

Cartomancy 101

Card colors, suits and putting them together

Card Colors

The colors of the cards can be used for simple Yes or No answers. You can use 1 card or the majority color of 3 cards laid out for your Yes or No answer.

Customary 2-color Yes or No Answers ~ **Red** = Good ~ Yes. **Black** = Bad ~ No.

Another take by one reader:

♥ **Hearts** = Yes. ♦ **Diamonds** = Probably Yes. ♣ **Clubs** = Probably No. ♠ **Spades** = No.

Another reader's take ~

- **3 Red cards** = Things look to be going well
- **3 Black cards** = Lots of problems, challenges, and work to deal with.
- **2 Black cards + 1 Red card** = Things are bad, but it is not too bad.
- **2 Red cards + 1 Black card** = Things are good, but they are not that good.

You can do 3-card readings using the colors for simple readings. It gives you "sentences" using the yes/positive and no/negative color meanings above. This can be fine-tuned, as I will post after the card meanings to give some context to the 3-card reading. For this version, you have eight simple readings from the possible combinations of the 2 colors. Some have a few suggestions for the trio grouping from me and a couple of other readers.

R · B · B · Things start out well, but problems start to pile up. A good start steadily worsens. A fair beginning steadily deteriorates.

B · B · R · Though things are not going well, they will work out at the end. A solution is on the horizon. A light at the end of the tunnel.

R · R · B · A problem is coming up. Something you will need to work on is coming up.

B · R · R · A problem will be solved. With work, things will improve.

R · B · R · A small delay or problem will be overcome. A problem will be overcome.

B · R · B · A brief break from problems before something else comes up.

R · R · R · All is good. Things are going well. All is going nicely.

B · B · B · Troubles, obstacles, hard work and challenges Beset by problems & hardship. Things are not going well.

Look at each of the combinations above, and with reference to the colors, think through how the readings given were obtained. Whenever you are examining a group of 3 cards, follow this first and note the order of colors. It will give you your first clue to the meaning of the group, and can often aid you in a troublesome or tricky interpretation.

Note ~ With the addition of the suit meanings, the **BBB** pattern shows fairly constant problems and stress. Even when the ♣ is the middle card, it is not a respite. It shows that you will need to do work and expend energy before the next problem arises. See the basic suit meanings below.

Card Suits ~ The Basics

- **♦ Diamonds** · money, goods, thinking
- **♥ Hearts** · emotions, loved ones, relationships
- **♣ Clubs** · work, plans, practicality, activity
- **♠ Spades** · problems, obstacles, challenges

There is more to the suit's meaning. For this exercise and step of learning to read playing cards, the meanings above are enough for a start.

Combining the Suits and Colors

Using the suit meanings, you can now do a simple 3-card reading combining the suit color with the suit's meaning. Here, though, Clubs are not quite the negative as Spades are. Clubs mean you will do work, and perform an action. For some, that is a negative, especially if there is a lot of work needed.

Print out the [1st and 2nd Steps pdf](#). It is a worksheet. It has the basic color trio meanings, each with a list under each one of the possible combinations, like shown below. You print it out and write in your own reading for the trio, using what you have learned so far. Using the 2 colors and 4 suits in a 3-card spread, you get 64 different readings, just for starters.

The 3 cards combinations can give the quick readings below:

♥ · ♠ · ♣ · An emotional problem that you will slowly work out of.

♠ · ♣ · ♦ · Working out of a problem at work or a problem with a personal project. A problem at work or a practical problem will be resolved.

♦ · ♥ · ♠ · Dwelling on an emotional, family or relationship problem.

♥ · ♦ · ♠ · Upset by a financial, thinking, or communication problem. Upset by not understanding a problem.

♣ · ♦ · ♦ · Working towards success. Working towards more financial gains.

♦ · ♠ · ♥ · A financial, communication or thinking problem is easily overcome.

♣ · ♦ · ♣ · A lot of work but with only a little profit or pay.

♥ · ♦ · ♥ · Generosity, a giving heart. Sharing your good fortune with loved ones and/or friends.

♣ · ♠ · ♠ · Working in the wrong direction, obstacles and delays.

Using the card colors with the meanings can give very quick readings to get a general flavor of what is going on. If you have a question, the meanings of the suits have enough verbiage to tweak the reading a little more if needed. Remembering the 2 colors I wrote about first and how they come together, then the suit's meanings will aid you in figuring out what the cards are saying to you.

