



Constellation Lenormand Guidebook

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Your Answers Are In The Stars



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Introduction

If I'm being honest, 2020 was probably one of the best years of my life so far. Before anyone gets too mad, I'll agree that living through the beginning of a pandemic had its challenges and that we will all be forever changed by personal losses, changes in financial situations, living situations and in the way we perceive our health and the health of those around us. There were days of fear, confusion and uncertainty for sure but over time, scattered amongst those were the days of living simply. I personally thrived, really, in the slower-paced world and reveled in the sheer joy of observing nature reclaim some of her own space. In April, a small herd of deer wandered right into our yard, unencumbered by local traffic which had dwindled down to nothing due to lockdown.

Living on the outskirts of some of the finest national and state parks in late spring, a lot of questions arose about how, or even if people would be visiting in 2020. Park openings were postponed, tourist shops were closed and a lot of political unrest began in regards to pandemic policies and procedures, should the venues even begin to try to open. In the end, communities came together with revised plans for serving the public and the tourists started to trickle in.

By July, I'd had quite enough of lockdown and the public campgrounds were beginning to open. Lower numbers of tourists meant that the campsites were a lot less crowded and traffic was slower. I planned a trip to celebrate what I called "40 Years of Camping" and headed up to Grand Teton National Park, just south of the south entrance to Yellowstone and decided to really rough it. I stayed in a tent and took the barest of necessities, locking my cooler in the "bear box" in the campground and setting out daily to walk and lounge around Jackson Lake. There were enough other people around that I could see them from my campsite and encounter them while hiking but for the most part I spent a week in solitude just enjoying the scenery and the wildlife in my own quiet little campsite with a beautiful view.

Night time in the Tetons is spectacular. There is hardly any light pollution save a few parking lot lights near the marina. I've always loved stargazing and I was elated to hear that you could sign up for a few different types of socially distant classes held at the Colter Bay amphitheater at different times of day. One of the available classes was Astronomy with a little emphasis on the planets and constellations in the summer sky. I also picked up a few books in the book store and downloaded a stargazing app for my phone.

I don't know why I assumed that the constellations I'd be learning would all be modern ones. The "big ones" that I have always been able to recognize easily include Orion (a favorite), the Big and Little Dipper and some of the Zodiac signs. Some of the constellations that we learned about that week were based on indigenous legends. The stars in the system Orion were not based on the hunter, but instead included the stars in nearby Taurus to form "Tayamnicankhu" - the Great Bison, as seen by the Lakota

people or as three hunters in a canoe as interpreted by the people of the Pacific Northwest. The realization that many people from many different cultures looked at the same stars and saw them as different things really inspired me to use the night sky as my own divination tool. No longer constrained to the idea that we should all “see” the same thing, the possibilities are endless and as personal as we wish them to be.

At the same time as this camping trip, I was in the beginning stages of several projects that I wanted to work on for my Tarot business. Being primarily a Lenormand reader, Lenormand deck ideas are always foremost in my mind. After several months of rough drafts and ideas, I really wanted to somehow incorporate all of the cool new things that I learned at summer camp into the deck design and so, the Constellation Lenormand started to take form.

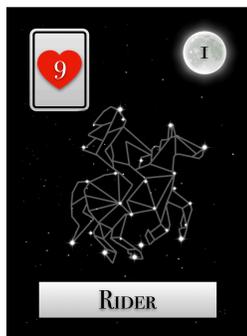
The deck includes a short LWB (little white book) of keywords for each of the cards which is sufficient for anyone who already reads Lenormand but this more extensive guide is meant to be a deeper dive into the design and reason for each card. There is also a few pages of spreads to try and some pages for journaling if you like to do that kind of thing with your decks.

At Two of Owls Tarot, our hopes are that this deck will be a fun little read for anyone who has ever looked at the night sky in wonder or appreciation. We all see what we choose to see. What one person sees may be completely different from that of a person with a different view. But the same stars shine down on all of us, no matter what circumstances or what challenges life throws our way. How do you choose to read the stars?

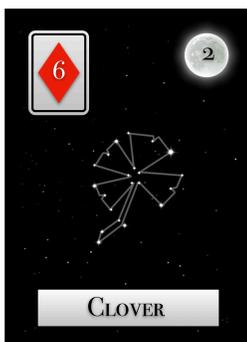
With much love and happy reading,

Sunny

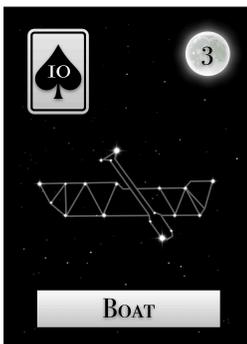




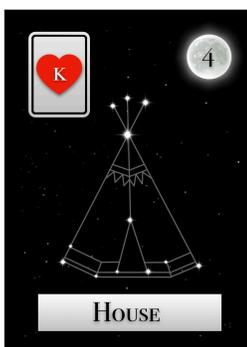
1 - Rider - A foreigner, messenger or traveler. The Rider represents someone from far away or someone who is headed somewhere with purpose. Unlike the Fool in tarot, I usually read the Rider as someone with more wisdom and/or intent. In a spread this card usually represents a third party if I am reading for a client - a distant relative, a long-distance relationship partner, or even an unknown subject who will come from a far distance with news or an offer of some kind. Rider with Feather, for example, would be a person with an important letter or message, and a third card like bouquet or clover would indicate good news.



