

The Minor Arcana

Waves

Ace of Waves - A Ripple of Energy

The Ace of Waves is a card of beginnings. The roll of a single wave breaks across the sun-warmed sand. It ripples right over your toes washing up just over the tops of your feet before sliding back out again. Even within this gentle wave are dozens, hundreds more waves. Each fractured reflection over the sand indicates another tiny wave breaking on the surface of this long rolling surf. Our human eyes see the whole, but water is always made up of many.

The Ace of Waves cards reminds you that the smallest wave, when amplified, can generate a powerful world-altering force. And that same wavelength can travel, uninterrupted, for thousands of miles. You may see something gentle, breaking over your feet, but over time and distance, if amplified and deepened, it can reshape whole coastlines. All from the power of a single wave. What small waves are breaking on your shores? How far could change you, if they grew into a powerful force in your life?

Two of Waves - Surging Power

Amplifying the power of the Ace, the Two of Waves shows how the power of waves can grow in magnitude. The sea is churning and moving, and the gentle waves have now come into their true power. The Two of Waves asks how you can harness this surging energy of the waves. What is building within you? What is asking to be made into reality?

Three of Waves - Dive Deeper

Beneath the movement of the waves is another world. It even looks like our own, with its plant life and animals and hierarchy. The Three of Waves invites us to explore what is waiting beyond the crashing surf. Beyond the frisson of activity surrounding beginnings is a chance for real discovery. A chance to see things from a different perspective. What is being uncovered in your life?

Four of Waves - Sanctuary

Coral reefs are an explosion of life and color under the water. They are as diverse and bustling as a city, as lush and life-supporting as a rainforest. Sea creatures gather to feed, lay eggs and raise young, find safety and move in schools. Home to some of the most diverse ecosystems in the world, coral reefs are themselves living things.

The Four of Waves brings you a message of celebration. There are places, moments where you can truly relax and celebrate all that you have done, the journey that has brought you here. Enjoy your friends, move with your school of fish. Let the colors and beauty fill you up. Celebrate this moment. There is harmony and peace all around you.

Five of Waves - Flow around adversity

A shark swims through a school of fish. You cannot tell if the shark is hunting for his next meal or just passing through. It doesn't matter to the fish — they see it all the same way: it's a potential threat. In a

beautiful harmony of movement, they flash their tales and flip their bodies and move as one to let the shark pass by.

The Five of Waves addresses a point of conflict in your life and asks how you can move past it. From the perspective of the fish, it might seem dire. But seen from above, with a change of perspective, the fish flow with water, moving together to keep the shark passing by. They don't fight it, they don't fight each other. They coordinate their movements, and work within their unique advantages to move past this moment. Is there a shark swimming through your life? What coordinated steps can you take to push past this or keep it moving past you?

Six of Waves - Belong

The clown fish and the anemone are entirely different species of ocean creatures. But the clown fish so perfectly blends with its environment it makes its home with in them. This is where it is safe. Out of all the places in the vast ocean, the gently swaying arms of the anemone are where clownfish most often call home.

The Six of Waves card reminds you that there are places you belong. Places where you are loved and safe. Where your goals are met. Lean into this sense of belonging. The places and people and moments that call to you are meant for you. Celebrate them. Give yourself fully to this feeling and let it surround you. There may be challenges outside of this circle, but right now, you are safe and whole. You are where you belong.

Seven of Wands - Endure

The spiral shell that protects the soft-bodied creatures inside must withstand tremendous forces from the waves and from crashing against the sea floor. The shell is created to protect what is inside. The ridges, pock marks, gouges and missing chips all tell a story of journey, of perseverance from the elements. It is not built to be beautiful. Without the shell, the soft-bodied creature inside would not survive.

The Seven of Wands comes to you with a message of endurance. Sometimes you need a hard shell to protect you from what life has to throw at you. It is still a part of you, not separate. Let an invisible shell build out from your center. Breathe in boundaries and strength. Breathe out loving self-protection. Let it spiral from your center until it surrounds you like armor. You are strong enough to face what you are going through.

Eight of Waves - Synchronicity

Like flashes of silver, fish move in schools through water in elegant dances of controlled movements. Each one is in harmony with the other. There is no fighting for control, no power struggles, no dominance.

