

MADAME ENDORA'S FORTUNE CARDS

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This method of fortune-telling incorporates Mythological Lore and old world concepts of the Tarot with New Age mysticism. These cards offer insightful advice concerning matters of love, money, health and general prosperity. They may be used to foretell future events and to enlighten the inquirer as to the best path to follow. The cards may represent you or an outside influence that affects your destiny. Following are detailed descriptions of each card and various divinatory spreads that may be used for more in-depth readings.

May your path be blissful and prosperous. — Madame Endora



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The Royal Court consists of 8 cards which represent the people who have the most powerful influences in your life. Certain cards may symbolize an actual person while others may reveal dispositions that should be adopted or actions that should be taken to affect your own destiny.

The King

The king represents a dominant male figure. A distinguished and wise man, the king is a natural leader who can assess and take charge of any situation. He is, at times, a lawmaker and judge, and must balance power with diplomacy. The king also represents great riches and inheritance.

The Queen

The queen represents a dominant female figure. She is a respected and refined woman who is sympathetic and nurturing, yet emotionally confident. The queen also represents love, prosperity and fertility.

The Wizard

A sage philosopher and advisor, the wizard is also a skilled practitioner of the known sciences and the art of magic. He possesses a mysterious and charming demeanor. The wizard's power is derived from secret knowledge, however, an abuse of power can lead to misfortune. Use your skills to aid others and you will achieve great things.

The Seen

The seer is a spiritual advisor, well-versed in occult knowledge and the mystical arts. She is a gifted prophet who can see the future clearly. Trust your instincts and natural intuition. The truth will soon be revealed.

The Knight

A gallant protector and warrior, the knight possesses a courageous and competitive spirit. He is the champion of justice and the symbol of triumph over adversity. The knight also represents valor, chivalry, honor and truth. Be direct and meet matters head-on.

The Maiden

Young and naive, the maiden represents innocence, hope and loyal friendship. She embodies purity and emotional longing. Heed the advice of a close and trusted friend. A new relationship blossoms.

The Minstrel

The minstrel is a poet and musician who sings heartfelt ballads and songs of good cheer. He represents a harmonious union as well as musical and artistic creativity. He professes his thoughts and intentions for all to hear, but has a tendency to have an unrealistic outlook and to wear his heart on his sleeve.

The Harleguin

The harlequin is an actor whose true feelings are masked in order to gain acceptance. At times the harlequin is a prankster whose sense of humor and playful acts make him the center of attention. However the harlequin may also be concealing a sadness derived from loneliness or a broken heart.







The Realm of Fable consists of 10 cards which depict various beings prom ancient lore. These strange and fantastic personifications prom Egyptian, Celtic and Greek mythology represent outside forces that guide and influence, motivate and hinder, or otherwise affect your destiny.

The Golem

The golem represents one who is indentured or motivated to do your bidding, such as a loyal friend who acts on your behalf or puts your interests before their own. When abused, the golem may become an instrument of vengeance or destruction.

The Greenman

The greenman is the guardian of the forest, thus he represents a deep reverence for all living things and a love of the outdoors. The forces of nature favor you.

Hindrance

This woodland faerie presents an unavoidable delay, however this is merely a temporary setback. Try another approach to attain your goal. View the problem from a different perspective to find an alternate solution.

Medusa

Medusa represents envy and a corruption of beauty. This tragic, mythical being may also signify an act of jealous rage, exile or harsh punishment. Excessive jealousy leads to downfall.

The Satyr

The satyr is playful, mischievous and prone to overindulgence. He is a symbol of music dance, revelry and celebration. The satyr also represents decadent, lustful and lewd behavior.

Seduction

The enchantress foretells that passion and romance await. Unbridled sensuality weaves an irresistible spell. Your sex appeal is at its height. Secret fantasies manifest themselves through love letters and romantic gestures.

Serendipity

This night faerie represents an unexpected yet favorable turn of events. A chance meeting or discovery. As one door closes another opens. Bright new prospects are on the horizon.

The Siren

The siren represents enchantment and dangerous allure. This bewitching water sprite embodies a mysterious and hypnotic influence. A captivating stimulus may incite foolish risk. Resist temptation. Voice your desires.

The Sphinx

The sphinx poses a perplexing riddle. Your abilities will be tested. A difficult problem requires contemplation. Don't act on impulse. Choose your words carefully and think before you speak.

The Spirit

The spirit is a watchful protector. You are influenced and guided by higher powers. Apparent setbacks may have long-term benefits. All things happen for a reason.







THE BESTIARY



The Bestiary consists of 10 cards which represent various creatures of legend and superstition. Valuable lessons and truths can be discovered by reducing human character traits to their most primal animal instincts.

The Black Cat

Enigmatic and aloof, the black cat is temperamental with affections. It is the symbol of mystery and superstition. Avoid unnecessary risks. Your luck will soon change.

The Chimera

The chimera represents an unlikely mixture or clash of ideas, a wild fantasy, or one who is imaginative but prone to daydreams and flights of fancy. Your pursuits may be unrealistic. Imagination clouds your judgement.