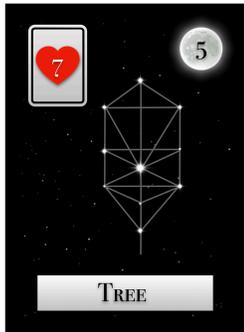
2 - Clover -Fortunate situation, luck. In many cultures a clover is a symbol of good fortune. Clover is also an abundant little perennial that grows easily in many places of the world, beneficial to the bee population and the production of delicious honey. “Living in clover” used to be a common saying, meaning that a person lives at ease or in comfort, being carefree and prosperous. Finding a clover with extra leaves is a game that has roots in many cultures and being the one to find it is considered lucky The flowers of many types of clover are edible and beneficial to health as is clover honey from the bees.



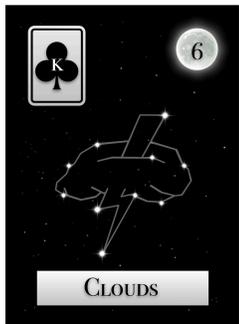
3 - Boat - Journey, trip, vehicle for travel. When Boat appears in your spread, be open-minded about the symbolism of any method of locomotion. Boat could represent any vessel, automobile, or method of moving from one place to another -or- could represent movement itself. Boat often appears when a querent plans to take a trip. It can also represent a journey of non-physical means as in, the journey that a person takes to find themselves, to make major life changes, or begin a new lifestyle. It can sometimes show for me as a group of participants, as in: all of us are in the same boat.



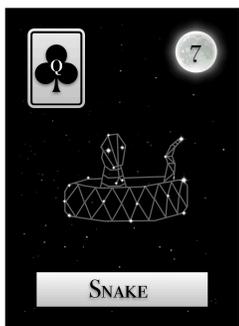
4 - House - Home, abode or immediate family. The house card in this deck uses the symbolism of a traditional style Tipi as used by many tribes of indigenous people in the area. Tipis, built by long poles, usually lodgepole pine and the skins of animals were both durable, comfortable and mobile. While not all Tipis were decorated exteriorly, some important ones were - often displaying geometric patterns and designs to portray images of animals or even celestial patterns of the sky to track time. The House card shows up to symbolize a literal home, or a place where one feels safe and comfortable. It can also portray immediate family members or close friends who we would consider family.



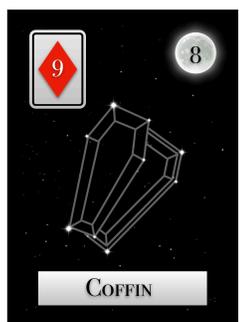
5 - Tree - Extended family, health, wellness. A design similar to the Kabbalah or Tree of Life was chosen to represent a theme of all - understanding, and the energies of creation that intertwine to represent the universe and journey that we all undertake. The tree also expands into branches that represent our ancestry. The reader should also consider the possibility that Tree shows up when we should take a look at the way we are growing as individuals. Without good health, nutrition and hydration no tree will grow to be strong and resilient. Tree can be used as a focus card for matters related to wellness or spirituality.



6 - Clouds - Confusing or difficult situations. Clouds block the rays of the sun and can appear as very dark - ominous clouds on the horizon can forewarn us of dangerous storms or the possibility of lightening or floods. Clouds can also bring gentle rains or appear as dreamy magical puffs in the sky. In this way, the Clouds card can be read as situations in which one may not know what to expect. It may be prudent to prepare for the worst. Clouds bring changes or situations that are brief and although uncomfortable, are not permanent. The sun will always return after a storm.



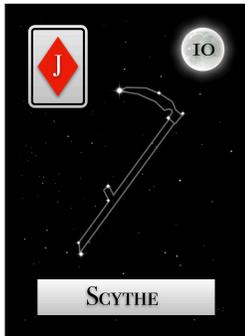
7 - Snake - Danger, spite, a toxic person or situation. Be extra aware of your surroundings whenever snake appears in your spread. Most times, snake shows up to describe a person or scenario that is no good. It is good to remember that snake is really quite predictable. They tend to appear in environments that you would expect them to, doing what snakes do. The diamondback even rattles to warn before it strikes. Does one deserve to be bitten, if they ignore all of these truths and warning signs? Snake is also beautiful, and exudes energy of transformation. Not ALL snakes are poisonous. Deciding the kind of snake that appears in the reading will be helpful.



