Official Instruction Manual for the Elven Tarot of the Eternal Tree

Introduction.

Tarot as a Mirror of Life

Welcome to the world of the Elven Tarot of the Eternal Tree — a deck that uses the classic Rider-Waite-Smith system but is filled with the magic and imagery of the Elven world. Despite its unique design, this deck is ideal for intuitive reading, as all 78 of its cards are divided into two main groups reflecting different aspects of the human experience.

Major Arcana: The Life Path and Karmic Lessons

The Major Arcana (22 cards, from 0 to XXI) symbolize the main stages of the life path, karmic lessons, great archetypes, and significant events. They point to global, inevitable changes, spiritual development, and key forces operating in your life. When Major Arcana cards dominate a spread, it indicates a fateful period.

Minor Arcana: Everyday Situations

The Minor Arcana (56 cards) reflect everyday events, practical situations, emotional states, and relationships that shape our daily lives. They provide detail and context, showing exactly how the great energies of the Major Arcana are realized. The Court Cards (Pages, Knights, Queens, Kings) symbolize specific people or our styles of behaviour.

Section 1: Meanings of Suits and Elements

Each of the four Minor Arcana suits corresponds to a specific element and sphere of life.

Suit	Element	Sphere	Key Aspects
Wands	Fire	Action, Career, Will	Energy, Passion, Initiative, Projects, Creative Force.
Cups	Water	Emotions, Relationships	Feelings, Love, Intuition, Creativity, Happiness, Emotional State.
Swords	Air	Mind, Conflicts	Intellect, Decisions, Truth, Challenges, Conflicts, Capacity for thought.
Pentacles (Coins)	Earth	Material, Finance	Money, Health, Real Estate, Practicality, Success, Physical World.

Section 2: Card Guide (78 Arcana)

Major Arcana (The Karmic Path)

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Card	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning	
0. The Fool	Keywords: New Beginning, Innocence, Spontaneity, Freedom. Meaning: A leap into the unknown, trusting the Universe. Advice: enjoy the journey.	Meaning: Recklessness, carelessness, unjustified risk, being stuck in fear of the new. Difficulties: Inability to plan, ignoring consequences.	
I. The Magician	Keywords: Willpower, Action, Skill, Resources, Manifestation. Meaning: You possess all the necessary talents and tools for success. Time to act decisively.	Meaning: Manipulation, misuse of power, wasted talent, insecurity. Difficulties: Blocked will, lack of focus.	
II. The High Priestess	Keywords: Intuition, Mystery, Unconscious, Hidden Knowledge. Meaning: Trust your inner voice; a time for silence and contemplation. Knowledge will come from within.	Meaning: Ignoring intuition, superficial knowledge, a revealed secret, needing to act instead of waiting. Difficulties: Hidden motives, emotional instability.	

III. The Empress



Keywords: Fertility,
Motherhood, Creativity,
Beauty, Abundance.
Meaning: Growth, comfort,
pleasure, the realization of
creative ideas. Enjoyment
of life.

Meaning: Barrenness (creative or physical), financial problems, dependence on comfort, smothering through excessive care. Difficulties: Lack of harmony, insecurity.

IV. The Emperor



Keywords: Authority, Structure, Control, Fatherhood, Leadership. Meaning: Order, discipline, logic, creating solid rules and structures. Establishing authority. Meaning: Tyranny, excessive control, rigidity, lack of discipline or chaos, abuse of power. Difficulties: Inability to delegate, authoritarianism.

V. The Hierophant



Keywords: Tradition,
Education, Spiritual Mentor,
Morality, Ritual.
Meaning: The need to
follow rules, seeking
knowledge from an expert
or institution. Turning to

proven experience.

Meaning: Unorthodoxy, rejection of rules, restriction by traditions, dogmatism.

Difficulties: False teacher, disillusionment with the system.

VI. The Lovers



Keywords: Choice,
Harmony, Partnership,
Moral Decision, Union.
Meaning: Love, an
important decision
concerning a relationship or
path. The need for
openness and honesty.

