

Suit of Pentacles

The suit of Pentacles represents practical and material things in our lives such as money, business, prosperity and studying.

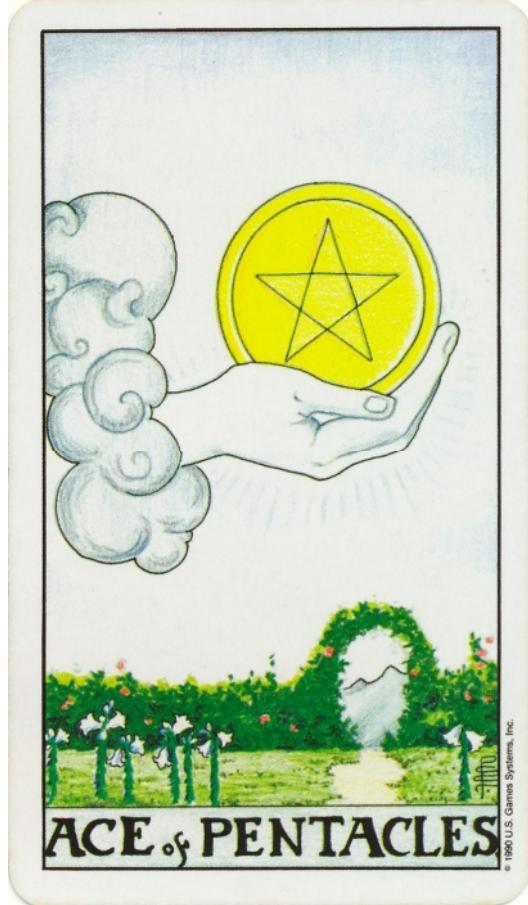
Pentacles represent the Element of Earth, which in Astrology points towards the signs of Capricorn, Virgo and Taurus.

Earth type people are often rooted, grounded, practical people who can be very good at doing things with their hands. They often have a strong connection with nature and the earth.

On the positive side, the type of qualities that spring to mind are salt-of-the-earth, dependable, reliable, honest, trustworthy, straight-forward, organised, methodical, completes the job, know the value of money, enjoy the good and in particular good food, steady, secure, goal oriented, determined, pragmatic, persevering, unflappable common-sense, no nonsense approach and providers.

On the negative side, you can find indications of being stuck, being a plodder, unable and unwilling to make change, unexciting, boring, rigid, inflexible, placing excessive value on material things, pedantic, over cautious, fault finding, unimaginative, pessimistic and a worrier.

The Pentacles are about tangible, practical, reality based actions and events. They signify “DOING” and “ACTION”



Ace of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

New source of money, financial opportunity, regular money flow.

Symbols

A hand holds a Pentacle or a coin, with a 5 pointed star on it, out of a cloud. There is a lush garden behind, suggesting plenty.

Meaning

As with all the Aces, the Ace of Pentacles symbolises a beginning and something new coming being offered.

This will often be a new source of money coming to someone. It is usually extra regular money of some description.

It can indicate new opportunities leading to increased prosperity. The card indicates a change for the better financially, or at least, the opportunities are there to improve your financial situation.

You will probably have to take some action in order to take advantage of this new flow of money. It can also point to improved cash flow through better money management.



Two of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Juggling money and life, going round in circles, busy-ness

Symbols

Here we see a figure, who looks as if he is dancing. He appears to be juggling two pentacles, which are going round in loops. There are ships on choppy emotional seas in the background.

Meaning

This is a card of juggling, particularly with money. The feeling of the card is almost about going round in very unproductive circles and not getting very much done on a practical level.

There are constant fluctuations with money and there is probably a need to budget better.

There can be so many balls in the air that the person is just trying to keep afloat with everything.

They may also be in denial as to how tricky their situation is or could be.

This card calls for flexibility and fluidity. This is not a time to be fixed or rigid in anything. It can also be asking you to see what you could put down or give to someone else to handle.

Two cards represent balance or lack of it, decisions and duality.

Interestingly the pentacles are connected through a figure of 8, which is a sign of infinity. This is connecting both sides of the brain and brings logic and emotion together.

