

DIRECTIONS FOR USE - TRADITIONAL

First shuffle the cards and cut them with the left hand. Proceed to deal them out, one by one in four successive rows of eight cards each, the cards in each row being laid from left to right; the remaining four cards are then laid in the same manner, under the middle of the other rows, as shown in the diagram:



SIGNIFICATION OF THE CARDS

The cards are numbered from 1 to 36, and will be described in their regular order.

The person consulting the cards is represented by No. 29 if a lady; or No. 28 if a gentleman. The signification of the personal card depends largely on the position it assumes in the dealing of cards in rows, and the meaning and force of all the other cards modified by their distance from or contiguity to the Personal card.

No. 1 – The Cavalier is a messenger of good fortune – if not surrounded by unlucky cards, brings good news, which the Person may expect, either from his own house or from abroad; this will, however, not take place immediately, but sometime later.

No. 2 – The Clover Leaf is also a harbinger of good news; but if surrounded by clouds it indicates great pain; but if No. 2 lies near No.29 or 28, the pain will be of short duration, and soon change to a happy issue.

No. 3 – The Ship, the Symbol of commerce, signifies great wealth, which will be acquired by trade or inheritance; if near to the Person, it means an early journey.

No. 4 – The House is a certain sign of success and prosperity in all undertakings; and though the present position of the Person may be disagreeable, yet the future will be bright and happy. If this card lies in the center of the cards, under the Person, this is a hint to beware of those who surround him or her.

No. 5 – A Tree, if distant from the Person, signifies good health; more trees of different cards together, leave no doubt about the realization of all reasonable wishes.

No. 6 – Clouds, if their clear side is turned towards the Person, are a lucky sign; with the dark side turned to the Person, something disagreeable will happen.

No. 7 – A Serpent is a sign of misfortune, the extent of which depends upon the greater or smaller distance from the Person; it is followed invariably by deceit, infidelity and sorrow.

No. 8 – A Coffin, very near to the Person, means, without any doubt, dangerous diseases, death, or a total loss of fortune. More distant from the Person, the card is less dangerous.

No. 9 – The Bouquet means much happiness in every respect.

No. 10 – The Scythe indicates great danger, which will only be avoided if lucky cards surround it.

No. 11 – The Rod means quarrels in the family, domestic afflictions, want of peace among married persons; also fever and protracted illness.

No. 12 – The Bird means hardships to overcome, but of short duration; distant from the Person, it means the accomplishment of a pleasant journey.

No 13 – The Child is a sign that the Person moves in good society and is full of kindness towards everybody.

No. 14 – The Fox, if near, is a sign to mistrust persons with whom you are connected, because some of them try to deceive you; if distant, no danger is to be apprehended.

No. 15 – The Bear is either a messenger of good fortune, or admonishes you to keep away from company, particularly that of the envious.

No. 16 – The Star confirms good luck in all enterprises; but if near clouds, it means a long series of unhappy accidents.

No. 17 – The Stork indicates a change of abode, which will take place, the sooner the nearer the card lies to the Person.

No. 18 – The Dog, if near the Person, you can consider your friends faithful and sincere; but if very distant and surrounded by clouds, be cautious not to trust those who call themselves your friends.

No. 19 – The Tower gives the hope of a happy old age; but if surrounded by clouds, it forebodes sickness, and, according to circumstances, even death.

No 20 – The Park prognosticate that you will visit a very respectable company; if very near that you are to form a very intimate friendship, but if distant, it hints to false friends.

No. 21 – The Mountains, near the Person, warn you against a mighty enemy, if distant you may rely on powerful friends.

No. 22 – The Roads, surrounded by clouds, are signs of disaster; but without this card, and if distant from the Person, that you shall find ways and means to avoid the threatening danger.

No. 23 – The Mouse is a sign of a theft, a loss; when near, it indicates the recovery of a thing lost or stolen, if at a distant, the loss will be irreparable.

No. 24 – The Heart is a sign of joy leading to union and bliss.

No. 25 – The Ring, if on the right of the Person, prognosticate a rich and happy marriage; when on the left, and distant, a falling out with the object of your affection, and the breaking off of a marriage.

No. 26 – The Book indicates that you are going to find out a secret; according to its position, you can judge in what manner; great caution, however, is necessary in attempting a solution,

No. 27 – The Letter, without clouds, means luck, which comes to you by distant, favorable news; but if dark clouds are near the Person, you may expect much grief.

No. 28 – The Gentleman

No. 29 – The Lady

No. 30 – The Lilies indicate a happy life; surrounded by clouds, a family grief. If this card is placed above the person, they indicate the same as being virtuous; if below the Person, the moral principles are doubted.

No. 31 – The Sun, lying near, points to happiness and pleasure, as its beams spread light and warmth; far away, it indicates misfortune and sorrow, as without the Sun's influences, nothing can grow.

No. 32 – The Moon is a sign of great honors, fortune and fame, if the card lies at the side of the Person; if at a distance, it means grief and misery.

No. 33 – The Key, if near, means certain success of a wish or a plan; if distant, the contrary.