Meaning: Disharmony, separation, wrong choice, indecision, temptation.

Difficulties: Conflicting feelings, choosing based on fear.

VII. The Chariot

Keywords: Victory,
Movement, Self-Control,
Confidence, Will.
Meaning: Successful
progress, overcoming
obstacles through willpower
and control. Time to move
forward.

Meaning: Loss of control, distraction, moving in the wrong direction, travel delays, defeat.

Difficulties: Aggression, lack of ambition.

VIII. Strength



Keywords: Inner Strength, Compassion, Courage, Patience, Influence. Meaning: Gentle yet unwavering power, based on self-control and love, not brute force. Meaning: Weakness, indecisiveness, self-punishment, misuse of power, fear.

Difficulties: Brute force yielding no results.

IX. The Hermit



Keywords: Solitude, Search, Inner Guidance, Wisdom.

Meaning: Retreating from the world for introspection and the search for inner truth. A wise mentor.

Meaning: Reclusion, paranoia, excessive isolation, avoiding problems.

Difficulties: Loneliness, unwillingness to share knowledge.

X. Wheel of Fortune



Keywords: Destiny,
Changes, Turning Point,
Cycles, Luck.
Meaning: Unexpected
changes that are out of your
control. Karma and the
cycle of events. Fortune is
on your side.

Meaning: Bad luck, external obstacles, stagnation, loss of control. Difficulties: Stubbornly ignoring life's cycles.

XI. Justice



Keywords: Fairness, Law, Responsibility, Balance, Cause and Effect. Meaning: Resolution of legal matters, a fair outcome, the need for an unbiased view. Meaning: Injustice, bias, legal problems, avoiding responsibility.

Difficulties: Harsh punishment, delays in matters.

XII. The Hanged Man



Keywords: Sacrifice, New Perspective, Surrender, Suspension, Letting Go of Control.

Meaning: A need to "hang" and view the situation from a different angle. Voluntary sacrifice for a greater purpose.

Meaning: Stubbornness, inability to sacrifice, unwillingness to change perspective, pointless delay.

Difficulties: Martyrdom, feeling powerless.

XIII. Death



Keywords: Ending, Transformation, Transition, New Beginning.

Meaning: The end of one phase and the start of a new one. Not physical death, but complete, radical change.

Meaning: Stagnation, fear of change, resistance to a necessary end, slow changes.

Difficulties: Loss, the need to "let go" of the past.

XIV. Temperance



Keywords: Balance, Healing, Patience, Harmony, Blending. Meaning: The necessity of moderation, blending opposites, smoothness, and calm. Meaning: Imbalance, excess, lack of patience, conflict of interest. Difficulties: Incompatibility,

hasty actions.

XV. The Devil

Keywords: Addiction,
Restriction, Negative
Passion, Materialism.
Meaning: Self-enslavement
to illusions, being captive to
one's own desires or
limitations. Usually points to
internal, not external,
chains.

Meaning: Liberation, overcoming addiction, awareness of one's "chains," a new start. Difficulties: Abuse of freedom, return to bad habits.

XVI. The Tower



Keywords: Destruction, Crisis, Liberation, Radical Change, Revelation. Meaning: A sudden, unexpected collapse of old structures or beliefs. A painful but necessary breakthrough to the truth. Meaning: Averted crisis (temporary), fear of destruction, ignoring necessary changes, internal conflict.

Difficulties: Prolonged stagnation, deadlock.

XVII. The Star



Keywords: Hope, Inspiration, Healing, Faith, Bright Future.

Meaning: Optimism, clarity, receiving divine help and inspiration. Everything is as it should be.

Meaning: Loss of hope, disappointment, pessimism, feeling helpless, inability to see beauty.

Difficulties: Lack of self-belief, illusory hope.

XVIII. The Moon



Keywords: Illusions, Fears, Subconscious, Uncertainty, Deception.

Meaning: A period of confusion where not everything is as it seems. You must turn to intuition.

Meaning: Revealing deception, overcoming fears, confusion fading, needing to face reality.