The Dragon

The dragon is the lord of the bestiary and thus represents great strength, wisdom and wealth. The dragon may also symbolize a dangerous adversary or a worthy challenge.

The Gryphon

The gryphon represents honor and good luck. Lofty ideals and high expectations are indicative of the demanding nature of this beast. A risk will reap rewards.

The Raven

The raven is an omen or warning of ill portent. This dark harbinger is a creature of the shadows and a scavenger among the ruins. Darkness looms on the horizon. Take heed.

The Serpent

Stealthy, sly and deceptive, the serpent may go unnoticed until it is too late. Be wary of hidden agendas and half-truths. The serpent may also represent a secret admirer, a renewal, or a shedding of old habits.

The Spider

The spider is meticulous while weaving its delicate web. Be industrious and diligent, but also be patient and discreet. Good things come to those who wait.

The Unicorn

The unicorn is a symbol of good fortune, healing, potent sexuality and fertility. This magical beast may also indicate a rare find or represent a trustworthy friend.

The Wolr

A relentless hunter, the wolf is both feared and respected. This beast is selective yet extremely loyal in matters of friendship. Follow your instincts. Beware who you trust.

The Wvvern

The wyvern is a keeper of secrets and the granter of second chances. It may also represent a conflict or feelings of guilt. Now is the time to forgive past transgressions.







THE TREASURY



The Treasury consists of 12 cards which represent valuable mystical treasures that will aid you in the attainment of your goals and prepare you in fulfilling your true destiny.

The Caduceus

The caduceus is the symbol of the herald and sign of the healer. Expect good news from afar. A healing process has begun.

The Chalice

The golden chalice is the symbol of rejuvenation, fulfillment and abundance. The chalice may also represent the end of a quest or the attainment of a goal.

The Dagger

The dagger is the symbol of danger, conflict, adversity, loss and physical harm. Be on your guard. Beware of back-stabbers.

The Gate

The gate represents an unavoidable obstacle that stands between you and your goal. The gate may not be opened without the proper key, however, once unlocked, it leads to a desirable place.

The Hand or Fate

The hand of fate works in mysterious ways. Forces beyond your control intervene in your current situation and destiny offers new opportunity. Justice prevails.

The Hounglass

As the sands of the hourglass slip away it reminds us that time is precious and of the essence. Don't hesitate. Take the initiative to act before it is too late.

The Key

You possess the ability to resolve a current dilemma or bypass any obstacle. Locked doors can now be opened. The key is also a symbol of trust and responsibility. Do not abuse the confidence that another has placed in you.

Love

The golden heart is a symbol of true love and romance. It represents honesty, fidelity, a lasting union, and a rekindling of affections. You will attain your heart's desire.

The Mystic Circle

The mystic circle represents spiritual and occult beliefs. Your abilities will be enhanced. You are empowered and protected. Focus your energy on your main goal.

The Oracle

The oracle is the supreme keeper of knowledge. Seek wisdom and guidance from elders. Consult books, teachers or knowledgeable authorities. The oracle may also represent a sacrifice made in the quest for wisdom.

The Shield

While holding the shield, your adversaries cannot penetrate your defenses. A thick skin keeps you safe from harm. Emotions are hidden until trust is gained.

The Talisman

The talisman is a keepsake or charm that has deep significance or offers protection in spiritual matters. Good fortune shines upon you, and you are destined to succeed in your goal.









The Elements consist of 8 cards which depict the celestial bodies and various forces of nature that surround and influence us every day. The elements are ever-present and exert specific energies which empower us in different ways.

The Sun

The Sun represents a person who is hard working, stable and reliable. Enlightenment leads to discovery. Your perseverance is rewarded. You will gain recognition and acclaim.

The Moon

The Moon represents illumination, discovery and tranquility. The moon possesses a mysterious dual nature, for while it is a heavenly beacon, it also has a secretive dark side. You will be guided through darkness.

The Stars

The stars represent a voyage that spans a great distance. They may also indicate a separation or a possible reunion. Your dream will become reality. A journey brings rewards. AIR is the element of mind and spirit, and represents the unseen forces of nature. Air manifests itself in those who are lighthearted and free-spirited, however, a dreamy, indecisive and forgetful nature may be attributed to Air as well. The signs of the Zodiac that are governed by Air are Aquarius, Gemini and Libra. Seek guidance in the spiritual and ethereal realms.

EARTh is the element of logic and reason, and represents the passive forces of nature. The influences of Earth may be found in those who are grounded, dependable and organized. The signs of the Zodiac that are governed by Earth are Capricorn, Taurus and Virgo. Be practical and use common sense.

FIRE is the element of action and energy, and represents the destructive forces of nature. Fire manifests itself in those who are passionate and aggressive. The signs of the Zodiac that are governed by Fire are Aries, Leo and Sagittarius. A small spark may set off a major disruption or conflict.

WATER is the element of change and emotion, and represents the nurturing forces of nature. The influences of water may be found in those who are caring and persistent, although they may be temperamental at times. The signs of the Zodiac that are governed by Water are Cancer, Pisces and Scorpio. Emotions are at their peak.