It can be pointing to a need to focus on one thing at a time and to do that well.



Three of Pentacles

Quick Keywords

Learning, new skills, studying, apprentice, expert, foundations.

Symbols

This card shows 3 pentacles built into the arch of a building, possibly a church. The figure on the left would appear to be a stonemason or a craftsman who is carrying out the work on the pillar.

He is the acknowledged expert and that status has come about through both learning and experience.

Meaning

This is a card of leaning, studying and developing a skill, which is likely to be

useful in the workplace.

This can be indicating an apprentice learning his craft or his trade. It will often come up for someone when they are starting a course of study. This may be for pleasure or it may be a work related skill. It is a card of success through really applying yourself and mastering your subject.

This card can also indicate teaching and lessons being learned in life situations from someone who is more experienced in that subject than you. As with all the pentacle cards, it is learning by doing and by experiencing. It is practical learning, which may go alongside theoretical learning.

With this card, there is often a need for co-operation from a 3rd party, usually someone whose expertise is needed. That is likely to be help from a professional. It is a card of co-operation and teamwork to get a job done.

This is a card of laying foundations and it is important to get things right at this stage.



Four of Pentacles

Quick Keywords

Hold onto money, budget, stuck, lack of flow.

Symbols

Here we see a well-dressed figure, maybe a king, sitting on a bench clutching a pentacle with his feet on two others and one on his crown.

Meaning

He seems to be trying very hard to hold onto what money and material possessions he has. This can indicate a need to be very careful with your spending at the moment and to avoid unnecessary extravagance. Maybe you need to have a better budget.

It can also point to someone who is being very miserly with their money and hanging on to every penny they have.

In that case their money can be a source of stress and anxiety to them as they live in fear of losing it and of not having enough. Their money is not a source of pleasure to them.

Whilst someone is firmly holding onto what they have got, there is no room for anything to flow out but there is also no room for anything to flow in. It is a card of blockages around money. It can also indicate someone who is obsessed by accumulating material wealth.

This is a card of trying to control and maintain the status quo.



Five of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Lack, financial hardship, struggle, hopeless, spiritual poverty.

Symbols

Here we see 5 pentacles in a stained glass window and 2 poor, ragged, desolate, sick people walking past outside. They seem to have no way of being able to enter the world of plenty behind them or even be aware of its existence.

Meaning

This card symbolises financial pain, strife, loss, debt, desperation and all the problems that can arise from severe shortage of money. It is a card of financial difficulty and struggle. There

also seems to be a real feeling of hopelessness.

This card can also indicate money that is tied up or possibly lost in a financial transaction.

It can also indicate that someone is not going to receive as much money as they were expecting in a situation.

The card can also indicate spiritual poverty and a feeling that life is meaningless and that there is no-one to turn to for help and guidance.

The lack and neglect may also be connected with our health and not taking care of ourselves properly.

Whether the hardship is over money, health, emotional or spiritual matters, it is important to realise it will pass. Action needs to be taken to move forward.



Six of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Plenty, abundance, charity, financial help, giving.

Symbols

In this card, we see a wealthy, well-dressed man giving money to beggars.

He has scales in one hand, so he seems to be carefully weighing out what he is giving, to be fair to all.

Meaning

This is a card of plenty and abundance. The man has spare money to give away to charity and to help others. He seems to be kind and generous.