Susie (Queen of Diamonds) and a couple of other readers that uses this method, give some little "rules" that will help you see the flow and reasoning for the 3-card reading's meanings:

♠ **Spades** in a 3-card spread indicate problems of some sort.

- A Spade at the beginning shows a problem that is being moved away from.
- A Spade in the middle shows an obstacle to overcome and it will slow down your efforts.
- A Spade at the end shows a problem coming up. It is on the horizon.

2 spades surrounding another card means that card is hemmed in by problems. The card in the middle indicates what the problem is.

- **♦ Diamond** – Financial, communication or thought-related problems.
- **♥ Heart** – Emotional problems or a problem with family or friends.
- **♣ Club** – Practical problem, problems at work, problem working, problem acting, taking action.
- **♠ Spade** – Problems, lots of problems; or trouble, trouble and more trouble. Things suck.

♣ **Clubs** in a 3-card spread indicates action.

- A Club at the beginning shows you have been taking an action.
- A Club in the middle shows an action will need to occur before the last card.
- A Club at the end shows that there is work or action to be done. It also shows that the situation will improve, but it will take time and work.

♦ **A Diamond** at the end of a spread shows it will be resolved, but not as easily as a heart card.

♥ Whenever a Heart ends a trio, no matter what it is, it is a good sign.

- A Heart at the end of a spread shows that whatever the problem is, it is going to be resolved very easily.
- A Heart at the end also means things will start to flow more positively.

With ALL of that said, when you add in the numbers, that can skew the 3 red cards being all good. laughing... It is all so simple though, and you will pick this up quite easily. Really.

Make Your Own Card Meanings

If you wish, you can make your own meanings by combining the short list of suit meanings with the short list of the numbers, as shown below:

Suits

- ♦ **Diamonds** · money, goods, thinking
- ♥ **Hearts** · emotions, loved ones, relationships
- ♣ **Clubs** · work, plans, practicality, activity
- ♠ **Spades** · problems, obstacles, challenges

Numbers

- A** · beginning · new
- 2** · exchanges · relationships
- 3** · things growing · small
- 4** · stability · squarish things
- 5** · the body · health
- 6** · path
- 7** · problems or going within
- 8** · thoughts · ideas · communication
- 9** · changes
- 10** · the end · completion · travel (by the suit's element – no diamond-fire travel)
- J** · message · youth (under 30 or younger than you) · their represent their suit's traits as a youth.
- Q** · woman (over 30) · truth of the suit · she represents her suit's traits as a person.
- K** · man (over 30) · power of his suit · he represents his suit's traits as a person.
- Joker** (optional) · wild card

Note ~ Spades are usually the opposite or negative side of the meanings of the Hearts and number meanings. If to the right of a card, it negatively aspects the card to its left.

Examples of quick meanings:

♥ (emotions, loved ones, relationships) + **3** (things growing, small) = A little growth in a relationship.

♠ (troubles, obstacles, problems) + **J** (message, youth) = A troubled youth or a youth in trouble. Bad news.

♦ (money, goods, thinking) + **5** (the body, health) = Buying things for yourself. Spending for your own pleasure and needs.

♣ (work, plans, practicality, activity) + **7** (troubles) = Trouble at work. Problems with your plans.

Easy-peasy, yes? Use what sings for you or make your own meanings using the suits' meanings you prefer and the same for the numbers.

Suits

Look at each suit's symbols as you learn. I'm first going to list my thoughts on the suit's symbols and why I think they represent what they do.

♦ **Diamonds** are sharp, like wit and (hopefully), one's thinking. They are sparkly, shiny and valuable, like currency and the need or want to possess them. They can be used in exchange for goods, like currency. Diamonds are used in tech to carry currents, like our nervous system.

♥ **Hearts** are rather easy. They are the symbol of love and emotions for most around the world. We think of how we feel or of those we care for, like family and friends. Artistry, which sparks emotions, the creation of artful things, decorating and similar is in this suit, too.

♣ **Clubs** look like a few ancient tools, clover leaves or trees. We are active in various ways throughout our day: working, exercising, planning and conducting business. This is a suit of movement and activities, *doing*, in some way.