No. 34 – The Fishes, if near the Person, point to the acquisition of large fortune by marine enterprises and to a series of successful undertakings. If distant, they indicate the failure of any speculation, no matter how well projected or planned.

No. 35 – The Anchor is a sign of successful enterprise at sea, of great advantages in trade, and of true love; but distant, it means a thorough disappointment in ideas, and inconstancy in love.

No. 36 – The Cross is always a bad sign; if very near the Person, you may hope that the misfortune will not last long.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE – MODERN

Focus on the question or concern. Shuffle the cards and cut them with the left hand. Proceed to deal them out by one in three successive rows of three cards each, as shown in the diagram:

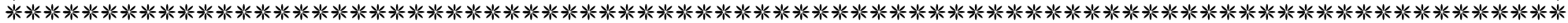
	Past	Present	Future
Surface Issues	○	○	○
Central Issues	○	○	○
Deep Issues	○	○	○

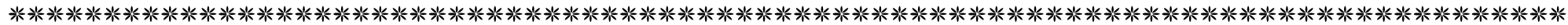
Row 1 addresses surface issues, row 2 addresses central issues, and row 3 addresses deeper issues.

Column 1 represents the past, column 2 represents the present, column 3 represents the future.

Interpret cards in groups of two and three. You can choose to look at the levels of the issues involved or the past/present/future view or both.

Pay attention to the center card, which represents the heart of the situation and the four cards that are at the corners of the square. The two on the left represent the influences from the past while the two on the right represent future influences.





CARD MEANINGS

No. 1 Rider - Spiritual: Enlightenment; Emotional: A change of heart; Mental: A realization, receiving information; Physical: A visitor or guest; Moon Phase: New – The outcome cannot be seen

No. 2 Clover - Spiritual: Finding your way; Emotional: Being in accord with another; Mental: Clearing understanding; Physical: An opening or way through; Moon Phase: Full – It is the time to strike

No. 3 Ship - Spiritual: Meditative journeys, astral travel; Emotional: Exploring emotional situations, finding causes; Mental: Daydreams, creative thought; Physical: Traveling far from home; Moon Phase: New – You may not end up where you expect

No. 4 House - Spiritual: A church or group of like-minded associates; Emotional: Your comfort zone; Mental: An area you know a lot about; Physical: Your physical home, where you regularly sleep; Moon Phase: Full – Familiarity surrounds you

No. 5 Tree - Spiritual: Those on the same spiritual path, the entities in your spirit family; Emotional: Your moods, your chosen family; Mental: Mental health issues, interrelated thoughts; Physical: Your physical family, people you see every day, physical health; Moon Phase: Waxing – Growth, but slowly

No. 6 Clouds - Spiritual: Straying from your destined path; Emotional: Feeling conflicted, warring emotions; Mental: Confusion, misunderstanding; Physical: Mist, heavy rain, precipitation; Moon Phase: Waning – Certainty dwindles

No. 7 Snake - Spiritual: Spiritual assault, negative energy; Emotional: Heartbreak, upset; Mental: Shock, disturbance; Physical: Accident, physical difficulty; Moon Phase: Waning – Your way becomes less sure

No. 8 Coffin - Spiritual: Spiritual fatigue or burnout; Emotional: End of relationship or emotional obligation; Mental: Depression, unthinking action; Physical: Death, sickness, weakening; Moon Phase: New – Endings and beginnings start in darkness

No. 9 Bouquet - Spiritual: A blessing or ability; Emotional: Comfort; Mental: Pleasant thoughts, happy woolgathering; Physical: An actual gift or reward bestowed; Moon Phase: Full – Receive what you have worked for in full

No. 10 Scythe - Spiritual: Cutting spiritual ties; Emotional: Break up, distancing; Mental: Decision, discernment; Physical: A cutting or breaking; Moon Phase: Waning – And end to growth or development

No. 11 Rod - Spiritual: Dedicated spiritual practice; Emotional: Old emotions coloring the present; Mental: Circling thoughts, busy mind; Physical: Exercise, habits; Moon Phase: Waning – Repetition wears away

No. 12 Birds - Spiritual: Messages from beyond; Emotional: Sincere conversations, argument; Mental: Internal monologue, racing minds; Physical: A bird or other flying creature; Moon Phase: Waning – Expenditure of energy

No. 13 Child - Spiritual: A new lease on life, a new path or way; Emotional: Immaturity; Mental: Fledgling or first thoughts; Physical: A baby, child or youth, something new or young; Moon Phase: Waxing – Early growth

No. 14 Fox - Spiritual: Combining your spiritual and physical lives; Emotional: Handling an emotionally charged situation; Mental: Problem solving, plans; Physical: Physical prowess and capability; Moon Phase: Waning – Making do with what is there

No. 15 Bear - Spiritual: Blessings, shielding, prayers; Emotional: Covering up feelings; Mental: Snap judgement, sudden response; Physical: Alarms, locks, barriers; Moon Phase: Waning – Retreat to protection

