

ASTRAL HARMONY ACADEMY

Learn Tarot by Numbers

A full-colour printable guide to understanding the numbered Minor Arcana
from Ace to Ten



The AHA Method

Start with the number for the core energy, then use the suit to discover where that energy is showing up. Put the two together and build the story. This guide is designed to sit beside your cards while you practise.

NUMBER What is happening?	+	SUIT Where is it happening?	= STORY Your interpretation
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The Four Suits - Your Quick Key

The number gives you the core pattern. The suit gives you the area of life or style of energy.

	Cups	Emotions, love, relationships, intuition and connection.
	Wands	Passion, creativity, inspiration, energy and action.
	Swords	Thoughts, ideas, communication, truth and mental challenges.
	Pentacles	Work, money, home, security and the practical/material world.

How to use this guide

Identify the number and recall its core idea. Identify the suit. Then ask the question on that number's page. Use the traditional meaning as a guide while allowing the imagery and context of the reading to add detail.

ACE / ONE

BEGINNING - POTENTIAL - OPPORTUNITY

Think of an Ace as a seed: something new is beginning and has the potential to grow.

	Cups	A new emotional beginning, love or relationship.
	Wands	A spark of passion, inspiration, creativity or action.
	Swords	A new idea, clarity, communication or breakthrough.
	Pentacles	A practical opportunity involving work, money or security.

AHA MOMENT

ACE = BEGINNING. Let the suit tell you what kind.

Ask yourself: What new beginning or opportunity is trying to emerge?

Your notes / example:

TWO

BALANCE - CHOICE - PARTNERSHIP

Two brings two forces into the picture: balance, partnership, choice or things coming together.

	Cups	Connection, love or partnership.
	Wands	Choices, plans or deciding your next move.
	Swords	A difficult choice or the need for mental balance.
	Pentacles	Juggling practical matters, work, money or responsibilities.

AHA MOMENT

TWO = BALANCE, CHOICE or PARTNERSHIP.

Ask yourself: What needs balancing, choosing or bringing together?

Your notes / example:

THREE

GROWTH - DEVELOPMENT - CREATIVITY

Three is where something begins to grow, develop and take shape.

	Cups	Friendship, celebration and connection.
	Wands	Expansion, progress and looking ahead.
	Swords	Emotional growth through hurt or difficult experience.
	Pentacles	Teamwork, learning and building something together.

AHA MOMENT THREE = GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT.

Ask yourself: What is growing or developing here?

Your notes / example:

FOUR

STABILITY - STRUCTURE - FOUNDATIONS

Four creates structure. It can show stability and security, or sometimes energy that has become too fixed.

	Cups	Emotional stability, but sometimes feeling stuck or dissatisfied.
	Wands	Celebration, stability and secure foundations.
	Swords	Rest, recovery and creating mental calm.
	Pentacles	Financial security, holding on or protecting what you have.

AHA MOMENT FOUR = STABILITY and STRUCTURE.

Ask yourself: Where is there stability, security or a need to pause?

Your notes / example:

FIVE

CHANGE - CHALLENGE - DISRUPTION

Five shakes up the stability of Four. It can bring challenge or conflict, but challenge can create growth.

	Cups	Emotional disappointment, loss or regret.
	Wands	Conflict, competition or clashing opinions.
	Swords	Disagreement, tension or difficult battles.
	Pentacles	Challenges around money, security or support.

AHA MOMENT

FIVE = CHANGE and CHALLENGE - not disaster.

Ask yourself: What is being challenged or needs to change?

Your notes / example:

SIX

HARMONY - BALANCE - PROGRESS

After the challenges of Five, Six often shows movement towards greater harmony, balance or progress.

	Cups	Memories, nostalgia and connections with the past.
	Wands	Recognition, progress and success.
	Swords	Moving away from difficulty towards calmer times.
	Pentacles	Giving, receiving and balance in practical matters.

AHA MOMENT SIX = THINGS BEGINNING TO SETTLE.

Ask yourself: Where is balance returning or progress being made?

Your notes / example:

SEVEN

REFLECTION - CHALLENGE - CHOICE

Seven asks you to stop, assess and work out your next move.

	Cups	Choices, possibilities and sometimes confusion.
	Wands	Standing your ground and defending your position.
	Swords	Strategy, secrecy or doing things your own way.
	Pentacles	Patience, assessment and asking whether your effort is working.

AHA MOMENT SEVEN = STOP, THINK, CHOOSE.

Ask yourself: What needs to be considered, assessed or chosen?

Your notes / example:

EIGHT

MOVEMENT - PROGRESS - MASTERY

Eight carries movement and developing mastery. Sometimes it also reveals what is preventing movement.

	Cups	Moving away from something that no longer fulfils you.
	Wands	Fast movement, action or communication.
	Swords	Feeling stuck or restricted, often by your own thoughts.
	Pentacles	Practice, learning and mastering your skills.

AHA MOMENT EIGHT = MOVEMENT and MASTERY.

Ask yourself: Where is movement happening - or what is stopping it?

Your notes / example:

NINE

ATTAINMENT - RESILIENCE - NEARLY COMPLETE

Nine is close to the end of the cycle. Experience has accumulated and something is nearing completion.

	Cups	Satisfaction, wishes and emotional fulfilment.
	Wands	Resilience, persistence and keeping going.
	Swords	Worry, anxiety or thoughts weighing heavily on you.
	Pentacles	Independence, achievement and enjoying what you have created.

AHA MOMENT NINE = NEARLY COMPLETE.

Ask yourself: How does this almost-complete journey feel?

Your notes / example:

TEN

COMPLETION - CULMINATION - END OF A CYCLE

Ten completes the numbered cycle. The suit tells you what kind of completion has been reached.

	Cups	Emotional fulfilment, happiness and harmony.
	Wands	Carrying responsibility and reaching the end of a demanding journey.
	Swords	A difficult ending, with the possibility of leaving it behind.
	Pentacles	Long-term security, family, legacy and abundance.

AHA MOMENT

TEN = COMPLETION. Every ending makes space for a new beginning.

Ask yourself: What is completing, and what new beginning could follow?

Your notes / example:

Ace to Ten - Quick Reference

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ACE	BEGINNING / POTENTIAL / OPPORTUNITY	ACE = BEGINNING. Let the suit tell you what kind.
TWO	BALANCE / CHOICE / PARTNERSHIP	TWO = BALANCE, CHOICE or PARTNERSHIP.
THREE	GROWTH / DEVELOPMENT / CREATIVITY	THREE = GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT.
FOUR	STABILITY / STRUCTURE / FOUNDATIONS	FOUR = STABILITY and STRUCTURE.
FIVE	CHANGE / CHALLENGE / DISRUPTION	FIVE = CHANGE and CHALLENGE - not disaster.
SIX	HARMONY / BALANCE / PROGRESS	SIX = THINGS BEGINNING TO SETTLE.
SEVEN	REFLECTION / CHALLENGE / CHOICE	SEVEN = STOP, THINK, CHOOSE.
EIGHT	MOVEMENT / PROGRESS / MASTERY	EIGHT = MOVEMENT and MASTERY.
NINE	ATTAINMENT / RESILIENCE / NEARLY COMPLETE	NINE = NEARLY COMPLETE.
TEN	COMPLETION / CULMINATION / END OF A CYCLE	TEN = COMPLETION. Every ending makes space for a new beginning.

THE AHA FORMULA

NUMBER + SUIT = STORY

Learn the pattern. Look at the card. Build the meaning.

Next: explore the four suits in depth, then Pages, Knights, Queens and Kings.