The Eight of Waves reassures that you are moving in harmony with your goals. Listen to where your intuition is guiding you. Imagine your intuition as a school of fish, swimming around you, encouraging you to move in directions that are safe and for your best interest. Feel the network and lean into it. Let your awareness expand. Let the possibilities spread out from where you are right now. You are so much bigger than you think you are, and have the power to influence the world around you. Look for the synchronicities. Let them guide you.

Nine of Waves - Persevere

Where the water slams into the rocks it will eventually be made into sand. Don't give up. There is gentle power in the repetition. Even the softest lapping of waves, over time, is still strong enough to crumble continents

The Nine of Waves card reminds you that you do not have to exert power to be powerful. There is strength in your resilience. When challenges are great, keeping moving forward toward your goal, even in the smallest steps. Don't focus on the size of what you have to conquer. Only look at what you are chipping away. Keep going. You have the power of an ocean at your back.

Ten of Waves - Let Go

The sun sets. The tide goes out. It is a natural and necessary part of each day, each tidal cycle. What once floated on the water, buoyant and made light, moving easily on the top of the waves, is now left on the beach. It seems heavier than it's ever been before, waterlogged and sinking into the sand. But even this is not permanent.

The Ten of Waves carries a gentle message of to let go of the things that have become too heavy to carry. Embrace the perspective the receding tide brings you. Take a breath. Rest. You have a clear view of your surroundings. Are there other things waiting for your attention in the distance? Take stock of what's around you in this moment of stillness, and make future plans. Rest is a necessary part of the cycle of action and forward momentum. What are you being asked to let go of in this moment? Are there burdens that are just too heavy to carry right now? Do you need to keep pushing them forward? Or can they be left behind on the beach?

Page of Waves - Delight in Adventure

Dolphins are the embodiment of the joy in the water. The delight in the waves, they stay together, play together. They dwell in two worlds, living in water and breathing air, but they make the most of this duality by frolicking and jumping between the two.

The Page of Waves asks you to live into your joy. Don't hold yourself back. Leap out of the water, and feel both the sun on your skin, then sink back into the silky coolness of the waves. Move and feel and leap and turn and take it all in. Your creative spark is calling to you. Your intuition is guiding you. Open yourself to the pull, and give in to the joy.

Knight of Waves - Seek New Horizons

Orcas are one of the the farthest traveling creatures in the sea. They can range an average forty miles per day, but they can travel thousands of miles in a single year during their migrations. Just like the pod in this card, orcas are always moving, always seeking change. They are constantly heeding the call of something greater than themselves.

When the Knight of Waves sails in, this card is telling you to hang on. It is here to take you on a journey, to move you and inspire you. Go with it. Whether it's a person, travel or a new opportunity. Change is waiting for you. Let yourself get carried along with the Knight of Waves energy. New things are beckoning from the horizon, and you must heed the call and go.

Queen of Waves - Radiate Harmony

The jellyfish in the depths is in absolute harmony with her environment. She is made for this. She has mastered the art of flow. The bell top and ruffling tentacles push and pull water. She even creates her own light, using bioluminescence to softly glow in the ink-dark ocean.

The Queen of Waves floats to you with a message of harmony. You have reached a place in your life where you know who you are. You are not afraid of the dark. You are self-actualized, self-aware. The gifts you bring, your creative spirit and knowledge you share shine their own light. And you actively share that light with those around you.

King of Waves - Brave Any Depth

The humpback whale is a wonder in the ocean. They dive the deepest of any sea creature...yet they breathe air. They feed near the poles, give birth in the tropics and can travel as much as sixteen thousand miles per year in their migration routes. Their songs can be heard up to twenty miles away. The whale is the full manifestation of the King of Waves' momentum. He is leaving a legacy. And through his song, he is calling others to do the same.

The King of Waves invites you to take the long view. Take steady strides to get where you want to be. Take your time. You'll make it. The visions you have for your life are not small. It may take a great deal of energy and dedication to see it through, but you can. No flashy efforts, no shortcuts. The hard work you are doing is leaving a legacy. You have the maturity, wisdom and strength to see this through.

Ponds

Ace of Ponds - One Source

The water in this card is springing from its woodland source. From this point, it will travel across the landscape, thousands of miles, until it reaches the ocean. Even though it's unassuming, this is the beginning of a journey of a thousand steps.

The Ace of Ponds invites you to move off the beaten path and reflect on the source of your potential. You will grow from this point. This journey or endeavor will change you. But right here, right now, you are at the secluded pool. The current is not yet strong enough to carry off the leaves. The gentle waters allow soft moss to grow on the rocks. The Ace of Ponds brings you to the source of your material resources. It is a card of vast potential. What is the tangible beginning of the thing you desire? Even in its smallest, most unassuming state? What future goals are you watering now? What reflective message, what personal introspection from this place, can help prepare you for your future life?