Difficulties: Emotional instability, manipulation.

XIX. The Sun

Keywords: Happiness, Success, Vitality, Clarity, Celebration.

Meaning: Absolute joy, harmony, achieving goals, bringing truth to light. The most positive card in the deck.

Meaning: Temporary cloudiness, delayed happiness, lack of enthusiasm, arrogance. Difficulties: Insecurity, excessive focus on the material.

XX. Judgment



Keywords: Rebirth, Resolution, Calling, Evaluation, Second Chance.

Meaning: Time to make an important decision that will affect destiny. Evaluation of past experience. Forgiveness.

Meaning: Fear of judgment, unwillingness to learn from mistakes, delayed decision, self-punishment.

Difficulties: Guilt, denial of responsibility.

XXI. The World



Keywords: Completion, Success, Travel, Wholeness, Perfection. Meaning: Achieving the final goal, a feeling of completeness and success. A successful journey, integration of experience.

Meaning: Unfinished project, delays in reaching a goal, feeling empty after success.

Difficulties: Limitations, inability to move on.

Minor Arcana: The Suit of Wands (Fire)

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Card	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning	
Ace of Wands	Keywords: New Beginning, Inspiration, Power, Creation. Meaning: A burst of energy, idea, passion.	Meaning: Delayed start, lack of energy, futile idea, suppressed creativity.	
Two of Wands	Keywords: Planning,	Meaning: Fear of change,	
Two of Wands	Future Decisions, Control. Meaning: Evaluating options, waiting for opportunities.	inability to plan, indecision, unexpected departure.	
Three of Wands	Keywords: Advancement,	Meaning: Delays, partner	
Three of Wands	Partnership, Expansion, Distant Horizons. Meaning: Successful start, waiting for results.	betrayal, missed opportunities, disappointment.	

Four of Wands Keywords: Celebration, Meaning: Instability at Harmony, Home, Stability. home, broken harmony, Meaning: Peace, joy, postponed celebration. triumph, wedding. **Five of Wands Keywords:** Competition, Meaning: Avoiding Minor Conflicts, conflicts, unfair play, Disagreements, Disputes. internal discord, sabotage. Meaning: Testing strengths, friendly rivalry. Six of Wands Keywords: Victory, Meaning: Delayed victory, Recognition, Triumph, insecurity, falling from the Success. pedestal, betrayal. Meaning: Public recognition, achieving a goal. Seven of Wands Keywords: Defense, Meaning: Feeling of Courage, Standing Your superiority, surrender of Ground, Challenge. positions, weakness, Meaning: Readiness to vulnerability. defend your own, despite resistance.

Eight of Wands Keywords: Speed, News, Meaning: Delays, slow Movement, Travel. progress, jealousy, Meaning: Rapid disputes. development of events, expectation. **Nine of Wands** Keywords: Resilience, Meaning: Paranoia, Persistence, Readiness for defense without reason, Battle, The Last Stand. fear of the future, refusal of Meaning: Exhaustion, but help. readiness to continue the defense. **Ten of Wands** Keywords: Burden, **Meaning:** Lifting the Excessive Responsibility, burden, relief, but also Duty, Overload. inability to bear Meaning: Carrying too responsibility. much, but the end is near. **Page of Wands** Keywords: News, Meaning: Bad news, Enthusiasm, Bold insecurity, lack of focus, Messenger, New Idea. unpredictable actions. Meaning: New opportunities, creative inspiration, messenger of change.

Knight of Wands Keywords: Determination, Meaning: Reckless actions, Rapid Movement, Energy, haste, lack of plan, delay. Adventure. Meaning: Passionate and swift beginning, journey. **Queen of Wands** Keywords: Charm, Meaning: Egoism, Confidence, Independence, dominance, jealousy, infidelity, capriciousness. Optimism. Meaning: Charismatic, energetic woman, creative success. **King of Wands Keywords:** Visionary, Meaning: Cruelty, Leader, Honor, demanding nature, Entrepreneur, Energy. intolerance, tyranny, Meaning: Powerful, overspending. authoritative man, embodiment of ambition.

