

Anne Jirschitzka's

# 10 Simple Steps to a Tarot Career



Part 1

# WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF TAROT

During this course you will be taken from a novice to a fully fledged Tarot Consultant. I will endeavour to give you all the tools you need to build a successful practice. One where you will enjoy your work and be well paid into the bargain, a private practice where you will help many people from all walks of life. Your job will be to gently guide them in the right direction, to help them understand themselves and to make better sense of their lives and all that happens in it. You will help to build them into strong, positive, successful people. Am I expecting too much? Not a bit of it, because it is not you or I, we are simply tools of the universe.

We receive and then pass it on. It is as simple as that.

Follow each step carefully and you will find...

THIS IS THE EASIEST METHOD OF LEARNING  
TAROT AVAILABLE.

I WANT YOU TO ENJOY THIS COURSE AND  
ENRICH YOUR OWN LIFE INTO THE BARGAIN.  
ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU STICK WITH IT - MOST  
PEOPLE NEVER FINISH WHAT THEY START.

SOMETHING HAS LEAD YOU HERE - TRUST IT  
AND GO FORWARD

## YOU HAVE MUCH TO GAIN.



Before we begin can I ask you to take the little booklet that comes with your cards and place it immediately into the dustbin. Those little booklets put more people off than anything else. Next, if you have a great big pile of Tarot books that you have been wading through, have a boot sale.

Now all you need is your pack of cards and a relaxing hour or two..

**READY? OKAY - LET'S GO.**

# PREFACE

I love Tarot cards, they are exciting, ever surprising and always honest. They guide us through the maze of life, giving insight and answering our questions. We all need to know where we are heading, we also need to know our potential.

The cards are non judgmental, they understand us and know that we get ourselves into pickles. They tell us what we need to know at that moment in time. What more could we ask?

I have been reading Tarot cards for over twenty years and am still constantly amazed and intrigued by them. Throughout those years I have read for thousands of people, many of them with cards of their own. I was lucky I discovered an easy method, so many people struggle along with horrendously difficult cards and impossible books on HOW TO READ THE TAROT.

*It is believed Gypsies brought Tarot cards from Egypt to Europe.*



## Easy living

Initially I held workshops and gave private tuition. Later I put a few notes together, finally as more and more people came to me for help I turned the notes into this course. There are two ways to learn the Tarot, the hard way and the easy way.

I am going to show you the easy way AND show you how to earn a living.

Just follow the simple instructions and in no time you will be a working consultant with a regular bank of clients and an adorable job. I am the only person I know who loves Monday mornings. I can't wait to get to my office to collect my calls, post and appointments.



*Anne Jirschitzka*

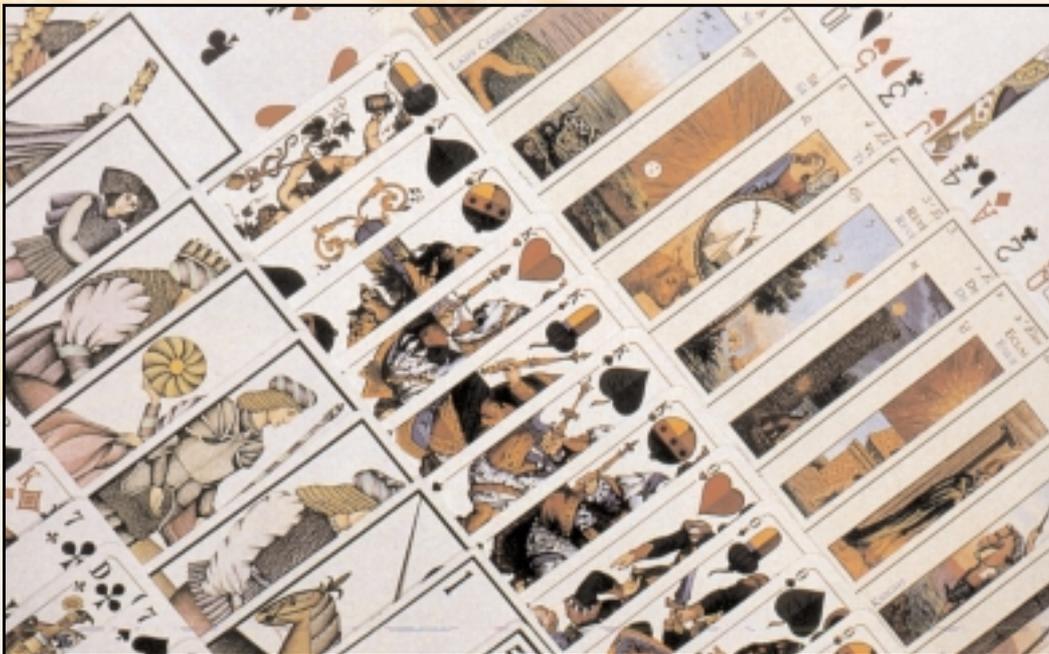
Over the next few weeks I will be taking you step by step through the cards, using memory aids so that each card is printed on your mind. I will also be teaching you simple spreads that will give you the chance to give a basic reading without worrying about - what does it mean when it is there next to that - let's keep it simple. I will also be showing you some unusual spreads that will fascinate both you and your clients. I will show you how to run this as a business (something many lifelong readers fall down on), lastly I will teach you some of the tricks of the trade if I may call them that.