Two of Ponds - Many Paths

A stream slips along the forest floor, curls around trees and rolls over the land. It reaches a waterfall and splits into parts. All water travels downhill, but each journey can take a very different routes.

The Two of Ponds invites you to see the many ways you are moving ahead. No one journey is the same. Each route has its own benefits and drawbacks. This card asks you to be flexible and adaptable. One role isn't always enough to reach your goals. Don't be afraid to hold many things in flow at the same time. You've got this!

Three of Ponds - Blending Energies

The waters from many sources and many paths all merge together into a beautiful glassy lake. Imagine how many creatures are nourished from this pooling of resources. It is a unique place, peaceful and calm, different from the rushing rivers and or the small pond of the isolated source in the Ace.

The Three of Ponds is a card of collaboration. It opens up into a wider view of what is possible when you pool your resources or invite other streams of energy to blend with your own. What in your life is being brought together in one place? Where are you being asked to work together with others

Four of Ponds - Smoothest Route

Water has the innate ability to find the path of least resistance. Every time. It moves and swirls and never stops. When it come to an obstacle, it gently rolls around it. Though the path is winding, water moves effortlessly over the bumps and around the curves. It is smoothing the world around it, just by letting itself go.

The Four of Ponds asks you to find ways to move around obstacles. Flow. Move around people or situations that keep snagging your energy. Is there an easier path? What would you have to let go of to get deep into the flow?

Five of Ponds - Scarcity

The ghost of water has left its fingerprints on the land, even though the drops that fell here might have been years or even decades before. This was once a fertile place, where trees survived and water ran through. But something has changed that, some hardship has dried up the water. Understanding why will not bring it back. Knowing may make the wait a little easier.... But then again, maybe not.

The Five of Ponds brings you the message that, when faced with scarcity and a situation that presents us with a hardship, what are your choices? Do you watch the sky and count the clouds, hoping for rain? Do you sit down and wait for a stream to snake its way back through the dry sand? Scarcity presents you with stark choices. Do you face the situation and possibly become as hardened as a tree in a desert. Or do you acknowledge that the thing you need is no longer here, then move along to find it elsewhere? Rains or seasonal streams are not intentionally withholding themselves from you. They are not hiding. But sometimes you must find the thing you need, instead of waiting for it to come to you. Where is nourishing rain falling in your life? What changes might help you reach what you need right now?

Six of Ponds - Sharing Abundance

All things on Earth are adapted for water. Some more visible than others. Leaves have channels to better funnel precious water down to the plant's roots. Root systems spread out beneath a plant or tree to maximize the water it catches from leaves. The leaves themselves slow the fall of rain, shattering a rain drop and sending it to the ground in a softer spray of water. Smaller drops means a more gentle and even spread of water to the roots below. These amazing water delivery systems are all connected.

The Six of Ponds focuses on the positive benefit of shared resources. When you give of your time, your energy or your intentions, those around you can grow and flourish. This isn't just a card of good deeds, however. This is a card that asks you to see yourself as part of a larger cycle. How do your actions benefit others? What are you putting into the universe, and in what ways does it come back to you? How is it nourishing your current goals? How is it helping grow your future ones?

Seven of Ponds - Embrace Change

Water's movement over the planet is never straight. No matter how many little turns and eddies and bends it must go through, no matter what it's gone through to get to this point, it will still spill over its borders or loop around itself when it encounters an easier path. It never holds back from moving and changing with its environment.

The Seven of Ponds reminds you that no matter how smooth the path has been, there is always room to change. Water never holds itself back from twisting and turning into a new route that is better for its flow. Whether that's for a week or a year. No matter how easy it's been, or how good it's been, don't hide from change. What milestones can you acknowledge along your journey to this moment?

What worked for you before, might not work for you in the future. What ways can you see change happening for you in the future? Are there new pathways, new opportunities, new routes that you have been putting off exploring?

Eight of Ponds - Carved by time

Some of the most breathtaking places on Earth have been carved out by water and time. Where edges are softened and the walls of canyons open up to be read like pages in a book. The soft strength of water is in its ability to wear down and smooth rocks. It is more powerful than the forces that pushed up the land out of the oceans. It will create the canyons, and when those are gone, it will carry their sands back to the sea.