♠ **Spades** turned upside-down look like Hearts with a stem or nail in the top, don't they? Ouch! They tend to mean the opposite of the Hearts. Spades are sharp and pointy, much like the various lessons in life. On almost a daily basis, there are challenges, obstacles, problems and other things we have to deal with. Personally, I am a ~ Forewarned is forearmed ~ type and rather appreciate these "warnings" or whap on the backside of my head to pay attention.

Suit Meanings

♦ **Diamonds** • the Thinking Suit

• money (currency) • finances • material goods • possessions • what you value • wealth • intelligence • wit • memory • nervous energy •

• Diamonds are about the funds, currency, and finances you need to trade in exchange for the various necessities of living- food, housing, clothing, and so on – the tangible items. Diamonds can represent what one personally values. Diamonds showing up can mean financial gains, watching your spending and similar. Diamonds can also be about using your head, intellect, thinking about things and reasoning.

• Diamonds represent the vital, electric energy that courses through the nervous system. Diamonds are nervous energy, the fidgety need to get going. That electric energy is also part of the thought and thinking process of our minds, therefore, the Thinking suit.

Element • Fire ~ **Season** • Spring

♥ **Hearts** · the Feeling Suit

· emotions · family · friends · feelings · relationships · artistry ·

• Hearts are all about how you emotionally deal with yourself and others as you navigate through this realm. Your emotions guide how you act, react and the various interactions of our relationships. Hearts go with artistry and creating art in some form. The beauty and harmony of art can affect us with pleasurable and happy emotions.

• Hearts are the circulatory system, the river of blood that courses through your heart and body. Your emotions flow like your blood throughout your body, affecting your moods, words, interactions with others and with yourself.

Element · Water ~ **Season** · Summer

♣ **Clubs** · the Action or Doing Suit

· work · business · tasks · activity · business · plans · practicality · callings · sports · physical activities · hobbies · creativity · solidity ·

• Clubs are the "doings" of life. We plan, work, and perform tasks throughout our days. Clubs prefer for things to be done efficiently and be practical, as they do when creating useful items. In order to get some of the needed funds to exist in this realm, we work, create and conduct business in exchange for those Diamonds (funds).

• Clubs are the muscular system to give us the power to act in the world, to move around freely, to use our hands to create. Your muscles need action, as you need to have action throughout your day to perform various tasks.

Element · Air ~ **Season** · Fall

♠ **Spades** · the Learning Suit (sometimes through adversity)

· troubles · obstacles · limitations · frustrations · problems · loss · conflict ·

• Spades are the challenges, obstacles and difficulties that can crop up in daily life. They are the lower emotions at times- fear, anger, worry and even hate. Working through them can be difficult. The warnings can sometimes be overcome if you heed them, it is how you deal with them on how they come out. It is all part of the learning process in this realm.

• Spades represents the skeletal system, the groundwork of our physical being that limits us to certain activities.

Element · Earth ~ **Season** · Winter

Numbers

Look how the pips, the symbols, are arranged on each card. The patterns can give you some hint to the number's meanings at times.

Ace · A · Aces are beginnings, the start and the new. They are the primary direction of a suit.

Two · 2 · Twos show exchanges, partnership, and relationships, the one-on-one type of exchanges. Sometimes they are the doubling or repeating of something.

Three · 3 · Threes shows things growing. They show gradual growth, bit-by-bit, and “a little” or “small”. They can also show conflict or harmony from a 3rd object joining the 2.

Four · 4 · Fours are stable and unchanging. They are also the unmovable, stagnation, or being boxed-in. They are squarish things, like papers, buildings and fields. Their stability can represent justice and legal matters. Some see the 4's pip's as bed posts and beds.

Five · 5 · Five is the body, because we have 5 appendages. Fives are about suit-based interactions relating to the body.

Six · 6 · Six shows a path or the steps that you are currently following or taking, depending on the suit.

Seven · 7 · Troubles, problems, blockages and challenges. Or ~ Secrets, mysteries and the hidden. Magic and religion – things used to cope with the problems.

Eight · 8 · Eights show ideas and thoughts, and things related to the mind. This exchange also means communication, talking and interactions with groups.

Nine · 9 · Nine shows changes. It is the last step before the completion, the end, shown in the 10s. Nines are related to the Moon, which is ever-changing.

Ten · 10 · Ten is endings. They show ends or goals achieved before a new cycle starts. They are the strongest of their suits. Tens are also: great, much, or a lot. The word “end” also represents a destination, and so the Tens can also mean journey and travel.