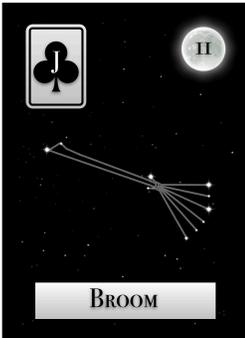
8 - Coffin - An ending or transformation, illness. Coffin symbolizes a box that is used to hold the remains of a person once their spirit has moved on. It represents an ending of one chapter, and the beginning of another. It can also be the symbol of extreme danger to one's livelihood, like an illness or situation that should be well considered before proceeding. Coffin rarely shows up to indicate that death is coming but often appears when a big change in thinking or lifestyle is about to occur.



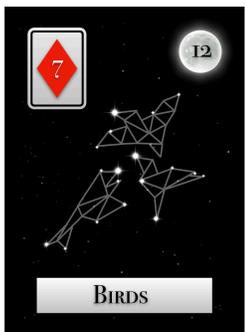
9 - Bouquet - Surprise, gift or reward. Bouquet doesn't have to mean a literal bunch of flowers. It can symbolize anything that is a pleasant outcome or surprise. Usually it appears to indicate that a job was well done or the querent is deserving of a reward, like a raise or may represent non-material accolades like praise. Sometimes, Bouquet forewarns of something unexpected. Not all surprises are pleasant.



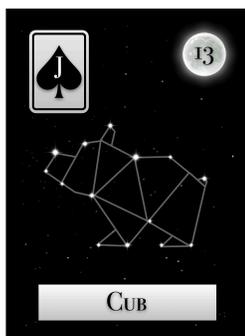
10 - Scythe - Swift endings, accidents, cuts. Always think of the razor sharp edge of the scythe when reading this card. In combination with others, it always adds the modifier of “quick,” or “sharp.” On some occasions, scythe can also be read as the object of “tool” or “method” by which one can achieve something important. Scythe is the tool that helps us to harvest what it is that took us so long to cultivate and although deadly, can also be important for us to have to get the job done more efficiently.



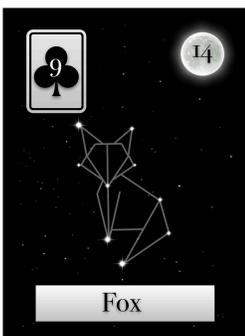
11 - Broom - Repetition, abuse, patterns. Think of the action of sweeping the floor or cleaning a rug. These tasks are not performed with one motion but occur over and over again, repeating the same motion until the job is complete. Broom is the card that shouts loudly that this is a situation that has occurred before, and will happen again unless there is intervention. Broom sometimes appears with, or instead of Whip - which is also repetitive in nature but carries a bit more sting.



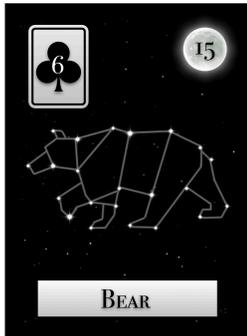
12 - Birds - Idle chat, communication, gossip. I always think of the little flocks of finches or sparrows when the Birds card appears. They are social and travel together unlike birds of prey. “Twitter” seems like an appropriate name for the type of social media where you are able to blast out short messages to anyone that wants to hear. This type of conversation is not private, usually doesn’t have much substance but can have quite an impact. Look to the surrounding cards to determine if the nature of the conversation is kind (clover, bouquet, heart, etc.) or detrimental (i.e., scythe, snake) or if the broom lies with the birds, it may indicate an insufferable gossip.



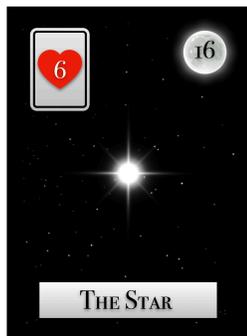
13 - Cub - Child, young or new. One of the cards in the deck to be altered slightly from the traditional card of “Child” - Cub was used as a nod to the Ursa Major and Minor constellations as the Bear appears later on. The Cub can represent a literal child, a situation that is new to the querent or an idea or plan that is in its early stages. As a modifier to other cards, it may be appropriate to think of words like immature, innocent or curious. Bear + Ring could mean new contract. Also remember that cubs, like young children cannot survive independently and require nurturing and protection from another.



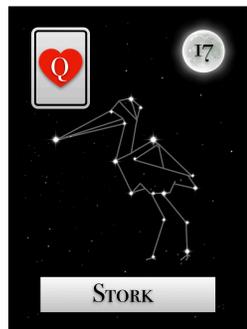
14 - Fox - Craftiness, creativity, devious plan. Fox brings an energy of intelligence and foresight. Often depicted as the “villain” of the story, Fox is portrayed as the trickster, carrying out his well made plans and raiding the henhouse or laughing as others fall victim to his traps. To add to his mystery, some foxes also change colors with the seasons. Does this happen to aid with their camouflage, or to protect them from the harsh winter sun? Also consider the situation. The henhouse raid is really only unfortunate for the chickens, not the fox.



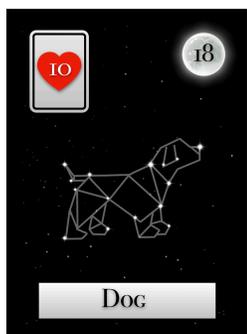
15 - Bear - Protector, mother, authority. Bear in Lenormand depicts a kind of energy that is protective, nurturing and authoritative. Bear doesn't have to represent a female subject and can sometimes also show up as an officer, mentor or anyone else to whom you respect and listen to when they growl at you. In multiple card spreads it may also be good to consider the Bear energies of foraging, preparing for winter or even hibernating, hiding away from the harsh elements until the long winters are over and it is safe to come out in the spring.