The Eight of Ponds carries the reminder that things that seem effortlessly beautiful take time. Patience. Hard work. And that they are worth it. It takes about eight seconds to look at a canyon that took eighty million years to create. As humans, we cannot comprehend the gentle power and longevity of water. It stretches away behind us in history, and it rolls endlessly out in front of us into the future.

When you set about to a task that is meaningful, don't focus on the end result. Instead give yourself to the daily ebb and flow that is required to get job done. Commit. Show up. Every day. Do the hard work. Watch your goal take shape under your hands, bit by little bit. Time is a resource, just like the water washing down a canyon wall. How are you using your resources? What is asking you to show up on a regular basis? Can you see the results of your patient work?

Nine of Ponds - Safe Harbors

The setting sun gilds the slow-moving waters of a protected cove. The shallow waters along many freshwater areas are habitats for so many creatures. It is safe within the reedy edges for young creatures to be born and live, from bugs to fish to birds. It is a rich, safe, nurturing environment. These warm slow-moving waterways support so much life within them.

The Nine of Ponds brings a message of safety and prosperity. It encourages you to connect with the things and places that make you feel most nurtured and protected. It asks you to open up to and plan for your future. Where are the golden harbors in your life. Where are the places you feel safest? What are you doing to protect and enrich those areas?

Ten of Ponds - Oasis

In some desert environments, the trickle of water through the bottom of canyons creates a lush, almost jungle-like setting, year round. It's not just the pool of water, but the steady consistent water source. Where water flows, life goes.

The Ten of Ponds says you've made it. To get to this place, you have had to endure a lot of hardship. But it was worth it. You can rest and rejuvenate, and most importantly rehydrate here. There will be more travels to come - an oasis is usually a resting stop and not a final destination. But you will be more than ready to handle the rest of the journey after this. What does an oasis look like for you at this moment? What needs nourishment or rejuvenation? What accomplishments can you celebrate right now? What can you take from this place to make preparations for the journey ahead?

Page of Ponds - Boundless Curiosity

River otters are incredibly smart, inquisitive, familial creatures. They can be seen playing in rivers and fresh water areas worldwide. They slide down embankments into the water, play in the snow, wrestle and chase their tails. They fully live into their world with almost reckless abandon, learning lessons and bonding through their curious nature and playtime antics.

The Page of Ponds reminds you to open up to your surroundings. Be a perpetual student. There is always something to learn, even when a situation doesn't turn out the way you hoped. This card encourages you to try again, look at things from a different perspective, approach this moment with a curious, inquisitive mind. Try a new food, learn a new skill. Dig in and experience the world has to offer.

Knight of Ponds - Against the Flow

A silvery fish leaps out of the water, a flash of quicksilver in the sun. It is not going downstream, but instead leaping over the frothing water to go upstream. It swims against the current, following instinct, as generations upon generations have done before it. It knows that to get to the prize - the safest part of the river to lay eggs - it has to work hard. The end is worth the effort. And then the cycle begins again.

The Knight of Ponds brings you a message of dedication. Whether it's slogging through a daily grind, or reaching some far off goal, this card reminds you to rely on the routine. Be persistent, even if that borders on stubbornness. You are not afraid to go against the current. You can manage the plan, work out the details and show up ready to go, even at the toughest moments. You stick with it until the job is done.

Queen of Ponds - Resourceful

The sleek green frog, like frogs all around the world, is a master of resources. They are completely connected to water, and yet can thrive in some of the harshest conditions where there is no water source to be found. They use every bit of water - from surviving in muddy patches to living near in temporary puddles to laying eggs in water collected in leaves - until seasonal rains return.

The Queen of Pentacles brings your awareness to your resources and how you can best use them. It affirms that you are a master when it comes to making something out of nothing. You see the larger picture. You are deeply capable. You have done this before, and will do it again. You are comfortable moving between what can be and what will be to make a better life for yourself and those around you.

King of Ponds - Interconnected

Though seemingly separate, the network of fresh groundwater is an interconnected web that stretches from ocean to ocean. Ponds, rivers, streams, all waterways run to the sea. They have a myriad different names, but they are essentially all one. This precious resource is almost hidden in plain sight. Only when we rise above do we get to see the whole of this vast network of water.

