

Afro Goddess Tarot Arcanas

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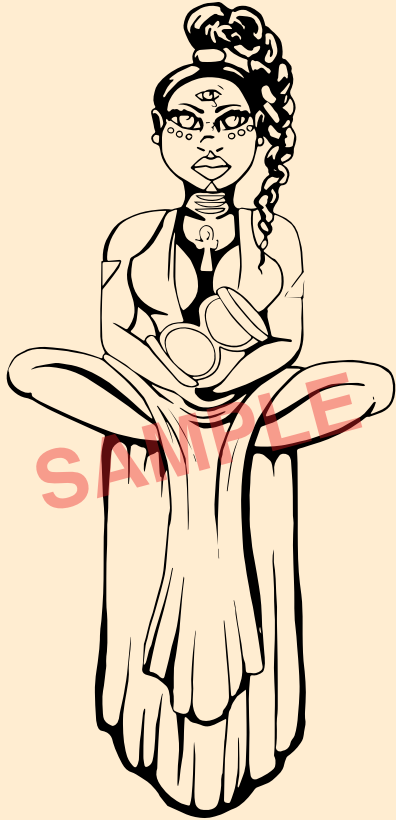


A TAROT deck for the
melanated Goddess.

For our daughters. May they see beyond the veil,
and begin their ascension from a place of pride,
wisdom and truth.

For my dearest Monica and Jordan.
For the Goddess that I am,
Is the Goddess that you are. -Mom

And Steven. There are no words for how
much I love and appreciate the husband you are.
-Your Wife, Andrea



An Introduction to the Afro
Goddess Tarot Arcanas
Divination System

It's all a matter of perspective.

Art. Tarot. Life.

The world is noisy and this life journey can be complicated. But in those moments, there is nothing more important than having personal grounding and a good perspective to draw from. The tarot is a phenomenal divination system that has been used for centuries to open the subconscious to answers of the unknown. World renowned, as a true path to ultimate self-discovery, tarot is a life changing and willing emotional journey that will not only result in the overall improvement of your psyche but can drastically improve the quality of your life if you learn to listen to the wisdom it provides.

However, being able to truly resonate and form personal connections with the imagery of the cards are of the utmost importance; so Melanated Goddesses, the Afro Goddess Tarot Arcanas is a deck system designed exclusively for the innate spiritual connection of the melanated woman (or man). These beautiful and vibrant cards have been carefully studied, designed and hand painted by fine artist, Andrea Furtick, with an emphasis on seamlessly blending traditional tarot wisdom and current melanated culture, while invoking a sense of presence and aid from our ancestors, who are always ready to assist us.

So, Goddess, listen to what you see; it's the art of the tarot.



**“Universal Spirit, I ask that you
show me what I need to see...”**

Start with the basic instinct.

This is the moment you allow yourself to be a vessel of truth and message from Spirit, be it for yourself or another. Begin by meditating over the issue at hand and asking Spirit for a clear message to be presented to you through your cards. And when you feel ready, and in alignment with focus of the mind, start to shuffle the cards. Shuffle them until they are well mixed, but most importantly until you feel the urge to stop. Then, select your cards. Some prefer to choose them from the top and others by random selection; either way works just fine. In this moment, trust yourself to be the vessel of the message from Spirit.

Place your selected cards face down, until all cards are selected. Then, reveal and study them one by one.

Popular Three Card Spreads:

- ◆ Past. Present. Future.
- ◆ Self. Mutual Dynamic. Partner.
- ◆ New. Full. Dark Moon.
- ◆ Situation. Obstacle. Advice.
- ◆ Strength. Weakness. Advice.
- ◆ You. Path. Potential.
- ◆ Head. Heart. Spirit.
- ◆ The Issue. DON'T Do This. DO This.

Need a YES or NO answer?

If two or more cards appear in the upright position, it's a yes. If two or more appear in the reversed position, it's a no.

Message not clear enough?

Pull a card clarifier. That means you ask Spirit to clarify a specific card by selecting another card and blending the meanings of those two cards together.

The Major Arcana



The Major Arcana consists of the 23 major life or karmic challenges we go through as spirits bound by form. Commonly referred to as “The Fool’s Journey,” these cards follow the Fool through 23 realms of lessons and experiences, thus ultimately leading to spiritual enlightenment and ascension.

Being both complex and full of messages, these cards often propose major life changes if adhered to. A reading full of, or mostly consisting of, Major Arcana cards generally suggests long-lasting and significant life changes.