16 - The Star - Hopes, Wishes. The brightest star in the sky, known as the North Star, the Pole Star, Polaris and many other names, serves as the star that serves as an axis point that all other stars appear to rotate in the night sky - due to the rotation of the earth. It serves as a guide for those who navigate by the stars at night. It is the subject of tales and legends in every culture, most of which have to do with steadfastness, hopes, dreams and love. Astoundingly, some cultures even knew that Polaris is not one star, but a close system of three. The Star card is always read as one of good energy, positivity and guidance from above.



17 - Stork - Big change, something new. Stork is the subject of many myths and legends from many cultures. The common theme surrounding these almost always centers around the fierce protective way that Stork guards her nest and hatchlings. She is symbolic of renewal and reproduction and has a "motherly" energy similar to Bear. When this card appears it indicates that a subject is new, developing or may be soon to arrive unexpectedly. She is perfect as a focus card when reading about pregnancy or new ventures.



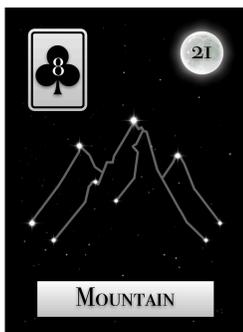
18 - Dog - Loyal friend, pet. Whenever Dog appears, think loyalty, companionship and friendship. Dog is more than a casual acquaintance but does not reflect the same kind of intimacy when reading about love or parenting. Dog shows up in Lenormand readings to represent your besties.. people that you can rely on in any circumstance. In relationship readings, dog may appear to indicate that the subject is loyal in their words or actions. Beware of dog in reverse or dog combined with snake. Dog with clouds may be a fair-weather friend. Dog and star, a best friend and dog with feather, a pen pal or internet friend.



19 - Tower - Workplace, body of work, foundation. The tower in Lenormand is not at all like the Tower in Tarot. This tower represents the effort that it takes to build a structure such as this one. Designed to represent the kind of building found in the desert southwest of the United States, this tower must have taken years to complete and hours of time and resources. Bit by bit it was built from the ground up and is a wonderful example of hard work, dedication and combined effort or teamwork. Use the tower card as a focal point when reading about career or for matters of one's employment.



20 - Garden - Outdoor gatherings, social life. The Constellation design here represents a fun traditional way of gardening known as the "three sisters." It can be done even in small gardens or large patio pots and was a favorite of both of my Grandmothers. Corn stalks in the center provide a structure for beans or peas to grow up, while squash of some kind, grows around the perimeter and provides shade for all of the roots. Garden in Lenormand is about social activity, and like the three sisters, collaboration, celebration and cooperation. The garden could represent a meeting place, special events or parties.



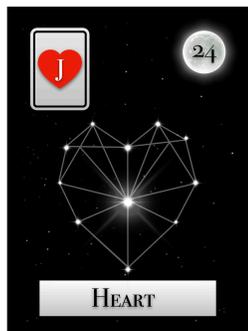
21 - Mountain - Struggles. Mountains are beautiful, powerful and quite honestly, deadly structures in nature. Composed of granite and quartz they tower over all with incredible energy but are not immune to the other forces of nature, wind, water and time. The mountain card reflects big "obstacle" energy and in readings, represents the trials and hardships that one must overcome to be successful. When defining a subject, Mountain can mean someone who is outdoorsy, rugged or difficult. An impenetrable wall or obstacle, a trip that is perilous or a task that will take a long time are all defined by the mountain card.



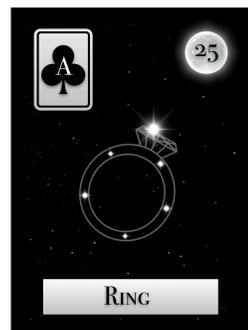
22 - Fork - Decisions, crossroads. A river at the base of a mountain has two forks in this depiction of the Lenormand card traditionally known as crossroads. It appears when there are decisions to be made or important changes of direction should be considered. A fork in the river is an interesting place geologically. This is where stones of lighter density wash up and beautiful geodes can be found. Changes of direction and currents can make for interesting, or dangerous fishing spots and places to cross. The fork or crossroads does not always indicate which choice is better, only that there is one to be made.



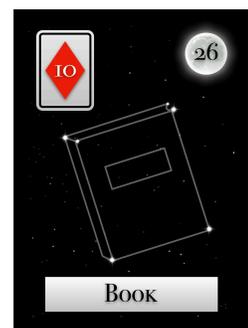
23 - Mice - Annoyances, theft, stress. Mice have a special place in the hearts of those who have a love for all creatures small, furry and cute. In the grander theme of things, they serve as meals for larger mammals and birds, but overall they are seen as pests, spreaders of disease, contamination and damage. One of the “negative” cards of Lenormand, the Mice are read as the latter side - naughty little things that can ruin your day. They can be read as people, situations or as an overall energy of dis-ease, anxiety or stress. It may be worth building a new spread with mice as the focal point, to look deeper into the cause.