The King of Ponds card carries messages of fulfillment and completion. The golden sun is setting. The scope of the waterways is laid out before you, running all the way to the ocean. You are capable of providing for others, and sustaining yourself all the way until you fulfill your vision for your life. From where you are, you can finally see the big picture, the whole view. Breathe in this moment. The richness, the colors. Your choices shine like a roadmap, leading you to your long-held goal.

Snow

Ace of Snow - Crystallizing Moment

There is nothing quite like the crisp edges and ordered shapes of a snowflake. Once this little messenger appears, you know the world around you is about to change.

The Ace of Snow invites look at your surroundings with clarity. Things are changing. How do you want to play a part? Maybe you've had a sudden realization. Maybe it's realigning your thinking. Or maybe you are ready to level up to a whole new way of experiencing things. Whatever it is, the first snowflake signals a change is coming that is likely to stick around for a while. What does this expanded view have to offer you? What is coming into sharper focus?

Two of Snow - The Path

Magnify the first tinkling snowflakes of the Ace card and you get the ground covering, path distorting heavy snows of the Two of Snow. The snow has continued to fall, and now blankets the way ahead with a thick layer of snow. The edges have disappeared and the twists and turns are indiscernible. But still you must continue on.

The Two of Snow confronts you with a reality you might not be ready to admit. You are at a standstill. The path before you is obscured, as if lost beneath the snow. You know you must act. Waiting will not solve the problem at hand, only make it more difficult. Where can you clear away emotion and come to a decision?

Three of Snow - Locked in Ice

Overnight, a sudden ice storm has coated everything in a layer of frozen glass. Trapped inside, the green buds still keep their color. But it's too late for them. The killing freeze has already struck. Though the whole plant will survive the winter, the leaves and buds will not after this night.

The Three of Snow asks you to recognize when things in your life are no longer capable of supporting growth. You do not have to fully grasp why something negative has happened to you. Or turn away from your feelings. They are a part of the healing process. Instead the card asks you to see the hope in this frozen moment. What is no longer serving you? What relationship has been revealed to no longer be in your best interests? Just as the plant doesn't mourn a few dead leaves, the Three of Snows challenges

you to be brave enough to leave the past behind. Cut through the negativity. Let it fall away like shattering ice. You will bloom again in another season.

Four of Snows - Accept Stillness

A pause in the deep snowfall brings a moment of stillness to the land. The only thing still moving is the stream. Everything else must submit to the snow, and stop and wait. There are beauties in the surrounding if we only take the time to slow down.

The Four of Snows whispers a message of pause in a world of noise. It is up to you to accept it, to tune out from the obligations and the places to you think you need to be. Perhaps, like a sudden deep snowfall, the choice to stop was not yours. But now you must yield to forces out of your control. It does not mean you have to fight against it. There is a deep and healing beauty in the stillness. What is calling to you to slow down? Where can you give in to pause?

Five of Snow - Break Away

The blue ice in icebergs and glaciers is some of the oldest ice on the planet, with some dating back to one million years old. But even the oldest ice must still follow the water cycle. What was once frozen must also one day melt. Splitting off and breaking down into smaller floating chunks is part of that process.

The Five of Snow card delivers a swift, clear message. Sometimes there is no other option but to break from the path you've been on. Whether it's a situation or a person you are being blocked by, you can already see the outcome. It is racing towards you like a long crack in the ice. This situation is only getting worse. If you stay, it might end up hurting you most of all. This is a lesson even the ice knows: Sometimes the only way out is to break away.

Six of Snow - When to Fly

The snow is piling up. The little bird hops from one foot to another, looking at its options. It still hasn't decided whether to stay or fly. But in that time, more snow has fallen around it.

The Six of Snow card appears when you know you have to make a choice, but haven't quite taken that step yet. But you are ready. It is time make a change. It might even be past time to go. This card is a gentle nudge to take control of what you can. Make choices about what is best for you, before you run out of time and the choice is made for you. You can do this. Decide when to fly, then take the leap. You'll be glad you did.

Seven of Snow - Deceiving

Funny how a coating of snow can distort a landscape you thought you knew so well. The soft grey forest of fall looks more like a foreboding maze when cloaked in winter white. All sense of depth or direction is lost among the leafless vertical lines.

The Seven of Snow card should come as a red flag in a world of black and white choices. Either someone is hiding something from you, or you are tempted to do the hiding. Either way, becoming caught up in manipulations can be a losing proposition. Hold back your energy, don't give in. Listen to your intuition when it tells you to go another way. Though the woods may seem familiar, you could quickly become lost in them. When obscured by snow, looks can be deceiving.