No. 16 Stars - Spiritual: Enlightenment, guidance; Emotional: Destined relationship, delight; Mental: Significant decisions, key information; Physical: The stars, small lights; Moon Phase: New – See clearly in the dark

No. 17 Stork - Spiritual: Resuming spiritual efforts, accomplishing a goal; Emotional: Reunions, sharing emotions; Mental: Memory, teaching; Physical: Revisiting a place, sending or receiving an item; Moon Phase: Waxing – A new addition

No. 18 Dog - Spiritual: A long-term influence; Emotional: Dedication, devotion; Mental: Mental discipline, adhering to a code; Physical: Constant presence; Moon Phase: Waxing – You are strengthened by companions

No. 19 Tower - Spiritual: Hierarchies; Emotional: Setting and maintaining boundaries, emotional distance; Mental: Counseling; Physical: A building or tall structure; Moon Phase: New – Rules are necessarily restrictions

No. 20 Park - Spiritual: Spiritual or religious gatherings; Emotional: Sports or musical events, festivals, protests; Mental: Debates, group discussions; Physical: A park or green space, national forrest; Moon Phase: Waxing – Light continues to shine on you

No. 21 Mountain - Spiritual: A challenge or quest; Emotional: Something difficult to accept, frightening; Mental: A difficult topic or subject; Physical: A hill or mountain, high natural area; Moon Phase: New – Unseen obstacles lie ahead

No. 22 Ways - Spiritual: Letting your higher self guide you; Emotional: Letting your heart choose; Mental: Thinking things through before deciding; Physical: Streets or roads; Moon Phase: Waxing – Choices increase as you wait

No. 23 Mice - Spiritual: Loss of faith; Emotional: Deterioration of relationship; Mental: Uneasy mind, loss of faculties; Physical: Thievery, erosion; Moon Phase: Waning – Resources shrink as time goes on

No. 24 Heart - Spiritual: The wise fool; Emotional: Romantic relationships, emotional relationships, heart on your sleeve; Mental: Thinking through emotions, analysis; Physical: The body’s heart, the center; Moon Phase: Full – Emotions bloom in the moonlight

No. 25 Ring - Spiritual: Union, ecstasy; Emotional: Forming relationships, friendships, partnerships; Mental: A meeting of the minds, an agreement; Physical: A ring or circle; Moon Phase: Waxing – With conjugation comes increase

No. 26 Book - Spiritual: Grimoires, magic, revelations; Emotional: Hidden motivations, Mental: Keeping secrets, hiding information; Physical: Hidden items, concealed places, an actual book; Moon Phase: Full – What you need to know to reach completion

No. 27 Letter - Spiritual: Channeled information, visions, divination; Emotional: Love letters, marriage contracts, divorce papers; Mental: Note to self, academic papers; Physical: Business contracts, paperwork, files; Moon Phase: Waxing – Details grow as time goes on

No. 28 Man - Spiritual: male non-corporeal entity; Emotional: Passion, anger, aggression; Mental: Analysis, penetration, exploration, curiosity, structure; Physical: A male figure; Moon Phase: New – A man stands strong in the darkness

No. 29 Woman - Spiritual: female non-corporeal entity; Emotional: Love, acceptance, passive aggression; Mental: Receptivity, flexibility, adaptation; Physical: A female figure; Moon Phase: Full – A woman in full flower and beauty

No. 30 Lily - Spiritual: Spiritual advancement, a spiritual leader; Emotional: Jadedness, understanding; Mental: Level-headedness, ready plans; Physical: A white flower, something sweet smelling; Moon Phase: Waning – Progress slows as time goes on

No. 31 Sun - Spiritual: Inner fire, masculine energy, willpower; Emotional: Warmth, consolation; Mental: Enlightenment, sudden dawning, realization; Physical: The sun, a fire, source of heat, dryness; Moon Phase: New – A light shines brightest in the darkness

No. 32 Moon - Spiritual: Destiny, fate, psychism, intuition; Emotional: Coolness, change of mind ; Mental: Reception, opening to possibilities; Physical: The moon, a body of water, coolness, moisture; Moon Phase: Full – The road before you is well lit

No. 33 Key - Spiritual: Revelation; Emotional: Relief, satisfaction; Mental: Confidence, boldness; Physical: A key, an open door, a clear road; Moon Phase: Full – The ways opens as the light shines

No. 34. Bees - Spiritual: Mentors, clergy, spiritual books; Emotional: Internal strength, resilience; Mental: Intelligence, creativity; Physical: Physical supplies; Moon Phase: Waxing – Resources build over time

No. 35 Anchor - Spiritual: A surety, spiritual center; Emotional: Family and close friends; Mental: Education, logic; Physical: A physical anchor, something heavy or steady; Moon Phase: Full – Bright is the heart that is filled with hope

No. 36 Cross - Spiritual: Doubt; Emotional: Emotional distress, discontentment; Mental: Worries and vexations; Physical: Illness or discomfort; Moon Phase: New – Burdens multiply at night

As you work with the cards, you will associate new meanings and nuances to them. These meanings represent a starting point for your work with the cards.

Enjoy the Emblemata Lenormand! May it bring you many blessings!