10s and Travel ~ A 10 in a spread will usually not show a journey unless it is linked with a 6 or another 10. The connection may occur by the cards being next to each other, or linked to the Seeker's card, if used. Three 10s could indicate long-distance or foreign travel, and four 10s could indicate world travel or a world traveler. There is no travel with the Diamonds being Fire. Ouch.

Card Meanings

Note~ * before a meaning designates a traditional, and usually very old, meaning for that particular card. You may find them useful when reading the cards.

Aces

♦ Ace of Diamonds

• Something new that is connected with money or finances, but not always. It can be a new possession or new goods. A new idea comes to you, that spark or “ah-ha”. Money being available if needed. A new way of thinking. New knowledge or information. *A letter. Look at surrounding cards for an idea of the content of the letter . A new crystal, stone or a *diamond ring.

♥ Ace of Hearts

• Home, family and friends are the main focus in some way. Look at the nearby cards to see why. A new love or friendship. A long-time relationship takes on new life. Going into your heart-space. If supported by nearby cards:: a letter, visitor, trouble, marriage, etc. may come to the home; or a birth, family addition or a change of residence.

♣ Ace of Clubs

• A new *opportunity, task, project, *goal or job. Starting a new physical activity or hobby. Learning a new skill or way of doing something.

♠ Ace of Spades

• *An important decision. A big change. An ending that usually brings in something new. *A death. (I do not use that one.) Usually, the decision brings the change and it will bring a needed end and the ability to start anew.

Twos

♦ 2 of Diamonds

• Getting paid, a loan or paying for something; an exchange of money, funds and similar things of value. Sending or receiving a gift or invitation. A telephone call or message. A profitable agreement. Contracts. An exchange of thoughts and ideas with someone. Tutoring or private classes.

♥ 2 of Hearts

• A romantic relationship. A good friendship. Going out dancing. Enjoying the arts or creating some art yourself. A harmonious time. Dance or hum to bring yourself into harmony. Marriage.

♣ 2 of Clubs

• *A helping hand: you are offered help or you help another. A practical or business-type partnership. Trust. A doubling of something, a repeated action or activity, like: someone coming back into your life, a 2nd marriage or honeymoon, another child, and so on.

♠ 2 of Spades

• Conflict, the butting of heads. It can go from being irritated with each other, to full-blown arguments. Separation. An inability to get along with another person. If things are really bad, it can even come down to hating each other.

Threes

♦ 3 of Diamonds

• Being scatterbrained. You are thinking about too many little things, scattering thoughts in all directions, and little is getting done or mistakes are made because you are not focused. A small raise in pay; growth in financial security; or profits. A small amount of money is obtained or needed.

♥ 3 of Hearts

• Someone or something is growing on you emotionally in a positive way. Decorating or adding beauty to something. A fertile time. Child or children are a focus. An emotional or love triangle may bring problems to a relationship, along with jealousy and hurt.

♣ 3 of Clubs

• A small practical development. A little move forward. Small challenges or obstacles that you can usually work through. A little extra work or duties.

♠ 3 of Spades

• Small aggravations. Little problems are adding up. Interference from a 3rd party - someone meddling in your life and/or business. *Loss and things are lost.

Fours

♦ 4 of Diamonds

• A stable and secure financial situation, but without growth. Relaxing and calm forms of thought are more valuable than ingenuity. Monetary, financial or official papers and paperwork.

♥ 4 of Hearts

• Emotional stability. A calm and stable emotional state, being in your bliss. Do not allow yourself to devolve into emotional boredom, which can occur when in this state at times. A time of fairness and justice.

♣ 4 of Clubs

• Goals are on firm footing. Job security. Boredom at work or with activities, you are just plodding along. If you like what you are doing, find a way to make it less boring.

♠ 4 of Spades

• Doubt and confusion. There seems to be no exit from the problems or solving them. You feel boxed-in and the pressure is getting to you. Exhaustion. A time of unfairness and injustice. A call to jury duty, summons, or lawsuit involving the court, depending on what is going on for you.

Fives

♦ Five of Diamonds

- Spending money for yourself and needs or for your own pleasure ~ shopping for food, clothing and other material goods, eating out, jewelry, furniture or even appliances.

♥ Five of Hearts

- Enjoyment and pleasurable amusements. Good health. Friendship. Fun and loving sex.