## WHICH PACK???

Tarot cards are made up of the Major and Minor Arcana. The Minor Arcana is made up of four suits with court cards, the same as modern day playing cards (which came later and were based on the Tarot). The Major Arcana has cards that everyone has heard of such as The Wheel of Fortune and The Hanged Man.

There are a baffling array of Tarot cards and a novice could be in danger of buying several packs that are completely wrong for them. I have seen Red Indian, Hindu, Aztec.....well I could go on and on, many of them are very difficult to read. Learn a basic and easy pack such as Rider Waite then, if you feel drawn to another pack then great, go for it, by then you will have a good grounding in Tarot.

In fact, many packs today are based on Rider Waite - so master them and you already know many others.



*There are hundreds of different packs.*

Now, even though there are thousands of different themes to packs - there are in fact, just two types: the pip and the pictorial. The difference is with the Minor Arcana (the four suits) the pip system simply has swords, batons, coins or cups on them i.e. the three of swords will simply have three swords on it.

The other type are pictorial and using the three of swords as an example again, the card has a picture of a big red heart with three swords running through it. This is known as the broken heart card, the image is easy to remember, with the pip system you would have to memorise each and every meaning of all the cards without a picture to job your memory. As you can imagine the pictorial system is by far the easiest.

**The Rider Waite is the easiest of the pictorial cards to learn.**

## DONT GIVE UP

I picked up my first pack of Tarot cards at the age of nineteen, they fascinated me. I love the feel of them and desperately wanted to answer a whole range of questions. I spent hour after hour sitting cross legged on the floor with the cards laid out in front of me, but in no time I became despondent. The elaborate spreads meant that I couldn't remember the meanings of the cards in that particular position without forgetting what all the others meant, plus each card had a whole range of differing meanings totally unrelated the picture on the card in front of me. I grew more and more disillusioned and finally gave up.

At the age of twenty five I was given another pack, the others had long since found themselves in the bin with the books and the handy little booklet. The attempt was no more fruitful than the first. I was sure that if I just studied hard I would eventually get the hang of it but the list of meanings for each card and the complicated spreads got the better of me a second time. By now I had really had enough and once we have had enough we tend to switch off all future attempts.

So, by the third time Tarot crossed my path my words were not printable. It was all too complicated and I felt stupid. I presumed all Tarot readers had amazing powers or brains like computers, either way I was not cut out to be one, but then some interesting things began to happen.

Long after I had given up all hope a friend gave me a pack for Christmas and now, for some reason I clicked with them. I believe when the time is right everything falls into place, we meet the right people and come across the tools we need to fulfil our lifepath.

Before I knew it, almost on a daily basis, I met people who read cards, I was falling over them. I found books and articles, met spiritualists, mediums, clairvoyants. Everywhere I went I came across something to make me look again.

Then the strangest thing happened. I met a gypsy on the street who told me my path was spiritual and that I should teach what I had learned. This sounded daft because at that stage I didn't know anything. I told her of my problems understanding the cards and she said, "You are looking too hard, just let go and look at the picture".

She explained that the cards were brought across to Europe from the East by gypsies, they were illiterate and simply studied the pictures allowing the story to unfold. Cards and knowledge were handed down, parent to child. She told me to go and look at the pictures and then teach others because, "the world is becoming too complicated and will need more readers".

In England people are nervous of gypsies, believing they can curse. All I can say is I felt this lady was sincere. I did as she advised and put together a simple method which I have taught many, many people, plenty of them are now professional readers.

I never saw that lady again but I thank her for her sound advice. I now teach and read the cards for a living.

**As the saying goes, if you give a man a fish you feed him for one meal - if you teach him to fish you feed him for life.**

She taught me to fish for answers and for that I am truly grateful.



## THE MAGICAL MIND

This simple method I am about to show you is by far the easiest I have ever come across and in order to understand how it works we need to look at the mind and memory. Have you ever seen a memory act on stage? Marvel The Memory Man doesn't have any special abilities, he has simply mastered the art of mnemonics (memory aids).

