



OUR MAGIC CAULDRON

TAROT DECKS

Informative Overview

Tarot decks are structured sets of illustrated cards traditionally used for reflection, interpretation, and symbolic analysis. Originating in 15th-century Europe as playing cards, Tarot evolved over time into a tool used in spiritual, psychological, and intuitive practices. Today, Tarot is widely used as a method of exploring thoughts, patterns, and perspectives—rather than predicting fixed outcomes.

Structure of a Tarot Deck

A standard Tarot deck consists of 78 cards, divided into two main groups:

Major Arcana (22 cards)

These cards represent overarching themes, archetypes, and significant life experiences. Examples include The Fool, The Magician, and The World. They are often associated with key turning points or broader influences.

Minor Arcana (56 cards)

These cards reflect everyday situations and are divided into four suits, traditionally:

Cups (emotions and relationships)

Pentacles (material and practical matters)

Swords (thoughts and challenges)

Wands (action and creativity)

Each suit contains numbered cards and court cards (Page, Knight, Queen, King), offering layered interpretations.

Purpose and Use

Tarot is commonly used as a tool for:

Reflection and self-awareness

Exploring different perspectives

Decision-making support

Identifying patterns or themes

Rather than providing definitive answers, Tarot encourages interpretation. The meaning of each card is influenced by its symbolism, position in a spread, and the context of the question being asked.

Reading Tarot

A Tarot reading typically involves:

Selecting cards randomly (shuffling and drawing)

Placing them in a structured layout (known as a spread)

Interpreting their meanings individually and in relation to each other

Common spreads range from a single-card reflection to more complex layouts such as three-card spreads or the Celtic Cross.

Symbolism and Interpretation

Each Tarot card contains visual symbols, colours, and imagery designed to represent concepts and experiences. Interpretation is based on both traditional meanings and personal understanding.

There is no single correct interpretation. Tarot reading combines learned knowledge with intuitive insight, making it both structured and flexible.

Choosing a Deck

There are many Tarot decks available, each with its own artistic style and symbolism. While most follow the traditional 78-card structure, imagery and themes can vary widely.

For beginners, decks based on the Rider–Waite tradition are often recommended due to their widely documented symbolism and accessibility.

A Practical Perspective

From a grounded viewpoint, Tarot can be understood as a reflective framework. By presenting symbolic prompts, it encourages individuals to think more deeply about situations, consider alternatives, and articulate thoughts that may not be immediately clear.

In Practice

At Our Magic Cauldron, we approach Tarot as a tool for insight rather than certainty—rooted in tradition, supported by structure, and open to personal interpretation.

Whether used daily or occasionally, Tarot offers a consistent method for reflection, helping to bring awareness, clarity, and perspective to your practice.

Our Magic Cauldron

Insightful. Reflective. Open to interpretation.