Minor Arcana: The Suit of Cups (Water)

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Card	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning	
Ace of Cups	Keywords: New Love, Happiness, Emotional Opening, Joy. Meaning: Beginning of new relationships, fullness of feelings.	Meaning: Emotional instability, repressed feelings, unhappy ending, loss.	
Two of Cups	Keywords: Partnership,	Meaning: Relationship	
TroutCupe	Union, Love, Mutual Understanding. Meaning: Harmonious union, true kinship of souls.	breakdown, misunderstanding, imbalance, broken engagement.	
Three of Cups	Keywords: Celebration,	Meaning: Excess, gossip, lack of harmony in the	
Three of Cupe	Friendship, Community, Success. Meaning: Joy, meetings with friends, achievements.	group, loss of pleasure.	

Four of Cups Fineral Cups	Keywords: Apathy, Boredom, Dissatisfaction, Reflection. Meaning: Ignoring opportunities due to self- absorption.	Meaning: New perspective, breakthrough, realization of opportunities, motivation.
Five of Cups	Keywords: Loss, Grief, Disappointment, Self-Pity. Meaning: Focus on what is lost, ignoring what remains.	Meaning: Overcoming grief, acceptance of loss, moving forward, reconciliation.
Six of Cups	Keywords: Nostalgia, Past, Childhood, Memories. Meaning: Return to the familiar, help from the past.	Meaning: Living in the past, inability to move forward, isolation.
Seven of Cups	Keywords: Choice, Illusions, Dreams, Variety. Meaning: Too many options, the need to choose the real one.	Meaning: Clarity, choosing the right path, goal-orientation, will.

Eight of Cups	Keywords: Departure, Journey, Search, Abandoning the Material. Meaning: Leaving something successful for a higher goal.	Meaning: Inability to let go, fear of leaving, returning to the old.
Nine of Cups Nine of Cups	Keywords: Wish Fulfillment, Satisfaction, Comfort, Abundance. Meaning: Happiness and contentment with life, "the wish granter."	Meaning: Excess, greed, self-satisfaction, materialism.
Ten of Cups	Keywords: Family, Domestic Happiness, Joy, Emotional Wholeness. Meaning: Ideal family harmony, emotional success.	Meaning: Disharmony in the family, quarrels, disruption of the idyll, disagreement.
Page of Cups	Keywords: Offer, News, Intuition, Creative Beginning. Meaning: Beginning of new feelings, invitation.	Meaning: Disappointment, bad news, immaturity, insincerity.

Knight of Cups Keywords: Romance, Meaning: Deceiver, Proposal, Charm, Idealism. unrealistic expectations, Meaning: Arrival of capriciousness, romance, creative proposal, disappointment. invitation. **Queen of Cups Keywords:** Compassion, Meaning: Dependence, Intuition, Emotional hysterics, emotional Intelligence, Care. manipulation, immaturity. Meaning: Kind, sensitive, loving woman. **King of Cups** Keywords: Balance, Meaning: Fraud, Wisdom, Kindness, Control dishonesty, using emotions over Feelings. for control, abuse. Meaning: Mature, emotionally stable man, advisor.

Minor Arcana: The Suit of Swords (Air)

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Card	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning
Ace of Swords	Keywords: Clarity, Breakthrough, Power of Mind, Truth. Meaning: Moment of truth, clear thinking, intellectual beginning.	Meaning: Confusion, misuse of force, destructive power of words, excessive intellect.
Two of Swords	Keywords: Indecision, Blockage, Stalemate, Ignorance. Meaning: Refusal to see the truth, being stuck between two options.	Meaning: Revelation of deception, honest look at the situation, unblocking.
Three of Swords Three of Swords	Keywords: Pain, Loss, Grief, Heartbreak, Betrayal. Meaning: Emotional pain that is necessary for growth.	Meaning: Healing, overcoming pain, repressed grief, inability to recover.