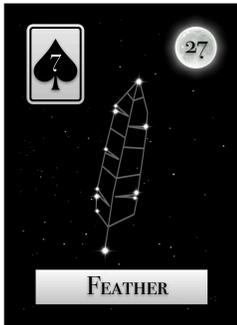
24 - Heart - Love, emotions. It definitely is what it is. The Heart card in Lenormand speaks of the emotion, a bond between people or romantic desire. The best focal card for readings about love or romance, this card will always give a good reading on the reality of the situation, one of the reasons why I really love this system and style. If reading reversals, the heart reversed is also an easy one. Surrounding cards will also offer more information about what has happened to cause such heartache or disappointment.



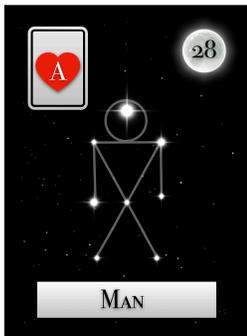
25 - Ring - Commitments, contracts, marriage. Rings have long been symbols of affiliation, commitment or status. Even the most simple types of rings worn on different fingers can be a signal to the world that a person is a part of an organization like a church or business, what month they were born in as depicted by a birthstone, what achievements they have made like championship or fraternity rings, or what their relationship status is by the presence or lack of a wedding ring. In Lenormand the ring can mean any of these things, but if it shows in reverse it may indicate a lack of commitment, indecisiveness or feelings of being constrained.



26 - Book - Story, secrets, education. If you’ve ever gotten lost in a bookstore or library, you know that there are books about literally everything. “Book” can be sometimes vague in Lenormand because it could mean someone’s education or their background (“story”). In many circumstances, a book means something different than a letter, which is still written, however we know that books are much longer and more involved. Book may also refer to something more like a diary or personal journal, which is full of secrets or detailed instructions.



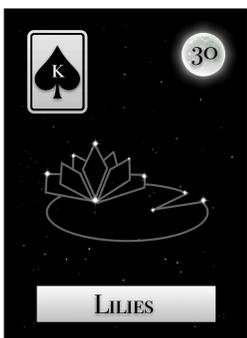
27 - Feather - Messages, written communication. Feather is used in this deck to represent the letter. Whenever I find feathers in my path, I see them as direct messages from my guides or ancestors. Feathers have great meaning and symbolism in indigenous culture and some are also sacred, even illegal to sell or buy. In Lenormand, Feathers or Letters mean communication, but usually the written kind. In this day and age that can mean email, texts or traditional letters. Sometimes they mean legal documents or important paperwork, not to be confused with the Ring card which is usually more about contracts.



28 - Man - Masculine subject - In today's world of diversity, we know that the symbols for male/female masculine/feminine can be used interchangeably depending on our reading's subjects or the client that we are reading for. How you use the Man/Woman cards in this deck is completely up to you. In the Constellation Lenormand there are no defining features but for one line that appears to depict one figure with a lower line that appears to make it more dress-like and one that looks more like a tunic. Another difference that might be noticed is the placement of one of the stars.



29 - Woman - Feminine subject. Continuing from the "Man" card above, one of the only differences between Man/Woman in this deck is the placement of one of the stars. Depending on the person that you wish to depict in the reading, you may want to consider the general energy or the question. As you can see, one person seems to shine more brightly from the third eye, as if depicting one who is more thinking/intuitive in nature, while the other shines from the heart, or one who is more feeling/empathic.



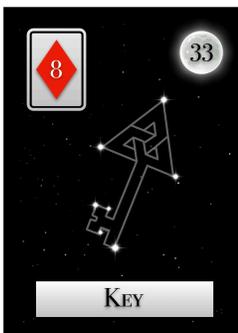
30 - Lilies - Pure intentions, grounding, sensuality. Lilies are depicted and described in many ways in different Lenormand decks. There are many kinds of lilies - my mind often swings from garden lilies like the exotic Tiger or Starburst kind, or lilies as in the pads that float on the surface of ponds, teeming with life. When lilies appear, think of the roots that both kinds have - deep and sustaining for life, nurturing the flowers and leaves and providing food or shelter for all different kinds of other life. In many cultures and Lenormand, Lilies symbolize intimacy. In the Victorian era it was common to send lilies to your lover, and in Rome/Greece lilies were used to scent pillows and bedding.



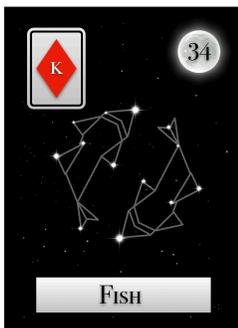
31 - Sun - Success, happiness, celebrations. In this case, the Sun card in Lenormand corresponds very well to the Sun card in Tarot. It's a sign that everything is coming up roses and all is well in the world. The Sun card is a positive modifier for any other card in the deck, meaning good ending, good outcome, etc. It was difficult to think of how to depict the sun in the Constellation Lenormand and as I was wracking my brain trying to figure out a way to depict the sun in a starry sky, I remembered the day that I saw them simultaneously during a total solar eclipse. Stunning.



