

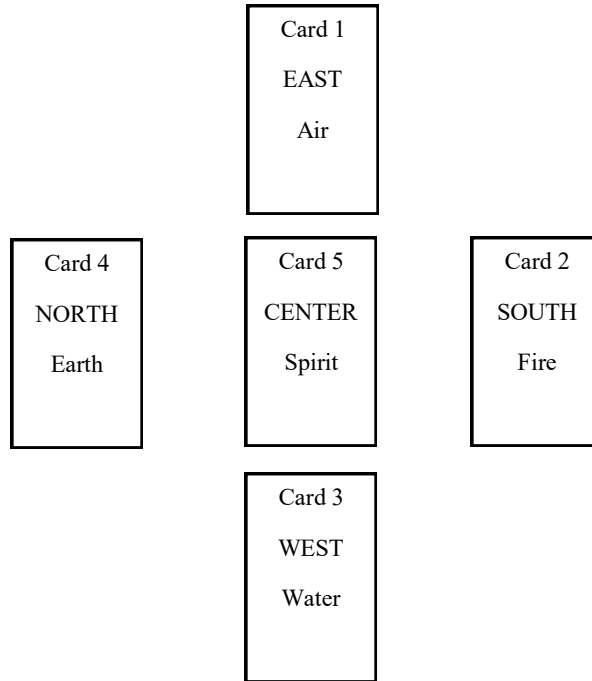
Reading and Ceremony for Charging a Tarot Deck
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Part I
The Reading

Use this spread and the corresponding ceremony to set your intention for a deck, purify the deck and charge it.

1. Write a sentence which describes your conscious intention for the deck: _____

2. Prepare as you normally would and perform a reading with the spread shown below. You don't have to ask a question, but it helps to concentrate on the intention you wrote above.



3. For each card, write a short sentence that begins with the word "I". Record those sentences here:
Card 1, East: _____
Card 2, South: _____
Card 3, West: _____
Card 4, North: _____
Card 5, Spirit: _____
4. Pick a simple symbol based on the fifth card, Spirit. It can be a detail from the card, inspired by the sentence you wrote, based on an esoteric correspondence, or just something that comes to you. Make sure your symbol is relevant to you. Draw the symbol on an index card. This is your unconscious intention for the deck.

Part II
The Ceremony

Copy your sentences onto the appropriate lines below. It's OK to modify them slightly to fit the sentence structure.

Read through this whole script and make any changes or additions to the words to best suit your beliefs and intentions.

Set up your altar, light the charcoal in the east and the candle in the south. A chalice of water should be in the west and a dish of salt in the north. You will sit or stand on the west side of the altar facing east. Place the cards from your reading at the corresponding directions on the altar.

Put a pinch of salt into the water and stir it up. Then take your deck and, while holding it, fan it out so that at least an edge of every card is showing. Lightly flick saltwater from your fingertips onto the cards (or hold the deck over the chalice if you are afraid of water damage to your deck). Say:

I purify this deck by water and earth.

Place some incense on the charcoal. Carefully hold the fanned out cards in the incense smoke. Say:

I consecrate this deck by air and fire.

Reassemble the cards into a deck and hold it face up in your left hand.

Pick up the Air card from the east side of the altar, touch it to the chalice, then hold it in the incense smoke. Say:

If I choose, _____ (Air phrase)

Now place the card on top of the deck in your left hand. Repeat this process for each of the remaining cards.

When I succeed, _____ (Fire phrase)

In my dreams, _____ (Water phrase)

I am rich because _____ (Earth phrase)

My soul reveals that _____ (Spirit phrase)

Now all the cards are in the deck in your left hand. Place the deck in the center of the altar. Place the index card on top of the deck and say:

I charge this deck with the symbol of my soul's intent: _____

_____ (Name or describe your symbol)

Direct energy through your wand into the deck (or hold your hands over the deck) and say the following:

With this ceremony I dedicate these cards to the highest good for all. They counsel us in our decisions, they inspire us toward our ambitions, they awaken us to our dreams, they ground us in our abundance. They speak the symbol of our soul and we understand.

State your conscious intention, the sentence from p. 1:

By _____ (Say the name of your spiritual source, such as, "The Power of the Universe," "God," "The Lord and Lady," "Divine Truth," etc.),

this deck is charged with my intention. So mote it be. Blessed Be. (Or, Amen. Or, similar)

This completes the ritual.