Eight of Snow - Stuck

The ice has melted and refrozen. And yet you are still stuck in the middle of the lake. And the sun is going down....

The Eight of Snows card encourages you to take control of the things you can. Let go of the things you can't. Is there another way out? Or are you so focused on the broken ice in front of you that you can't see another way around? You can wait for the ice to melt - and it will, eventually - or you can look within, change your mindset, and chart another course. Ask yourself, are you truly stuck out on a frozen lake? Or are you actually the ice, breaking and refreezing, trapping yourself with your own worries? The Eight of Snow nudges you to ask yourself how you got there. And what it would take to get out again.

Nine of Snow - Overwhelming

The size of a glacier simply doesn't fit to a human scale. It is better suited to a planetary one. And when you stand before it, it can make you feel as insignificant as a pebble on the snow.

The Nine of Snow card reminds you that the gripping feeling of fear is not necessarily reality. Are you imagining it as worse than it is? Are you seeing the problem in only one part? Stop the cycle of unfair comparisons. Turn down any negative self talk. Step away from what is overwhelming you. Walk back from the apparent wall in front of you, and keep moving away until you can see the edges. Only then will you be able to see the true scope of what is bearing down on you. And then it might not seem so insurmountable.

Ten of Snow - Perspective

A maw of razor sharp ice daggers suddenly hangs in front of you, promising certain death if you get too close.... Or maybe the porch light is simply shining on a cluster of icicles at the edge of your roof.

The Ten of Snow card confronts you with the duality of fear versus reality. When your fear take the reins, then these icicles might look like the frozen bars to an icy jail cell, holding you back from what you want.

The Ten of Snow card reminds you that your fear can sometimes be the real prison, keeping you from acting in your best interest. Trust yourself in this moment. Discern the real source of your problem. Don't give in to overthinking. The more you worry, the bigger your problems become. Acknowledge your fears, and yet allow yourself the time and space to see a different perspective. Even the brutal looking icicles are in a stage of melting. Find ways to melt the icy grip of fear that's holding you.

Page of Snow - Emerge

While the land still sleeps under the snowy blanket of winter, crocuses are already pushing up through the cold ground. Even though they may have to rise up through ice and snow, they already know that change is coming. They can feel it. The time is right.

The Page of Snow asks you if you feel it too. Is it the right time to break through, even though the outward signs may still be a dormant? Once you know, once you've been given that inner green light, begin the process of transformation. More changes will follow in its wake. Listen to the clear, simple message that is reaching out to you, falling like a ray of sunlight on a patch of wintery ground: It's time to emerge. Heed the call.

Knight of Snow - Adapt

While most creatures would rather change locations and move away from falling temperatures and deepening snows, the Arctic fox transforms himself to be better suited to the extreme environment. His coat changes from grey to white. Then he shakes off the snow and continues on with his life in the cold.

The Knight of Snow card challenges you to hold fast to your decisions. Stick with it. Be willing to change yourself to reach your goals. Don't give up because of a few snow storms. Like the Arctic fox already knows, they will blow past. Let all the others seek shelter, fall away. In the blinding sunlight that comes after, the whole expanse of the snowy tundra will be yours. If you can be clear in what you want, then don't be afraid to adapt to make it happen. The Knight of Snow is by your side.

Queen of Snow - Clarity

The ground is hard, the snow practically frozen, and the deep veil of night has made the temperatures plummet.... But when you lift your eyes to the sky, you know the journey was worth it.

The Queen of Snow writes her message in the stars: You are a truth seeker. You are brave enough to reach for what you want. Not satisfied to take the word of others, you have to see it for yourself. And that determination, independence and resilience has carried you far. But you also know another truth: When you dare to go where others won't, you see what others can't...yet. Your innate compassion paves the way for others to follow, and you are happy to lead the way. Even if that means going it alone for a while. Tune out the other voices. Open up to your perceptive nature. Breathe in the cold night air. Embrace clarity, and see the possibilities as they dance across the sky.

King of Snow - Vision

Settling atop a mountain of ancient snow and ice, the polar bear can see every aspect of what has come before him. Land, snow, sea, sun...it is all part of his kingdom now.

The King of Snow presents you with the clearest view. You have a vast terrain of wisdom and experience at your feet, and the horizon in your eyes. Chart a new course. Have confidence in your decisions. Whatever goal is out there, you know with gleaming certainty you can reach it. You are at the height of your power. Stand firm in your beliefs. Others will listen. Rely on your gift of vision. You know where you've been, you know where you're going, and when the time is right, a glittering path will open for you like sunlight across the ocean.