32 - Moon - Intuition, cyclic energy, mental state. In some legends, Moon was once married to the Sun. Scorned and burned, she was cast away and Earth caught her and adopted her as her sister. Earth told her sister that she need never show her face to the Sun again. Moon's love for Earth causes the tides and effects the emotions of everyone on her surface as she phases in and out in cyclic patterns. She is strongest when we see her fully, out of hiding and her light gives us intuition and the ability to manifest our dreams. In Lenormand, Moon is often a combination of all of these energies, sometimes sad, sometimes happy, but always changing.



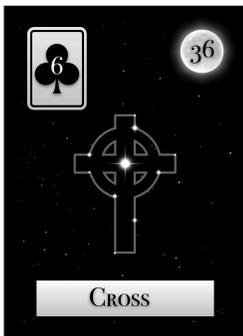
33 - Key - Answers, items of importance. The key card is another one in Lenormand that can be read as a powerful modifier or used as a focal point when looking for the answer to a particular question from your querent. The Key often describes an object or direction that your querent should take to solve problems or open hypothetical doors or unlock potential opportunities. Always look to the cards around the key for your answers or clues. Seeing the key card in a spread is a big hint that spirit is trying to help you find what you seek.



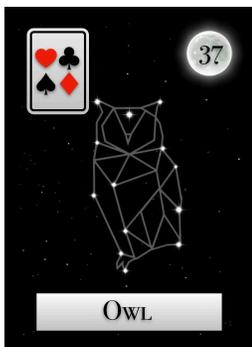
34 - Fish - Resources, money or abundance. If everyone who uses this deck could witness the rivers and streams of Yellowstone with me, they would understand how this card so accurately defines abundance and prosperity. There's a bridge that I like to visit in the spring with a bag of frozen corn. One handful of corn tossed into the water causes an immediate frenzy of trout, jumping and thrashing - their numbers way too high to count. The big ones hide in the shadows under the bridge - impossibly huge and effortlessly stationary against the upstream current. Fish always brings good news of having enough - time, resources, food, anything that you need to survive and thrive.



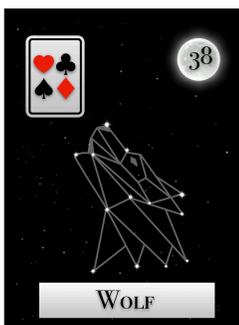
35 - Anchor - That which grounds or holds you back. Interpretation of this card depends very much on being able to identify two different possibilities. Let's say the anchor card follows Tower, meaning work. It could be that the querent's job is stable, secure, anchored safely in place or, depending on the situation, their current job could be holding them back - impeding progress. How to decide? Consult the arrangement of the cards nearby or ask the querent. Opening your eyes to the possibility of imbalance could be occurring could be exactly what is needed.



36 - Cross - Spirituality, suffering, sacrifices. Admittedly, Cross is another one of the Lenormand cards that can be read in a variety of ways depending on context. Cross can mean religion with reference to any kind, not just Christianity. Cross can also represent a symbol like "no" and indicate that an impasse has occurred or that sacrifices must be made due to a disagreement or deadlock. Suffering has been included as a nod to other traditional uses of cross-like symbols from history. Skull and crossbones in ancient archaeology symbolize death, danger, or poison. Crossed swords or arrows symbolize times of war.



37 - Owl - Wisdom, knowledge, expertise. Unlike Birds with their aimless chatter, communication with owl is always purposeful and full of knowledge. Paired with other cards, Owl says you are on to something. Illumination has been or is about to be obtained. Owl brings wisdom to subjects and situations and encourages others to learn before they leap. Owl as a subject of your reading is more than a teacher or mentor, they are also the consultant who works with you side by side to help you to achieve your goals. In reverse, owl is impulsivity, ignorance or speaking without thinking first or checking facts.



38 - Wolf - Teacher, lessons, teamwork, success. Wolf is one of the only creatures known to work together as a team towards a common goal. Communication amongst pack members is done through eye contact and posturing. In this deck, Wolf appears to represent the type of leader who teaches and leads by example, lessons learned through experience, collaborative effort and celebrations of success. Reversed, we find the lone wolf, outcast, solitary, struggling to survive.



39 - Bison - Power, resilience, longevity. Bison is the epitome of resilience. This creature survives the Yellowstone ecosystem with temperatures that range from 40 below zero to 90 above (-40 to 32C). Their environment is incredibly perilous - with hidden fissures and thermal features, occasional poisonous volcanic gasses and natural predators everywhere. Wandering more than a few yards outside the National Park boundaries render them quarantined or expelled from the park - never able to return and their fate is usually up to the hands of whoever's property they end up on. In this deck, Bison represents a person of great fortitude, stamina or physical strength. An action word for the Bison card would be persevere or endure. Bison is also a very social creature with definite roles to play for each member. They guard and protect their own much like the social elephant but also battle each other for dominance like the elk. Reversed, this card represents a person with little fortitude, someone who has given up, or a feeling of not being able to withstand the storm.

