

Curious Travels Tarot

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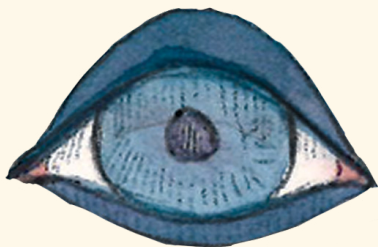
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Introduction



The *Curious Travels Tarot Deck*, created by Amelia Rozear, is comprised of 79 original watercolor illustrations. This deck is a product of love and inspiration, created with materials inherited from her grandmother. Throughout the creative process, each card was hand-drawn in ballpoint pen, painted in watercolor, and detailed with sparkling gold leaf paint.

This deck is heavily inspired by the Rider-Waite deck in structure and in symbolism. From the 22 cards of the Major Arcana to the four suits of the Minor Arcana, *Curious Travels* incorporates new themes throughout the deck, such as the diverse animal kingdom, anthropomorphic characters, and expressive stylizations of traditional cards.

The art of tarot has been interpreted and reinterpreted for centuries, grounded by the artistic symbolism within each card. These symbols are brought together to create small stories throughout the deck; stories of love, pain, excitement, new beginnings, wonder, and so much more. As long

or lack of reward, you wonder if all your efforts are worth it. It is time to reflect on what you have achieved thus far and truly ask yourself: is it time to move on? There is no clear-cut answer, but listen to your gut and you will make the right choice.

Eight of Wands

A woman flies up a makeshift staircase into the sky, where three birds hover in wait. She moves quickly, as though the rickety stairs might collapse at any moment. The birds are watching her indifferently, a quiet omen against the bright blue sky. It seems to be the perfect day for new developments.

Upright: You are full of energy and the motivation to move quickly through your goals. It seems as though everything is aligning for you, giving you the space you need to capitalize on this productive momentum. Let this energy flow through you and use it wisely, for you don't know how long it will last.

Reversed: You want to rush forward and complete your goals, but you are acting hastily. It might feel painful to slow down, but consider waiting to act until you are in a more stable environment. Even though you might go stir crazy, know that this will help to refocus your energy and benefit you in the long run.



Nine of Wands

A woman peers out of a cage of eight wands, gripping the ninth in her hands. She is collapsed and weary, as though she has grown tired of fighting. She has faced opposition before and has come out on top, but this might be her most difficult challenge yet. Though the road ahead is daunting, she is prepared to see it through to the end.

Upright: You have faced a lot of challenges lately, and this one feels like it might push you over the edge. Although it might feel excruciating to endure another setback, you have the inner strength to push forward. Set boundaries if there are negative people in your life and spend more time with those who inspire you.

Your success is right around the corner, and you have a strong community of supporters who are along for the ride.

Reversed: You are in the midst of dealing with intense anxiety and paranoia as you face the challenges that come right before completing a big goal. It might feel overwhelming to the point of fatigue and burnout, and you might doubt your ability to keep going. Know that it is okay to ask for help if you need it, either from friends or family, or a licensed therapist. Believe in yourself. You have made it this far, and this is your final test before you are rewarded.



Ten of Wands

A stag looks out from this card, ten wands growing on the top of his head. His antlers are heavy, and he has no choice but to bear them. Although he carries this burden, he does not look weary or upset. It is as though he knows this weight is worth something far greater than his struggles.

Upright: The Ten of Wands implies that you have added something new to your always-growing list of responsibilities. Perhaps this is an attempt to distract yourself from the anxieties that come with free time.



Ask yourself, can you sit in silence? Is your mind running rampant when you try to fall asleep? If yes, take time to explore this need for stimulation.

If these responsibilities are necessary in your life, remind yourself that all your hard work will pay off in the end.

Reversed: Whether it be physical or emotional, you are carrying a weight that you need to let go of. It could be something like an extra shift at work or feeling anxiety toward matters you cannot change. Either way, you need to cut these stressors out of your life. Write down what brings you joy and pursue what is on the list. Odds are you have forgotten the happiness that comes with doing things purely for yourself, so listen to your body and take time to rest.

Page of Wands

The Page of Wands sits in a tree, balancing a salamander on their finger. The salamander represents this suit's element of fire, and the raging passion behind new ideas. The page feels this inspiration deeply but is not quite ready to take action. Instead, they sit in their tree rooted firmly in the ground, contemplating their own potential.



Upright: You are flooded with new ideas and the possibilities surrounding them. You are completely infatuated with life! Feel free to sit in this curiosity; do not rush into something because you feel you have to. When you are ready to pursue something new, make sure you build your ideas on a strong foundation.

Reversed: You might be yearning for a new project but have no idea where to direct your creative energy. Don't try to force an idea, this will only frustrate you. Instead, take things as they come. Let your mind wander. Whatever you are waiting for, it will reveal itself to you in time.

Knight of Wands

A flaming horse peers out as the Knight of Wands, a salamander scuttling up its nose. They exist within the fiery atmosphere associated with the suit of wands, full of energy and passion to explore.

Upright: You are absolutely bursting with excitement, and you have thrown yourself into your new ideas! Take advantage of this creative energy, for it has turned you into an even more confident person. Lots of people will flock to you for inspi-



ration, so don't be scared if you're not used to attention. They are here to support you. While lots of exciting things are happening, don't get swept away; stay grounded and think things through. Do not be hasty.

Reversed: You might be feeling very impulsive or prone to anger, which can cause tension in your relationships. Take time and space to contemplate before making decisions and remind yourself that problems are seldom solved overnight. Try channeling your intense emotions into a personal project, which will nourish your creative nature and distract you from your anxieties.

Queen of Wands

Adorned with beautiful red robes and sunflowers, the Queen of Wands is sunshine personified. Sitting on a throne with a budding wand in her hand, she smiles. There is a black cat in her lap, alluding to her quieter, darker self. She pets the cat, embracing these dark characteristics just as much as her joyous ones.

Upright: You are fiery and passionate about achieving your dreams, and you are doing so flawlessly! The confidence you exude has attracted the attention of others, and you are basking in this well-deserved attention. This card encourages you to keep branching out socially, as you are wonderful at



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