♣ Five of Clubs

- Exercise. Sports. Hobbies. Craftsmanship by hand. Practical work. Working hard with strong determination.

♠ Five of Spades

- Taking on more than you can handle. Stress. Illness. Dis-ease. Injury. Drugs, alcoholism, and other addictions that adversely effect your health.

Sixes

♦ Six of Diamonds

- You are heading in the right direction, but it may be a bit further away than thought. Distance; something or someone is at a distance. Taking steps towards a financial goal; saving or making investments. You are heading towards an expenditure. The funds will be available to deal with it if you use your head. A car.

♥ Six of Hearts

- Going in a positive direction, making good progress and moving ahead. A pleasant trip or vacation, usually with family or friends. A deepening emotional bond.

♣ Six of Clubs

- Taking steps towards a goal, completing a task, or learning something you are interested in. A work or business trip. Taking an education-based pathway of learning or teaching. Reading and books.

♠ Six of Spades

- Wrong choice or direction or even abandoning something and walking away. Cleaning up your life and getting rid of things. Difficulties while traveling; it will not be worth all of the trouble that occurs. You may be running with bad company that is leading you in the wrong direction.

Sevens

♦ Seven of Diamonds

- Anxiety. A financial problem of some kind. A lack of knowledge will bring trouble.
- Or ~ a time to work on your spirituality and psychic abilities.

♥ Seven of Hearts

- Upset. An emotional problem is cropping up. A troubled heart. Lies, false friends and betrayal. Ending of trouble if at the end of a spread.
- Or ~ a time to work on your empathic talents and intuition.

♣ Seven of Clubs

- A practical problem. Plans going awry. Trouble reaching your goals. Trouble at work. Muddling up a project..
- Or ~ this is a time when chance, serendipity and luck are happening. A charm.

♠ Seven of Spades

- Double trouble. Obstacles and challenges; nearby cards show what the trouble is. *Tears.
 - Or ~ something is hidden and needs investigation. Very rarely, some twit or twits are sending you bad juju that needs to be rebuffed in your preferred manner.
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Eights

♦ Eight of Diamonds

- You may be thinking about your financial situation at this time and it may be a good time to look at your budget or financial situation. Communicating with groups using tech devices may be helpful for working on new ideas or learning about something you are interested in; or the devices in general.

♥ Eight of Hearts

- Thinking about love. Emotional musings. A group having a celebration. A happy mind and atmosphere. A party, sometimes a wedding. Social drinking. Flirty chat.

♣ Eight of Clubs

- Thoughts about work and getting it done. Practical plans. Work, in general. Business talk or meeting with similar interests when it comes to your work or hobbies. Sometimes, a job interview.

♠ Eight of Spades

- A negative attitude that devolves into negative thoughts. A poisoned atmosphere. Depression. Negative gossip and rumors. Conflict involving groups of people. Abused or feeling abused. A gang; organized crime. A mob.
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Nines

♦ Nine of Diamonds

• A change in finances, usually for the better. A positive change in plans. A change in your material comfort level, usually for the better; fancy clothing and accessories.. Very rarely, fame.

♥ Nine of Hearts

• A general change for the better. *Your wish will come true. A change of heart for the better..

♣ Nine of Clubs

• A general change in your life. A change in goals or priorities. A change of job or business methods. A change taking place at work or changing jobs. A change in the way you work. Going back to work after an absence or going back to working on something you have not tackled for a bit.

♠ Nine of Spades

• Disappointment. A change for the worse. Injury. *Your wish will not come true.

Tens

♦ Ten of Diamonds

• Success. Enough money to get things done and for what you need. A financially secure time. A large sum of money may come your way. Completing a financial agreement.

♥ Ten of Hearts

• Happiness. Emotional security. A pleasant and stable family life. A solid marriage bond. The spouse, partner. Journey by or over water. Bodies of water. Water vehicles.

♣ Ten of Clubs

• Achievement. Completion of a practical project. A lot of work to do. Work piling up. Journey by air.

♠ Ten of Spades

• Failure in some way and it may bring problems to deal with. A lot of troubles. *Worry. Grief. Journey by land.

The Court Cards

• Please note that a Court card does not always represent a person.