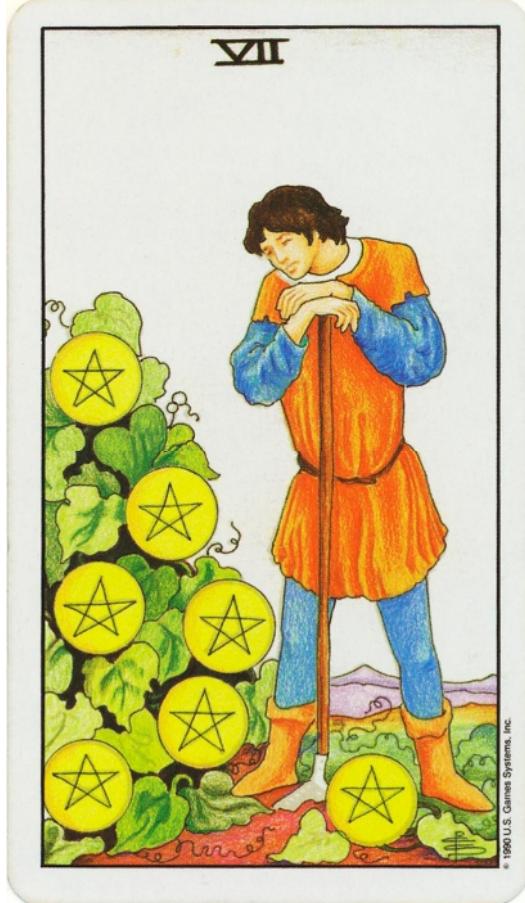
There is extra money around you.

This can be a card of balancing the books, of repaying money that is owed or receiving that money back from someone.

There can also be financial help on the way from someone who is in a position to be able to offer that help.

This may be in the form of a loan or it may be a gift or perhaps a grant.

You might be a benefactor to someone else. With this card you may be the giver or the receiver.



Seven of Pentacles

Quick Keywords

Fruits of your labours, earned success, keep going, evalution.

Symbols

Here we see a man in a garden with 6 pentacles on a bush and one on the ground. He seems to be pausing to look at what he has created.

Meaning

Money is on its way from projects that you have got underway. You have come a long way with the project and whilst you can pause and look at what you have created, it is important to keep going and complete it because the rewards are on their way.

This can also come up for someone where they have put in a lot of effort, possibly unpaid, and are on the point of giving up because they are not seeing the rewards coming as fast as they would like.

It is important to acknowledge the progress that has already been achieved. It is a time of reflection to make sure that you are still going in the direction of your dreams.

This card can show up where someone is at a crossroads point with the decision to make as to whether they continue with what they are doing or go onto something else. It is a time of evaluation and maybe needing to do something slightly different, in order to reap the rewards that are due.

Sometimes the hardest bit can be the last little bit because you can see the project is largely complete because of the work you have already done. However it is often the last bit of effort that completes the project and brings in all the financial returns,

This can also be the rewards from investments, which have been carefully planned and thought out.

The money that comes is generally yours in some way.



Eight of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Job satisfaction, making money, creativity, progress.

Symbols

Here we see a man who is literally “making money”. He has six finished pentacles hanging up, he is working on one and there is another one on the floor, waiting to be finished.

Meaning

This card is about working at something you enjoy and earning money from it. There is creativity, satisfaction, a certain amount of skill and mental stimulation in the work.

This can be someone who is turning a hobby or a passion into a business and earning some money from it or becoming self employed.

It can be someone who is working with their hands and it can also be someone who is enjoying the work that they are doing.

It is the card of the craftsman, so it can also mean perfecting skills you already have or learning new ones.

There is a sense of pride and of a job well done. It is a card of applying yourself totally and methodically to what you are doing and you will reap the rewards from that, in every sense of the word.



Nine of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Affluence, stability, security, prosperity, self reliance.

Symbols

Here we see a wealthy woman in a lush, plentiful garden with Pentacles all around her. She has a falcon on her wrist, which was traditionally a sport of the wealthy. She has no worries from a financial point of view.