We attempt to learn the cards in the same way we learned the times tables, parrot fashion. Would you like to be tested on them now? I bet not. Parrot fashion learning presents no picture to the mind. Now, if we have a picture that links to the meaning - BINGO!! We remember.

**This is why pictorial cards are easier to learn. The three of swords is an image you can remember and I bet you will also remember the meaning.**

Let's take an example: The Five of Cups.  
The meanings in the handy little booklet are as follows:

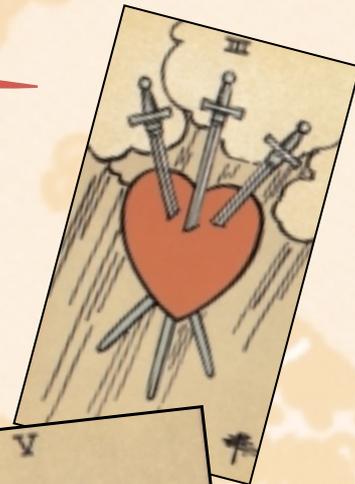
*"A card of loss but can also mean inheritance"*

Okay so which is it? Already we have two contradictory meanings. Then it goes on to say:

*"Patrimony, transmission but not corresponding to expectation, with some a card of marriage but not without bitterness or frustration".*

The reversed meanings are:

*"Consanguinity, ancestry, return and false projects".*



## HAVE YOU GOT THAT?

I honestly don't know what half those words mean. They don't make sense when you look at the picture and common sense should tell us they were never meant to be used like that. The picture is there for a reason, to help us.

There are seventy eight cards in a pack, each with an equally confusing list of meanings. Unless you have a brain like Einstein's you will not remember them.

Now look again at the Five of Cups and what do you see? A man in a black cloak, he looks sad. In front of him are three upturned cups and behind him two upright. Now think about it, cups relate to love, he is looking at the upturned cups not noticing the upright.

He is seeing all the bad in a relationship and none of the good.

## IT IS THAT SIMPLE.

### TIP:

Rather than try to break down & remember every small detail on the whole card, focus your attention to what information is relevant.

Try to think of the whole card as a small story - not a series of details.



## REMEMBER - LOOK AT THE PICTURE

Focus your mind on the card - trust the image that you first see in your mind.



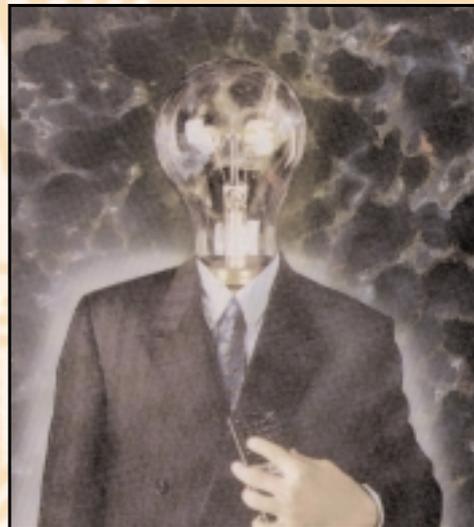
## WHAT DOES IT SAY TO YOU?

We do not remember things that do not make sense and we do not remember by repetition such as parrot fashion learning. The brain needs something to hook on to.

Parrot fashion learning is very left brained. We need to develop the right and psychic side.

By building images in our minds we are helping our intuition to grow. The cards are the perfect medium to help us.

## MORE ABOUT THAT LATER.



*Inspiration can hit you in a flash-  
so be ready for it!*

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CARDS

Most people begin by rushing into the Major Arcana and then neglecting the Minor Arcana. If you take a little time out to get to know the Minor Arcana the rest will fall into place.



Try to see the Major Arcana as the major events. The court cards as the players or people involved and the Minor Arcana as telling you the whole story. Firstly, let's get to know the four suits.

We will build a series of images to remember each card, this will take just a few seconds for each card but will imprint the meaning on your brain. The next four pages will reveal the hidden meanings of each suit, as well as reading their meanings notice how they make you feel. A few seconds of picture building will save you hours of boring study.

- **Begin by putting the Major Arcana to one side.**
- **Now separate the four suits into piles.**
- **Focus on the image- make it come alive.**

## THE BATONS

**Take the batons - which are sometimes known as wands. The key word for batons is work.**

This is where your imagination really comes into play. Picture your boss's head on top of a baton. Now imagine triumphantly waving it in the air - because batons also mean success.



Batons relate to fire and the fire signs. Picture your fire sign friends (Leo, Aries, Sagittarius) piling batons onto a bonfire. You can, if you wish, imagine your boss in the middle of the bonfire.