The Winds of Change

A change is forthcoming. Your circumstance or destiny has been altered. You must decide whether to change your current direction or stay your course. New prospects and potential new problems are on the horizon. Be prepared to adapt.



READING THE CARDS

The various oracles of the cards enable the reader to forecast future events and may enlighten the inquirer as to the best path to follow concerning matters of love, money, health and general prosperity, offering insightful advice. A card may represent the person being read, a circumstance, or it may signify an outside influence.

Each card holds a separate and unique meaning and may be referenced individually, as the specific divinatory meanings are plain to interpret. However, if a more in-depth reading is desired, the cards may be interpreted by considering both their general meaning and their relationship to other cards in a given spread.

Allow your intuition to guide you as you interpret the cards. If reading for another person, be sure to keep them actively involved during the reading, asking or answering questions rather than simply observing.

Decide from the following spreads which is most appropriate for the type of question you wish to ask. Shuffle the cards while thinking of the matter in question. Next, cut the deck into three piles. Gather up the piles and begin laying out the cards, one at a time, in the order that they appear in the spread. Make sure the cards are dealt face-down, then after the spread is complete, turn each card over in order.



THE ORACLES



The Oracle or the Dawning Day

If you want a quick answer to what the future holds, you may rely on a simple one-card reading. Hold the deck in both hands and concentrate upon the question "What will the new day bring?" Shuffle the deck three times, each time asking your question out loud. Lay the cards face down and cut the deck three times. Turn the top card face up to reveal the answer to your question.

The Oracle of Kindred Spirits

This method is used to gauge the compatibility of a relationship between two people, for either love or friendship. The deck must first be shuffled by both people. One person then cuts the deck into two piles and the other person chooses one pile for the reading. Each person in turn asks a question out loud, then draws one card from the chosen pile. Turn over the card to reveal and interpret the answer. Alternate asking questions between both people. No more than three questions may be asked by each person.

Examples of relationship-based questions are:

- 1. "What does the future hold for us?"
- 2. "Will our relationship be a lasting one?"
- 3. "What obstacles might we encounter?"

The Seer's Fan

This spread consists of a five-card fan layout and is used to forecast the future in regard to specific concerns such as matters of Love, Health and Money.



- 1. Represents you or your present situation.
- 2. Concerns health and physical well-being.
- 3. Represents love and friendship in your life.
- 4. Represents an immediate concern. This card is the strongest oracle of future events.
- 5. Represents spiritual harmony.
- 6. Signifies wealth and material prosperity.

The Oracle of the Four Seasons

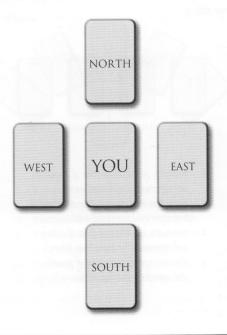
This spread may be used to clarify important matters surrounding a present situation. Reflecting on the past is useful in preparing for the future and may be quite helpful in overcoming obstacles which may stand between you and your true destiny.



- 1. WINTER symbolizes a time of resolution and represents the distant past.
- 2. AUTUMN symbolizes a time of reflection and represents the recent past.
- 3. SUMMER symbolizes a time of action and represents the immediate future.
- 4. Spring symbolizes a time of growth and represents the distant future.

The Oracle of the Four Winds

This spread gives insights about the people and mystical forces that surround you. It may be used for determining the past, present and future of the physical and spiritual realms.



Begin by placing the central card, then lay the cards in the following order: North, South, West, East. For the most accurate reading, position yourself to face due North.

The CENTER card represents you or your present situation.

NORTH

The Oracle of the Spiritual Realm pertains to dreams and intangible ideals, representing that which you aspire to.

SOUTH

The Oracle of the Physical Realm pertains to earthly pursuits and material concerns.

WEST

The Oracle of the Past Realm represents the setting sun or that which has been. This oracle helps us to learn from our mistakes or to avoid repeating negative situations, and is useful in deciphering and interpreting present and future events.

EAST

The Oracle of the Future Realm represents the rising sun or that which is yet to be. This oracle is helpful in preparing oneself for oncoming events which are sometimes avoidable but more often inevitable.

The Oracle of the World

This spread elaborates on the Oracle of the Four Winds by offering further insight into the spiritual and physical realms. Begin by placing the central card, then lay the cards in the following order: North, South, West, East, then Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast.



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EAST: The Oracle of the Future Realm represents the rising sun, or that which is yet to be. This oracle is helpful in preparing yourself for oncoming events which are sometimes avoidable, but more often inevitable.

WEST: The Oracle of the Past Realm represents the setting sun, or that which has been. This oracle helps us to learn from our mistakes or to avoid repeating negative situations, and is useful in deciphering and interpreting present and future events.

NORTHWEST: Represents a Past Spiritual or Romantic Influence.

NORTHEAST: Represents a Future Spiritual or Romantic Influence you will encounter.

SOUTHWEST: Represents a Past Physical Influence in your life regarding matters of health and money.

SOUTHEAST: Represents a Future Physical influence you will encounter regarding matters of health and money.



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