Meaning

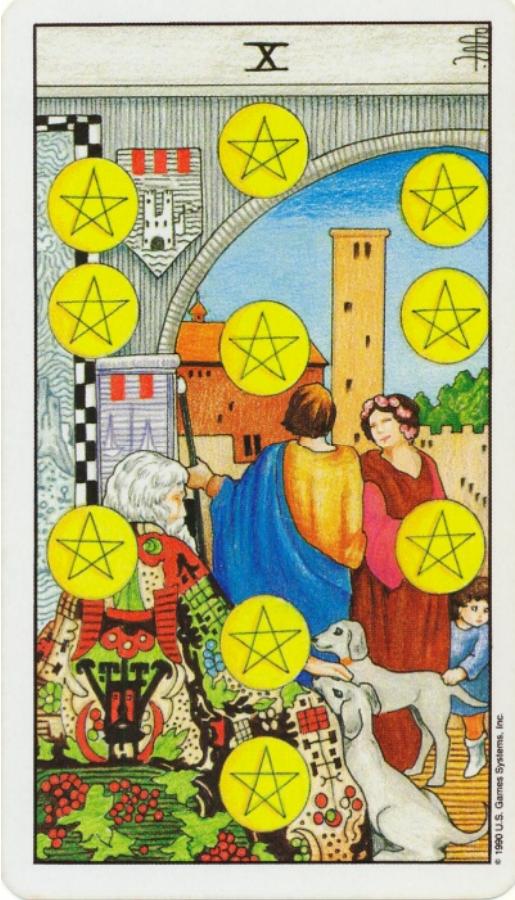
This card points to financial stability and security. It is more than just income coming from a job. It is about income and wealth coming from property, savings and other investments. This can also be

“unearned” income.

There is a sense of solitude with this card, although the woman seems quite comfortable with that. A person may be on their own, but there seems to be financial provision for them, either of their own creation or from someone else.

It can be a lady, or man, of leisure who does not need to “work”. It can also be a “self-made” man or woman who has worked for the financial stability they have and are can afford to enjoy the fruits of their efforts.

This can also indicate someone who has expensive tastes and can be extravagant. This is likely to be a person who opts for quality over quantity and goes for the best items they can afford.



Ten of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Affluence, inheritance, family money, sum of money.

Symbols

Here we see 3 generations of a family, with pentacles all around them. There is wealth, comfort, stability, prosperity, material security and luxury.

Meaning

This card often indicates a sum of money that is coming to you. It may be family money or an inheritance or money that is yours in some way.

It can also indicate a sum of money from any source, either expected or unexpected.

It can also indicate generosity and financial support from within the family or a benefactor.

This can also be success from a business. It is also about tradition and convention and can indicate a need to make financial and business arrangements that will work in the long - term future for you.



Page of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Practical, business ideas, physical enjoyment, attract resources, earth sign child.

Person

This may be a child or a person who is much younger than the querant. It may be a student who does not necessarily find studying easy, but who achieves success by plodding along and persevering.

As a person, they display the characteristics of the Earth type person. They are loyal, dependable, reliable, hard-working, methodical, disciplined, like to see material success and practical.

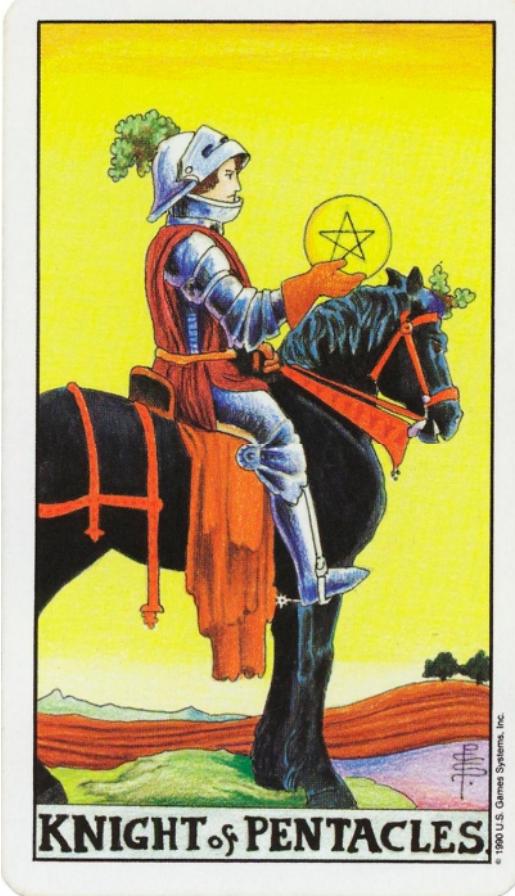
On the negative side they can be unemotional, a slave-driver (both of themselves and others), stubborn, rigid, inflexible and crave recognition. They don't like change or things which upset their routine. They require discipline and a structure to work with.