Clouds

Ace of Clouds - Overflowing

Radiating with the colors of dawn or sunset, of soft beginnings or gentle endings (which are always new beginnings), this rainy setting gives a palette to our emotions. It may be a deep lake, or it may be a shallow surface. But the colors are resonant. The drops of water fall just the same, overlapping each other with ever widening rings. The scope of our emotions sometimes feels like this, too big to hold, too full of reflections, too beautiful in their colors. The rainy image spills off the edges of the picture. The merging colors, the expanding water, it is all literally overflowing from the boundaries of the card.

The Ace of Clouds card invites you to wade deep into your emotions. Don't hold them back. And don't hold yourself back from them. Let them wash through you without judgement. Give and receive. Love yourself through this moment. Let that compassion spill over into other parts of your life.

Two of Clouds - Shared Space

The ocean, the sunset-washed sky, the night stars twinkling down from deepest space. There is flow, even between these disparate realms. The largest guiding force of the world's oceans is the moon, which is thousands and thousands of miles from the surface of earth. This invisible bond rises up from our planet and reaches far into the depths of space. What we think is unconnected is merely an illusion.

The Two of Clouds asks you to throw open a window to what might be. What could be. What is. There are possibilities out there. Some you know about, others you are just grasping the edges of. These connections are deeper than they might appear on the surface. Look with your whole heart open. Where can you see the edges dissolve? Where can you find the shared space?

Three of Clouds - Saturate

Three lotuses rise up out of the water to feel the sun and rain on their petals. Though the leaves and blossoms may be on the surface, the roots are deep under water. These water plants, rise up to lift their faces to capture more water. Even in a downpour, their blooms are not diminished. Rain or shine, they feel it all.

The Three of Clouds reminds you to revel in this moment. Feel the rain on your face, then dance in the glistening sunlight afterwards. Bring a friend or two. Spread your arms wide and soak it all in. Let compassion and empathy spill over. Like the rings from raindrops, you don't know how far your influence will spread to others. Let this life, and all it has to offer, saturate you.

Four of Clouds - Waiting for Rain

The storm on the horizon has been building for some time. You can see it coming, smell the lightning in the air, feel the wet wind bring a chill to your skin...but still the rain doesn't reach you.

You've made plans around this expectation. Your needs may be vast, like crops desperate for rain. Or it may be a little more personal, a postponed event due to the threat of storms. Either way, the outcome is the same. You are caught in this moment, waiting for a storm that may never come.

The Four of Clouds reminds you to not get mired in what you are waiting to happen. Those expectations may lead to apathy, disappointment or even a twinge of resentment. Can you welcome this pause to refocus on what you really need? Or can you lean in to flexibility? Can you find a way to flow around this moment, until your expectations and reality align?

Five of Clouds - Blanketed

As gentle as mist is, when it slips in and wraps its soft arms around the landscape, it is as if the world has fallen away. There is no more sky to be seen, no depth or distance in the grey. The once crisp path now blurs at the edges. The once clear view has now faded away completely. There is nothing to be done but wait and watch. Walk through a once-familiar landscape that is endlessly disappearing into the cottoning fog. Wipe the damp air from your cheeks.... Until the blanket of mist slips away again.

The Five of Clouds brings a gentle pause to what you are living through in the form of sadness, disappointment or regret. The wide view is obscured by things out of your control. Sometimes grief feels like a maze with no end. Sometimes it feels like a blanket, a weight both heavy and enveloping. Wrap your arms around these tender places while the grey shadows pass over. The sun will return.

Six of Clouds - Wonder

The skies are always full of wonder, inviting imagination and speculation about cloud shapes. But rainbow clouds are truly rare. Cloud iridescence is the scattering of sunlight through ice crystals in high thin clouds. What looks like a forgettable wisp of white on most days can be transformed by the right combination of light and ice into candy-colored confections worthy of any childhood daydream.

The Six of Clouds reminds you to look at the world with wonder. Stare at the stars, imagine castles in the sky, watch the sun dance with ice crystals in clouds, turning the whole thing into rainbows. Let your inner child out to play. Seek out the wonder that is all around you.

Seven of Clouds - Distant Focus

Far up in the high atmosphere, a ring of light appears around the sun. It is shimmering through ice crystals, even though it is still warm on the surface of Earth.

