the past

Lay out another row of 7 cards- this is the present

Lay out another row of 7 cards- this is the future outcome.

You can also lay further rows out after this, if you want to get more information going on the developments of the situation.

It is very good for a general overview and will often bring up things that may need to be explored in more depth with other readings.

21	20	19	18	17	16	15
			Future			
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
			Present			
7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Past

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Lay out the cards as follows. The person has not given you any information about themselves or their situation, so it is a general overview

Row 1) Past- at the bottom

- 1) 6 of Pentacles
- 2) The Magician
- 3) The World
- 4) 3 of Swords
- 5) The Fool
- 6) 2 of Wands
- 7) 10 of Wands

Row 2) Present- in the middle, above Past

- 8) The Sun
- 9) 10 of Cups
- 10) 4 of Pentacles
- 11) 7 of Swords
- 12) Strength
- 13) 3 of Pentacles
- 14) 9 of Wands

Row 3) - Future – at the top

- 15) 10 of Swords
- 16) Queen of Wands
- 17) 3 of Cups
- 18) 9 of Pentacles
- 19) The Lovers
- 20) The Hanged Man
- 21) Justice

Read the cards from right to left in the positions shown and build up the story as you are going along. Make a note of your insights and thoughts in your tarot journal.

You can add extra rows if you wish to give added insight into the progression of the situation and the likely outcome, if the person does not make any changes.