Situation

Never worry about money. It will always be there for you when you need it, even if it sometimes seems a bit out of reach.

This card can point towards research that will require attention to detail. This card can show up for someone who is in a rut with his/her career or money and needs to make a change.

This may indicate a money-making idea or a new enterprise starting, which is in the planning and where the financial rewards are not immediately apparent.



Knight of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Fixed, inflexible, finest of everything, stubborn, cautious, practical, hard worker, dislike change.

Here we see an unhappy (or angry) looking figure sitting on a stationary black horse. He holds a pentacle in his hand.

Person

This can be a man or a woman. As a person they are practical, conventional, patient, hardworking, determined, persistent, detail oriented, meticulous, thorough, prudent, cautious, save their money, likes the comfort of a financial nest egg behind them.

They place a great value on financial comfort, like their material comforts and

insist on having the best of everything.

On the negative side they can be lacking in humour and unemotional.

They can be stubborn, rigid, inflexible, lacking direction or ambition and fiercely resistant to change. They do not like anything which rocks the status quo of their lives.

They can be nit-picky perfectionists. They may also work so hard to provide the material comforts for themselves and their family that they forget to build in any time to enjoy the things they have worked so hard to accomplish.

Situation

This card can be indicating a stalemate or things not moving as fast as you would like. It may be that once the results come, they will be worth the effort. There can also be a need to push the situation along a little or you may just be banging your head against a brick wall and need to move on.



Queen of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Practical, business like, organised, stability, connection with earth and nature, homely.

Symbols

A queen sits on an ornate throne in lush, plentiful, abundant scenery. She is looking down at the pentacle in her lap.

Person

She is an organised, matter-of-fact, practical, down-to-earth person who enjoys straightforward dealings with people. She is honest and trustworthy, generous, action and detail oriented, good at balancing the budget and juggling the home and family. She is shrewd and sensible.

She likes to surround herself with good quality things and will usually buy the best she can afford. She is generally a good money manager and likes to have the security of money behind her.

She may be a businesswoman. She could also be the type of person who makes an excellent behind-the-scenes organiser. She does not particularly crave the limelight and often prefers to support someone else in the background.

She is loving, caring, generous, nurturing, may have an affinity with nature or gardening. She loves to care for others and support them. She is often the person who has a house full of waifs and strays, pets and plants. She always has a warm welcome for anyone.

Situation

The Queen of Pentacles points towards stability in your life. This is in both emotional and financial matters. There is a closeness with the earth and nature and all things practical



King of Pentacles **Quick Keywords**

Business person, money, financial dealings, caution, check things carefully.

Symbols

A well - dressed king sits on an ornate thrown with a pentacle in his lap. He seems to be more concerned with looking at his money than at his surroundings.

He has a suit of armour under his clothes, which suggests he has a tough interior and is protecting himself from anything emotional.

Person

As a person, this can be a man or a woman. They are most likely a business - person or someone involved with money. They are likely to be charming and very persuasive when you meet them.

They are a shrewd, sharp business- person with an ability to win through on tough negotiation. Their first priority in any transaction will be themselves and particularly how they will benefit financially.

You may find that they gracefully and charmingly promise you one thing verbally and then the written contracts may not quite match up to what they have promised. They like to be in control of situations involving money.

Be very careful with this person, particularly in business and financial dealings, check everything carefully and make sure you know exactly where you stand before you commit yourself to anything.

Situation

Be careful of the person handling the money in business, official and financial dealings.

Tarot Card Reversals

Some people work with reversals and others don't. I make sure that all cards are the right way up before I give them to a client to shuffle.

If cards then end up reversed, it is probably because that is what is meant to happen and there is an important message for the client.

If someone shuffles the cards by mixing them up on the table or doing some fancy card splitting, then there may be a lot of reversed cards and sometimes it can be difficult to know which way should be upright for the deck.

In many cases, a reversed card will indicate that the energy of the Upright card is blocked in some way.

Some of the cards have more specific meanings when reversed and sometimes the Reversed card can be LESS challenging than the Upright card.