Four of Swords Keywords: Rest, Recovery, Meaning: Stagnation, need Peace, Illness, Temporary for rest, end of a period of Pause. peace, caution. Meaning: Time to step away from affairs, meditation. **Five of Swords** Keywords: Defeat, Loss, Meaning: Compromise, Humiliation, Pyrrhic Victory. conflict avoidance, remorse, Meaning: Winning at the opportunity for cost of losing relationships reconciliation. or honour, conflict. Six of Swords **Keywords:** Transition, Meaning: Being stuck, Moving Away from inability to move, return of Difficulties, Journey, old problems. Movement to a Better Place. Meaning: Leaving a troubled past behind, healing. Seven of Swords Keywords: Deception, Meaning: Revelation of Evasion, Cunning, Theft. deception, need for honesty, accepting **Meaning:** Attempt to escape responsibility, responsibility. hidden motives.

Eight of Swords Keywords: Restriction, Meaning: Liberation, Imprisonment, Victimhood, breaking out of restrictions, Fear, Dependence. realizing freedom. Meaning: Self-imposed limitations, feeling hopeless. **Nine of Swords Keywords:** Anxiety, Fears, Meaning: Relief, overcoming fears, healing Nightmares, Despair, Insomnia. from anxiety, release. Meaning: Night terrors, worry, pangs of conscience. **Ten of Swords** Keywords: Collapse, Meaning: Survival, avoiding Betrayal, Radical End, The collapse, beginning of Lowest Point. healing, inevitable Meaning: A painful yet catastrophe. definitive conclusion. Page of Swords Keywords: Curiosity, New Meaning: Gossip, irritation, Ideas, Observance, Gossip. lying, immaturity, using Meaning: Studies the words to offend. situation, curious, can be sharp-tongued.

Knight of Swords	Keywords: Speed, Ambition, Sharpness, Directness. Meaning: Fast, energetic, but often reckless movement.	Meaning: Unwise haste, aggression, conflict, danger.
Queen of Swords	Keywords: Intellect, Independence, Sharp Mind, Honesty. Meaning: Smart, independent woman who values truth.	Meaning: Cruelty, coldness, dominance, loneliness, anger.
King of Swords	Keywords: Authority, Intellect, Law, Analysis. Meaning: A leader guided by logic and justice.	Meaning: Abuse of power, tyranny, cynicism, injustice, manipulation.

Minor Arcana: The Suit of Pentacles (Earth)

Card	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning
Ace of Pentacles	Keywords: New Finances, Opportunity, Abundance, Beginning. Meaning: A chance for stability, material success.	Meaning: Missed opportunity, financial loss, lack of stability.
Two of Pentacles	Keywords: Juggling, Balance, Time/Money	Meaning: Loss of control, financial imbalance, inability
Turo of Portiaring	Management, Adaptation. Meaning: Ease in handling multiple tasks.	to cope with everything.
Three of Pentacles	Keywords: Teamwork, Collaboration, Learning,	Meaning: Inability to work in a team, low quality, lack
Three of Peniarles	Recognition. Meaning: Work brings success, respect from colleagues.	of skills.

Four of Pentacles Keywords: Possession, Meaning: Overspending, Accumulation, Control, loss of control, inability to let Stinginess. go, greed. **Meaning:** Protecting material wealth, but the risk of becoming greedy. **Five of Pentacles Keywords:** Poverty, Loss, Meaning: Recovery, financial improvement, end Solitude, Illness. Meaning: Feeling excluded, of isolation, help. financial difficulties. Six of Pentacles Keywords: Charity, Giving, Meaning: Debt, uneven Receiving, Fairness. distribution, selfishness, Meaning: Mutual lack of mercy. exchange, financial assistance. **Seven of Pentacles Keywords:** Patience, Meaning: Indecision, Waiting, Assessment, Slow impatience, refusal to continue, disappointment Progress. Meaning: You've done the with the result. work; now it's time to await the fruits.