A Note on Describing the Characteristics of Court Cards ~

• When you see a Court Card in a spread, you can identify it in two ways – by the characteristics of its suit and the surrounding cards. The cards near the Court card can give a form of description ~ A **K♣** with a **A♥**, he wants a family and/or family is important. A **Q♥** with a **8♠** she has a negative attitude. A **J♠** with a **5♣** is into sports or exercising or with a **2♣** he is very helpful; and so on. You will usually be able to tell any of that from the surrounding cards. The careers and work are ones they may tend to have that goes with the nature of their suits and are not fixed.

Jacks

- A Jack is a message.
- As a person, they are often under the age of 30; or younger than you. They can be children, peers, and younger family members of either sex.
- Below are their tendencies by suit of the personalities, attitudes, activities and actions.

♦ Jack of Diamonds

- A message concerning money, finances, about something you value or intellectual pursuits.
- An intelligent and quick-witted youth. A student and may be the studious-type. An advantaged youth.

♥ Jack of Hearts

- A message from a loved one or friend, a compliment or a thank you. It may be a small gift. Asked out on a date, if single or invited out by a relative, partner, spouse or friend.
- An easy-going youth. Emotional, artistic, dreamy. They like merriment and fun. They sometimes act foolishly. The **J♥** could represent a dearly loved pet.

♣ Jack of Clubs

- A message concerning a business venture, work, or a practical matter.
- A youth that is practical, efficient and active. Outgoing and friendly. They like sports and exercise. Good with their hands and rather clever. An apprentice, prefers the Trades.

♠ Jack of Spades

- A message containing bad news.
- An aloof, lonely or depressed youth. An untrustworthy youth. The bad boy or girl. A youth in trouble. A youth that does not like you or is hostile towards you.

Queens

- Queens represent women and truth.
- They tend to be mothers, family members, wives and lovers, friends and other women in your life. Occasionally, they are strangers. Queens are usually mature women over 30.

Queens as Truth ~

- Look at the cards near the Queen when you interpret one of them as Truth. A Queen by **Red** cards, for instance, will show that you are being told the truth of a matter (whether financial, emotional, etc.). If she is near **♠ Spades**, you may have a falsehood to deal with. If with **♣ Clubs**, you may have to dig or work in uncovering the truth.
- Below are their tendencies by suit of their personalities, attitudes, activities and actions.

♦ Queen of Diamonds

- The truth of a financial or practical matter.
- A woman who is intelligent and resourceful. She loves new experiences and travel. A woman of wealth or financial means. She She may be a socialite, somewhat superficial and a gossip. A professor, a teacher, a writer. She may be in the financial sector in some way.

♥ Queen of Hearts

- The truth of an emotional matter, or in general, the truth.
- A kind, and loving woman. She has your well-being and best interests at heart. She is intuitive, an empath and, sometimes, psychic. An artistic woman. A mother, wife or other female family member. An artist, counselor, health-giver, energy-work.

♣ Queen of Clubs

- The truth of a practical or business matter.
- She is practical, efficient and likes to be active in practical affairs. She is outgoing, active and creative. She is career-oriented and may be a business woman, boss or superior. With ♥s, she may be your grandmother.

♠ Queen of Spades

- An unpleasant truth or a lie.
 - An enemy or rival if she does not like you. She can be aloof, lonely or depressed. She prefers authority-based careers- law enforcement, judge or the military. A widow or *divorced.
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Kings

- Kings are the symbols of power of their suit and men. They tend to be fathers, family members, husbands and lovers, friends and other men in your life. Occasionally, they are strangers. The Kings are usually mature men over 30.

Kings as Power ~

- If a King is read as a type of power in the reading, whether the power is used for good or ill depends on the cards around it. The **K♥** flanked by two ♠s, may indicate emotional manipulation. The **K♦** flanked by two ♣s, may indicate money used practically. The **K♠** flanked by ♥s may show a man who is warm-hearted towards you or others.
- Below are their tendencies by suit of the personalities, attitudes, activities and actions.

♦ King of Diamonds

- Financial power or the power to pay for things and think things through.
- A man who is intelligent, resourceful and usually sociable. He loves new experiences, travel and does not like having his mind idle too long, being the restless sort. A man of wealth or of financial means. A professor, a teacher, a writer. He may be in the financial sector.

♥ King of Hearts

- Emotional power or the power to inspire emotions and feelings.
- He is understanding and kind. He has your well-being and best interests at heart. He is an emotional man and feels securer when in a relationship. An artistic man. He can be an empath. A father, husband or other male family member. An artist, counselor, health-giver, energy-work.