Approach the Reversed cards in the same way as you would an Upright card. Look at the card and notice how the image is now different. What is now happening? Is there anything that is more striking in the Reversed position?

Notice how the card makes you feel and any insights that spring to mind. Make a note of it in your Tarot Journal.

Some people completely ignore reversed cards and treat them as if they were upright.

I tend to take them on a reading by reading basis. When a reversed card comes up, I look at in the context of everything else and let my intuition guide me about the significance and meaning of it in that particular context.

Conclusion

I hope you have enjoyed this course on using the Tarot to develop your Intuition.

Just remember to relax, go with the flow and trust the Intuitive voices, picture or feelings that you get. Then take action.

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After graduating from the University of Salford in 1989, I worked in various positions as a self-employed sales person in industries as diverse as encyclopaedias, driveways, booklet advertising and ended up as one of the top sales reps in a large national window and conservatory company, where I worked for 6 ½ years.



I began to apply simple relaxation techniques before my sales calls and found this had a marked increase in sales. I became fascinated by the ideas of using my mind to help create success. I also spent a lot of time teaching, training and inspiring others, both in the field and in classroom situations.

I found that the more I could relax and visualise my ideal outcome, the more successful I became. As a successful female in a highly male dominated industry I was on the receiving end of a lot of jealousy and highly destructive energies. Protecting my energies was one of the first things I learnt and now teach others to do.

This led to my interest in astrology, the power of names and numbers as well as a keen interest in energy healing and the awesome power of our thoughts in creating our lives.

I have been reading Tarot cards for over 16 years, and have used them to help people to empower themselves to move forward in their lives. I learnt how to read the Tarot cards and found that my natural intuitive abilities increased enormously.

I now use that as the basis to see and feel the energies going on around someone in their life or their business, and can then help you to move swiftly through that, so you can create the future you desire. The Tarot is a fantastic tool to help you to connect to your own intuition and creativity and also to the Universal energies that are around us.

My journey with the Tarot

I have been fascinated with subjects such as Astrology since I was in my teens and started to do some simple breathing exercises to help calm my nerves before exams whilst in University.

In my early 20s I met a lady who read the tarot cards. I found her amazingly accurate and attended one of her courses. I originally started to read as a way of generating an income when my first child was born, so I did not have to go back to work.

Business grew steadily and then I hit some major challenges, which I did not have the knowledge or life experience to deal with. I began to suddenly get sore throats and could not speak. I now understand that to be blockages in

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my throat chakra, which is about communication (not surprisingly medical drugs had no effect whatsoever!)

I found that I so desperately wanted to help people to have happy and fulfilled lives, that I found myself almost taking responsibility for their lives and accepting the blame for things going wrong in their lives.

I also found it very difficult to say No to people and would end up having conversations very late at night or I would try to find for people what they wanted to see.

Due to a combination of things, I put my cards to one side and went “back to work” or at least into selling double glazing.

In April 2006, our family went through a life-changing crisis and I found myself drawn back to my trusty tarot cards. To my surprise my psychic and intuitive abilities were vastly greater than they had ever been before.

I used the cards to see where the whole matter was going, what was going on in the minds of the people who had brought the action against us and what they were likely to do next. Whilst there was little we could do to change any of it, we could choose how we reacted.

The cards were a fantastic tool for identifying what needed healing in the whole situation.

I also had 12 years intense life experiences behind me, as well as several years study in personal development and human excellence. This enabled me to offer readings which are more coaching in nature and firmly focused on the actions the client can take for themselves to move themselves forward.

Every time a challenge comes along, I turn to my Tarot cards to help me to tap into my Intuition and to connect the Universal energies, in order to provide answers and guidance.

I regularly use all of the spreads we have talked about in this book, depending on the situation and the questions I am trying to answer.

We shape our own lives and have the choice of the thoughts we think and the actions we take. The tarot can help us to tap into our intuition and our internal guidance system and help us to make the most empowering decisions for us at the time.

We all have free will and we are the ones that make the decisions and take the actions that shape our lives.

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