Spreads for the Constellation Lenormand

If you have never used Lenormand cards before, a traditional three card spread is a good place to start. There are many resources and classes available online for reading Lenormand and techniques may vary from reader to reader but the idea is basically the same. Shuffle and cut your cards. Next, draw three. You can deal them from the top as if dealing for poker, or pick them at random from the pile. Do what feels natural for you.

Read the cards from left to right. The cards make a sentence. Position one represents who or what. Position two is read as a verb or action, and the third position is read as a modifier - how, when or why.



Here are a few examples:

Dog, Star, Garden - A friend will have a very successful party or event.

Tree, Mountain, Ship - Health may be impacted by a difficult journey

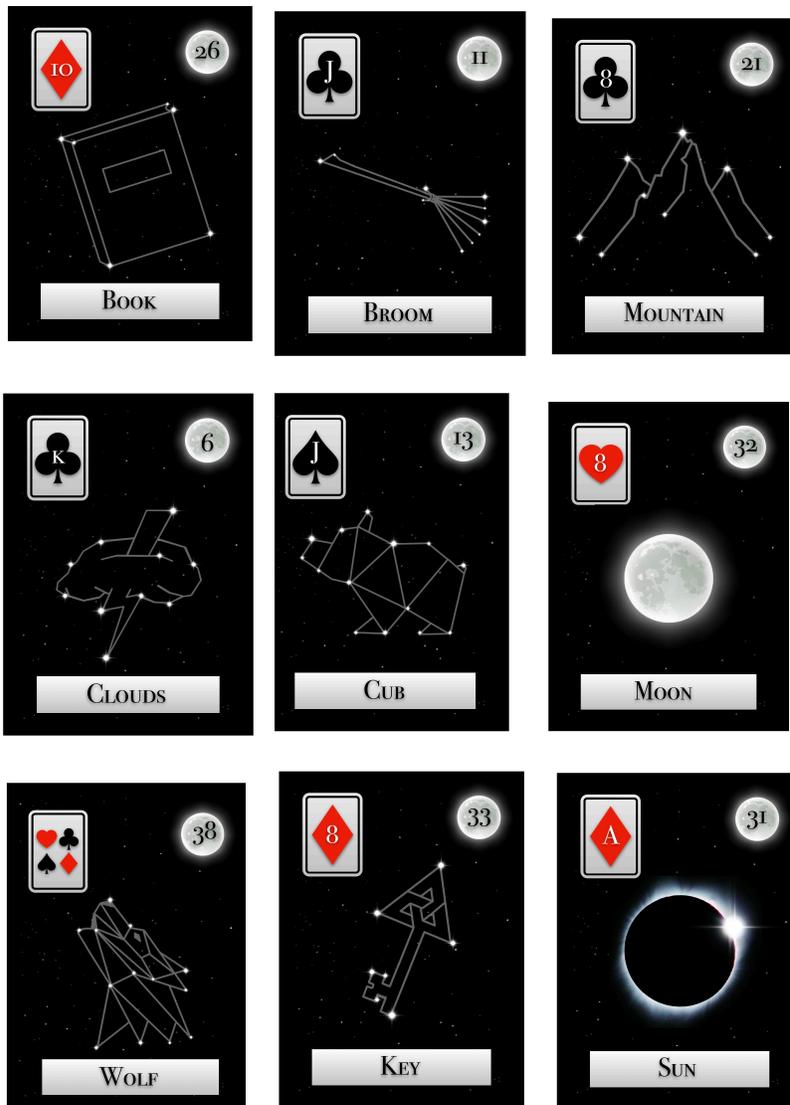
Owl, Key, Tower - Learning something new will be the key to success at work.

Learning to read the different combination of cards something that takes practice. A few tips for improving your readings could include watching others who read Lenormand or watching tutorial videos on YouTube. Remember that sometimes readers will have slightly different interpretations of the card combinations than others. Context can come a lot into play, as well as the placement of the cards in the spread. A reader's intuition also comes a lot into play when reading Lenormand. The card keywords are short, simple and sometimes variable. When I read Lenormand, I am very much tuned in to my intuition and "claires." Sometimes I pick up on the querent's energy or can "hear" messages from my own guides as I read, who point out certain nuances or turn my attention to one card more than others.

Once you feel more comfortable with reading different combinations, it is fun to try different, more complex spreads like the next one.

The Nine Card Spread

The Constellation cards work really well for a traditional 9 card spread. Here is an example of one way to do a 9 card spread..You can choose a focus card and place it in the center, or deal all 9 cards and let your guides choose the focus for you. The focus card is always the one in the center. After placing the focus card, shuffle and cut your deck to your liking. For this example, I will pretend that I am doing a reading about my querent's child. After placing the "Cub" card in the center, the rest of the cards are placed in the other positions, starting in the upper top, left to right, row two in position one and three, and then the bottom row, left to right.