The Seven of Clouds card tempts you with visions of a far distant reality. Yes, high up in the sky it is cold enough to create dreamy ice rainbows around the sun. But what is life like where you are standing? It is probably much warmer. Focusing too hard on options that are out of reach for you is like looking to an ice halo to figure out whether to wear a heavy coat or shorts that day. It might be time to come back down to Earth. Pull your gaze back from the far off choices, and look around you. Can you discern which are goals worth your time, and which are beautiful distractions?

Eight of Clouds - Change Direction

Rising out of the early morning mist, three geese are lifting up to take flight. Flying in formation, they will soon be joined by other geese, as they fly in a V shape and begin their seasonal migration.

The Eight of Clouds presents an instantly recognizable image. Birds lifting into flight together. There is no road map, no discussion, no long-held plans. Just the soul-deep tug that it is time to move. They listen to their environment, to the angle of the light, to the crispness of the air. And then one day, they just know. It's time. Without a sound, they lift up through the morning mist, their wings gilded with light, and fly off into the morning sky.

The Eight of Cards reminds you that change is part of the journey. Perhaps you have seen the signs. Perhaps there is a voice inside guiding you to move on, to let go. Don't turn away. You don't have to have it all figured out. Like the geese, you do not have to have a fixed destination. You only have to accept when it's time to go. Let the pull of 'something better' become a clarion call that lifts you up. There is a world of possibility just beyond where you are at this moment.

Nine of Clouds - After the Storm

The storm that covered the sky from horizon to horizon has passed, leaving behind nourishing water, clearing skies and honeyed light. Desert plants don't waste any time drawing in the precious rainwater and storing it away for future blooms and fruit.

The Nine of Clouds card brings the gift of fulfilled desires. Like a deeply soaking rain in the desert, you are being invited to bask in the abundance of your life right now. Is there an unrealized dream waiting to be brought to fruition? What is your heart's desire? Indulge and luxuriate in the things that nourish your soul. After the storm, golden light comes streaking over the horizon. What path is being illuminated in your life? The Universe is asking you to step into your happiness.

Ten of Clouds - The Rainbow Connection

A brilliant rainbow breaks through the clouds. It is as if the sky has smiled in colors. The Ten of Clouds delivers a message of heart-opening joy. Just like the water droplets in the sky, you too are a prism. Let love and gratitude flow through you, until it wraps you and the ones you care for in this brilliant spectrum of light. You are right where you are meant to be. You are home.

Page of Clouds - Rise Above

A lone bird rises into the buttery sunlight of an afternoon sky. The Page of Clouds invites you to soar higher, to go deeper. Into your consciousness, into your spirituality. Trust your intuition. Open up to creative endeavors. What is asking to be brought forth right now? Listen to what is calling to your soul, then rise up to meet it.

Knight of Clouds - Bursting

You can watch it grow on any summer afternoon: the clouds swelling up like sails against the blue sky, until they are so full of rain that they can't help but spill over.

The Knight of Clouds sweeps in with the energy of a summer storm. It is beautiful and dramatic, with billowing clouds, sudden downpours and flashes of rainbows or lightning. You are invited to get caught up in the beauty and drama too. Express yourself in big ways, give in to creative urges. What have you wanted to try out? What part of you is bursting to be brought forth?

Queen of Clouds - Compassion

Like a parting kiss from the night air, the morning dew leaves its touch on each petal and blade of grass.

The Queen of Clouds brings a message of compassion and nurturing. It asks you to pause, breathe deeply and welcome in love. Open up to the liminal spaces where you are best able to hear your intuition. Imagine yourself in a meadow, when night is fading to day, the dew sparkling like starlight on every plant. This gentle, unconditional nourishment is meant for you as well. Where is your intuition whispering to you? What parts need compassionate self-love right now? Open your arms and receive.

King of Clouds - Spiraling Renewal

Hurricanes are the world's largest mechanism for renewal. One storm can stir up the ocean floor a continent away, turn saltwater into rain, then deliver that freshwater miles and miles inland.

The King of Clouds brings you messages of duality and emotional mastery. You can be a powerful force and still bring compassionate care to others. You are taking in the widest view. What you do affects many. Just as the hurricane is a spinning top of balance - between ocean and land, between salt water and fresh, between wind and rain - you too are able to balance your emotions to achieve your goals. You are self-aware, non-judgmental and committed to the task at hand. Through that dedication, your compassion and support can rain down on those who need it most.