♣ King of Clubs

- Practical power or the power to to get things done, to progress or accomplish a goal.
- He is practical, efficient and likes to be active in practical affairs. He is outgoing, active and creative. He likes sports and exercise. He is career-oriented and may be a businessman, boss or superior. With ♥s, he may be your grandfather.

♠ King of Spades

- The power to teach others a lesson; to hinder; to do harm; or to play a part in life's pattern.
 - An enemy or rival if he does not like you. He may be aloof, lonely or depressed. He prefers authority-based careers- law enforcement, judge or the military. A widower or *divorced.
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Jokers

- Jokers are not traditionally used in cartomancy. Some readers use them, liking the addition. There are options of using the Jokers in cartomancy. Personally, I do not use them.
 - If you want to use the Joker, they are considered the Wild Card. When it comes up, it means to expect the unexpected. It does not mean it will be negative. It will be out of the blue, unpredictable, serendipity, and well, the unexpected.
 - You can use both Jokers with the same meaning or not. Sometimes, one is colored and the other is black and white. The fancier one is a good or positive surprise and the plain one is a bad or negative surprise. You can give them meanings as you wish.
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Learning Helps

- Pick a group of four cards by their numbers or courts to learn how they speak and speak to you. Do not memorize the meanings. They will come more easily if you do not go that route. Pick one meaning that jumps out at you to start, adding more when ready. Reread the meanings if drawing a blank. Reword them if you prefer the way you normally speak.
 - I wrote down my thoughts on the meanings in my notebook for each card. I found that very helpful if a card's meaning needed fleshing out in my mind. You can pull out a card or three and work out an interpretation when you have spare time. Play with your deck to, well, bond with the cards. A trio of cards can have several meanings or “sentences”. You will intuit which is correct as you learn.
 - You can do practice readings with an imaginary seeker. 3 cards are a good start and then go to the 9-card spread below for in-depth readings when comfortable.
 - I keep a notebook for my imaginary readings. I give different interpretations that are possible to help me look objectively at a trio of cards. Rereading some of them a week or three later can aid you as you learn. You will find that interpreting becomes easier and faster as you go.
 - For more help, see my article [Cartomancy or Playing Card Divination ~ Part 2](#), for links to all of the sources I learned from. This article is my tweaks to what is one of the most-preferred systems for cartomancy.
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The Square of Nine

The Square of Nine Layout

7 ↘	4 ↓	5 ↓	6 ↓	↙ 8
1 →	1	2	3	
2 →	4	5	6	
3 →	7	8	9	

The Square of Nine Directionals

7 ↘	4 ↓	5 ↓	6 ↓	↙ 8
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You can get quite a bit of information out of 9 cards. There will be eight trios to read and the little arrows on the charts show the direction of each trio. They are read in the following order ~

Rows 1-3 ~ **1·2·3 · 4·5·6 · 7·8·9**

Columns 4-6 ~ **1·4·7 · 2·5·8 · 3·6·9**

Diagonal rows 7-8 ~ **1·5·9** and **3·5·7**

The interpretations of the trios will deal with present and future circumstances. Because you are reading each of the cards as part of more than one trio, sometimes the meanings of the trios will be linked, and sometimes they will not be. Your intuition will guide you.

The past rarely appears in a trio. If it does, it means that the past event or whatever, is still an ongoing event and has not played out fully. Look over the cards to discern what is still playing out with the “unfinished business”, so to speak.

Tips ~

- Look at the predominant color for a general feel. Do not get too hung up on that, though.
- What is the predominant suit? That gives the general context of the reading –
 - ♦ Thinking, ♥ Emotional, ♣ Actions, or ♠ Learning (sometimes the hard way).
- Look for multiples of a number or court. It can strengthen that number's meaning & multiples of the courts can mean more people are involved, though not always.
- Look at what suit is **missing** from the reading. What is *missing* in the reading could have a bearing. You may find more or different meanings for what is missing.
 - ♦ **Diamonds** · clear thinking, knowledge, funds, or money.
 - ♥ **Hearts** · emotions, feelings, family or friends.
 - ♣ **Clubs** · actions, practicalities or work.
 - ♠ **Spades** · challenges, obstacles or problems, etc.