The top row: Book, Broom, Mountain is read as a situation of the past. In this case, I see Book as being learning or study. Learning has been repetitively difficult. Perhaps the child has had a hard time with learning or studying. Repetition - perhaps repetitive tasks or having to repeat subjects has been arduous for them. Maybe they have felt blocked or like they are not making progress. They may feel overwhelmed.

The middle row: Clouds, Cub, Moon is read as the present. Again I see the clouds - which mean confusion, situations that are unclear or seem daunting - for the child are bringing stress, maybe even anxiety or behavior problems. The cyclic nature of the moon may lead me to ask if this has been going on for quite some time.

The bottom row is a row that I read as a possible outcome or future. Wolf, Key, Sun can be read as, "A mentor or teacher may be helpful, give enlightenment or make the child happy."

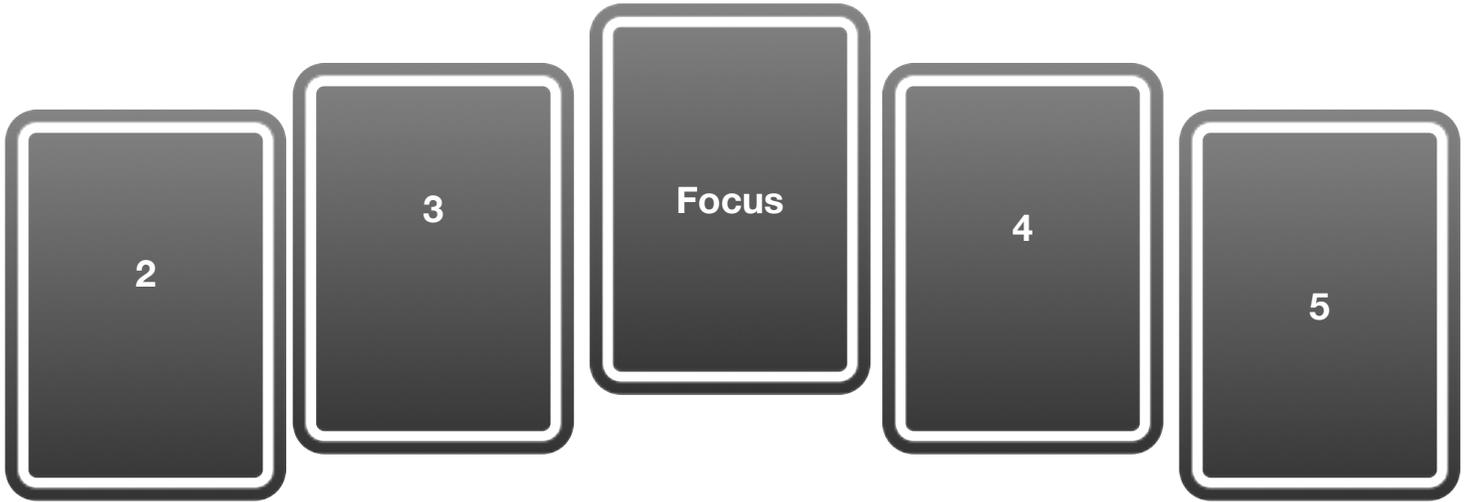
Don't be afraid to draw more sets of three for further messages. A few steps to read this nine card spread more in depth can be done by reading the corners, the cards in the north, south east and west positions, or by reading the cards in "knighted" positions. In chess, the knight piece can move one space over and two spaces left or right. In that way, we can see the following messages.

Corners: Book, Mountain, Wolf, Sun. Literally, Study is hard, a teacher will shed light. North, South, East, West: Broom, Key, Moon, Clouds - a little bit different, but repetition could still be the answer to the confusion and befuddlement that the child is facing.

Knighting: Book goes with Moon, and Book also goes with Key. Study has been an anxious, confusing process, but study is also the key to success. You can continue to read all of the cards in knighted pairs.

Sometimes the querent or I might want more clarity on a specific card, like the Wolf card. You can always draw another set of cards, using the wolf as the new focus. I will also often pull Tarot cards to clarify cards in my Lenormand cards, or vice-versa. I feel that Tarot and Lenormand play really well together in many scenarios.

The Night Sky Spread



Choose your focus card first, or let it be chosen at random. Shuffle and cut your cards. The focus card is position 1, or deal your first card in that space. Place cards at position 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The Focus card represents Polaris, the Northern Star or the situation around which all other constellations “rotate” in the night sky.

Read the sentences as: Focus, 2, 3, and Focus 4, 5.

Deal a second card for spaces 2, 3, 4 and 5. Repeat the readings as above.

Read the sentences as. Focus 2, 3, and Focus 4,5.

Repeat this as desired, taking note of how many of the 3-card combinations have meaningful messages. There may come a time in the process that the cards seem to “stop talking” or the messages don’t seem to apply. It could be that you are running out of combinations and this may be your time to pick up the cards in position 2-5 and shuffle again.

This spread is also a really good way to practice card meanings and combinations. I recommend practicing it with cards that you get “stuck” with. Don’t forget to journal about your cards and spreads.

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