**The zanier the image the more it will stick.**

## THE SWORDS

Pick up the swords. The key word for swords is force. Imagine a powerful warrior waving his sword high above his head. He is strong and powerful. The swords can bring hassle so imagine using the sword to cut through problems.

**FOCUS ON THAT IMAGE.**



The swords relate to air and the air signs. Think of your air sign friends (Aquarius, Libra, Gemini) and see them waving swords in the air. They are forceful and strong.

**See them using their swords to cut through red tape.**

## THE COINS

Now take the coins which are sometimes known as pentacles. We will call them coins because their key word is materialism.

**Imagine buying goods in an eastern market with golden coins.**

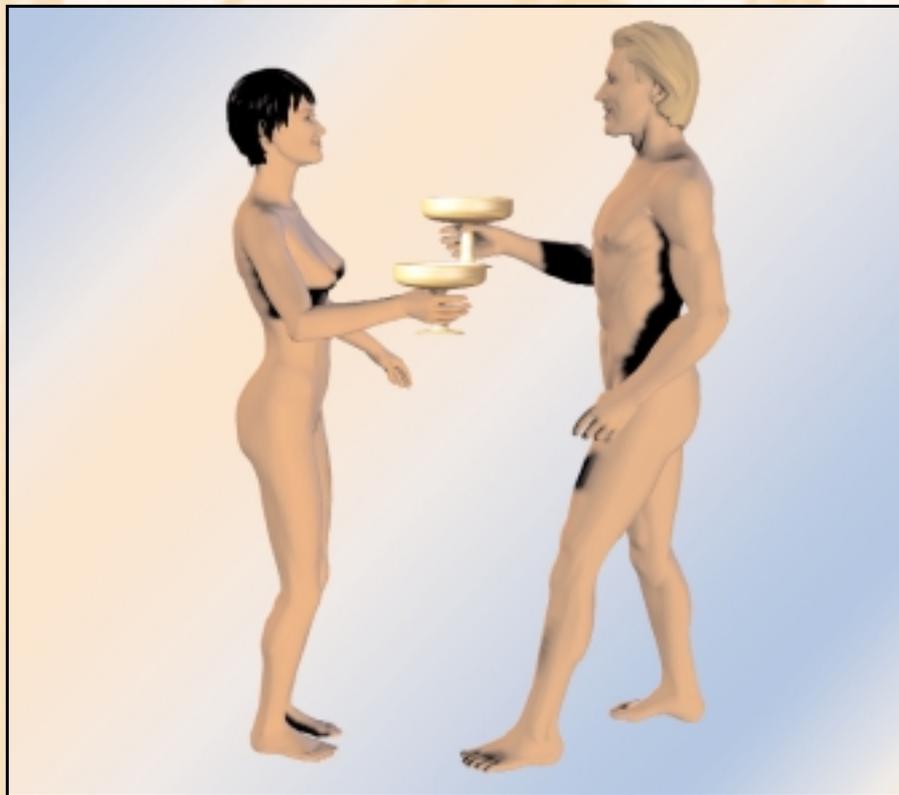


The coins relate to earth and the earth signs. Imagine your earth sign friends (Capricorn, Taurus, Virgo) spending golden coins in an eastern market.

## THE CUPS

**Pick up the suit of Cups. The key word for cups is love. So I want you to imagine two lovers passing a love cup back and forth.**

**WORK ON THAT IMAGE**



Cups also relate to water and the water signs. So build on the image of love and think of your water sign friends (Pisces, Cancer, Scorpio) and imagine them drinking from the cups.

Quote: Money is better than poverty- if only for financial reasons.  
Woody Allen.

## **FULFILLMENT IN LIFE**

**TRY THIS SIMPLE SPREAD TO HELP YOU GET A FEEL OF THE CARDS.  
TRY IT ON YOURSELF AND ON YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

**This spread tells you where life will be luckiest for you.**

(NOTE: This doesn't mean the other areas will not be good).

**Take just the Minor Arcana - shuffle them, focus on your question.**

**When you are ready spread them face down.**

**Choose five cards.**

**One suit will predominate.**

**CUPS = LOVE**

**COINS = MONEY**

**SWORDS = SOCIAL LIFE**

**BATONS = WORK**

**If you get two cards the same from two suits i.e. 2 cups and 2 swords, you will be particularly lucky.**

Quote: Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.  
Emma Bombeck.

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**How did you get on visualising the images?**

**How did you get on with the first spread?**

**In part two**

**We will be looking at the four suits in more depth and learning some easy but useful spreads that will allow you to immediately begin answering questions.**

**We will also begin looking at Tarot as a business.**