Although the traditional tarot ends at the World, card 21, this deck contains two additional energies, the Supreme and the Universe.



0 ♦ The Fool

The number “0” has no beginning and no end. Its possibilities are endless, just as the ever so innocent and ambitious Fool. Her carefree expression as she strolls the jagged road (as none of our journeys are fairy tales) is of light, positivity and optimism. Here, our goddess is accompanied by her loyal

dog, symbolic of her well-intended yet often over-enthusied ego, as she strides toward some new and exciting opportunities. In one hand, she carries a red satchel for the lingering burdens and responsibilities she carries; in the other hand, she holds a white rose for purity. Her confident and impulsive energy flows freely as she looks cheerfully forward to the infinite possibilities of the unknown.

When the Fool card arises, it is representative of new beginnings and necessary endings. It can be seen as an indicator to go on and take the next step in your journey. Neither the traveled road, your burdens, your responsibilities, nor the innocence of your care-free nature will hinder you. It is here your confidence will carry you on to the needed lessons that will assist you as you journey toward the destiny of your own

creation. So, enjoy some lightheartedness, as the journey of the Fool is just beginning.

In its reverse, the Fool may indicate “fool”ishness and ill preparation. You may be experiencing a moment of naivety and taking some risks that just won’t pan out. Make sure you understand the long-term results and consequences of your actions, then meditate and consult your guides. For in this respect, you won’t want to play “the fool.”



1 ♦ The Magician

The Magician is the conductor. As she is focused and seeing through her third eye, she becomes the bridge between thought and action, just as she is the bridge between the spirit world and the physical plane. It is up to her to use her unique skill, logic and intellect to manifest and

bring forth something anew.

The number 1 is the number of beginnings. And in the beginning, you often need to use what you have to become the Magician. This is a very powerful card representative of the notion that all you need to be great is already right before you. Often, we

doubt ourselves, but why? We are great and can do great things! And chances are, with some effort, that very greatness is only just around the corner. So allow this card to spark your willpower and urge you to manifest your deepest desires! As in this moment, the Magician acts with great awareness and concentration.

In its reverse, the Magician may reveal the use of skill and trickery to negatively manipulate a situation. Be wary of the charmers. The Magician may also indicate skills not being utilized and the lack of a plan. Have you lost your confidence? Take a moment, meditate and reconnect. Open your third eye and see that you are truly the Magician.

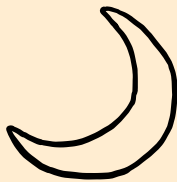


2 ♦ The High Priestess

The High Priestess, card 2 of the Major Arcana, represents both duality and the divine feminine while drawing attention to one’s inner wisdom. This goddess exudes a mothering and nurturing energy, indicating she knows her answer lies within her own intuition, and is dependent upon her accessing the untouched and untried potential she holds within.

Here, you may say, she must “see beyond the veil.” The blue sky is clear, as part of the truth is seen. However, it is what is beyond the veil that this Goddess has her eye set on. She knows she must make use of the knowledge she sits perched upon, as well as the infinite wisdom (represented by the Tora in her hand) that shall guide her to those hidden truths. The black and white totems represent the ancestral path of knowledge. We must utilize the everlasting truth: our ancestors are always waiting and willing to give us sight where blindness has reigned. With the new moon at her feet, she understands she must, in this moment, use both a balanced concoction of intuition and fact to forge forward past the hidden secrets of the veil. She enjoys her pomegranates in the spirit of abundance and growth.

However, in its reverse, the High Priestess indicates a lack of listening. It’s time to connect with Spirit and listen to the messages they have for you. Meditate and take some time to reflect and reconnect.



3 ♦ The Empress

Card 3, the combination of cards 1 (the Magician, having everything you need) and 2 (the High Priestess, knowing what you need to do), is the Empress, the Goddess of creativity, abundance and fertility. She is balanced (her necklace) and fertile with a creative and fruitful energy. Her harvest

shall come. She is divine femininity. She radiates sensuality, beauty and feminine power. As the 12 signs of the zodiac surround her, she is both a vessel of growing creation and a beacon of Mother Nature.

This is a time when you are giving life to something, either literally (a baby) or figuratively (an idea or project). Harness this creative energy and create harmony with the birth of something new.

In its reverse, the Empress can indicate a lack of creativity or productivity. You may have lost your personal power due to putting the needs of others before your own. So, go within and find what is causing the disconnect. Realign and find your spark!

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