Eight of Pentacles Keywords: Skill, Learning, Meaning: Low quality, Dedication, Hard Work. wasted effort, impatience, Meaning: Practical skills, dishonest work. focus on work. **Nine of Pentacles** Keywords: Self-Meaning: Dependence, Sufficiency, Luxury, fraud, loneliness, Comfort, Achievement. overestimation of one's own Meaning: Enjoyment of the abilities. results of your labour, financial freedom. Ten of Pentacles Keywords: Heritage, **Meaning:** Family financial Family, Long-term Success, problems, loss of Wealth. inheritance, risk, failure. **Meaning:** Financial security for the family, stability. **Page of Pentacles Keywords:** News, Student, Meaning: Wastefulness, Financial Offer, Beginning neglect of education, of Study. delayed news. Meaning: Practical opportunities, focus on the material.

Knight of Pentacles Queen of Pentacles

Keywords: Patience, Reliability, Diligence, Slow Movement.

Meaning: Slow but sure progress, dedication.

Meaning: Laziness, stagnation, inertia, stubbornness, unwillingness to move.



Keywords: Domestic Comfort, Practicality, Maternal Care, Wealth. Meaning: Caring, generous woman who creates comfort.

Meaning: Dependence, ignoring the home, inability to create comfort, disorganization.

King of Pentacles



Keywords: Success, Business, Abundance, Reliability, Financial Wisdom.

Meaning: Successful businessman, stable man, abundance.

Meaning: Greed, corruption, excessive control, materialism, dishonesty.

Section 3: Classic Tarot Spreads

These spreads are the foundation for most Tarot practices and allow for a structured answer to various inquiries.

1. The Three Card Spread

Purpose: This is the simplest and most universal spread. It is ideal for a quick analysis of a developing situation or for focusing on a specific problem.

Diagram:



Card Positions:

- **Position 1: Past:** Factors or events that led to the current situation. The historical roots of the problem.
- **Position 2: Present:** The essence of the current situation, the dominant energy now, or the Querent's attitude.
- Position 3: Future: The probable outcome if the situation continues on its current trajectory.

2. The Horseshoe Spread

Purpose: This spread provides a comprehensive view of a complex problem, revealing both external and internal influences. It is well suited for questions like "What should I do about...?".

Diagram:



Card Positions:

- Position 1: Past: Causes and influences that led to the current state.
- Position 2: Present: The current situation and the Querent's attitude towards it.
- Position 3: Near Future: Energies that will begin to manifest soon.
- Position 4: Advice or Action: What you can do to influence the situation. Your role.
- **Position 5: Influence of Others:** How the environment (people, circumstances) affects your situation.
- Position 6: Obstacles or Difficulties: Negative or blocking forces that need to be overcome.
- **Position 7: Probable Outcome:** The final result if you follow the cards' recommendations.

3. The Celtic Cross Spread

Purpose: The Celtic Cross is the most detailed and well-known spread. It is used for an in-depth analysis of any situation, revealing psychological aspects, external influences, past, future, and ultimate hopes.

Diagram:



Card Positions:

- 1. Current Situation (The Base): The essence of the question or the situation you are currently in.
- 2. Obstacle / Help (The Crossing): The energy acting upon the situation. It can be both an obstacle and a potential resource.
- 3. Subconscious (The Root): The recent past or what influences you from the depths of the subconscious.
- **4. Past (Behind You):** That which is passing or has already happened, and you can no longer change it.
- 5. Possible Outcome (Above You): The best outcome you can hope for. Potential.
- 6. Near Future: Events expected within the next few weeks/months.
- 7. The Querent (You): Your current position, attitude, fears, or hopes regarding the question.
- **8. Environment:** The influence of other people, family, friends, or the surrounding environment.
- 9. Hopes and Fears: Your inner hopes and/or anxieties, often hidden.
- **10. Final Outcome:** The probable conclusion of the situation if everything develops according to the influences mentioned above.

Remember, Tarot is not a rigid sentence but a tool for self-discovery. The card meanings are a guide, but true wisdom always lies within your intuition.

Success on your Tarot journey!