

## Lenormand Learning Guide

A Beginner's Hand at Cartomancy

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Hi there,

Thanks for subscribing to my newsletter! As a gift for being here, I'd like to share the Lenormand Learning Guide I made. Yes, I made one!

I am new to my cartomancy practice. I started learning tarot to help me get out of my Dark Night of the Soul experience - to provide clarity and, to be perfectly honest, to save me money from getting tarot readings every so often. Needless to say, I did not save money per se. LOL. After many tarot decks and books later, I gained a skill, or rather a gift, instead.

Eventually, I stumbled upon the Lenormand system as I was deep into my cartomancy rabbit hole.

Being the nerd that I am, I again bought a deck and books last July. I flipped the pages of [Rana George's tome "The Essential Lenormand: Your Guide to Precise & Practical Fortunetelling"](#) and Tina Gong's [Labyrinthos](#) Lenormand meanings to learn more. Lenormand was a struggle as it is very different from tarot (albeit somewhat similar too.)

But I was determined to learn.

To help me with my personal learning, I thought of creating my own one-look guide. I applied my cross tabulation skills from my professional media planning-consumer insights background and applied it to the Lenormand system. Who would've known that these two things would even intersect?


So each of the 36-card meanings are cross tabulated with the respective 36-card meanings.

For example, for the Rider card, each cell will carry the meaning of the combination of the Rider card plus each of the remaining 35-cards. Rider + Clover, Rider + Ship, Rider + House, Rider + Tree, Rider + Clouds...Rider + Cross. This sequence will follow for all cards of the deck.

While it will not cover the entirety of the gamut of meanings, this is a good start for beginners like myself. I hope that you join me in my Lenormand learning journey and that this would help you as it did for me.

I know you have some questions, so let's tackle some of them. Let's learn some Lenormand shall we!

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### What is Lenormand?

Lenormand is a cartomancy system. Named after Madame Marie Anne Lenormand, fortune teller, yes, this system is used more for that than the spiritual reflections and explorations of the tarot. I literally asked the cards where my friend is going to that Saturday evening and it answered...correctly.

This system is made up of **36-cards** with a **symbol** and a **traditional playing card insert**. Madame Lenormand originally worked with a traditional playing card deck and the symbols were added later by German businessman and writer Johann Kaspar Hechtel. It is popularly known as the "Das Spiel der Hoffnung" or in english "Game of Hope."

### How do you read Lenormand?

Lenormand cards, while can be read singularly, are **best read in combination of at least two cards**. It is like stringing together a word into a phrase then a sentence. When compared to the tarot when you can really dive into the depths of each card, with Lenormand, you go quite literally.

Let's say if you pull the Sun card, it means happiness, energy, clarity, because you are able to see things clearly in the bright light and success. This meaning will provide more context if paired with another card. So let's say, together with the Sun card, you pull the Rider card, which means news or a visitor. If you put the two together, then you get happy news, a visitor bringing happiness or clarity or energizing news.

### How do you interpret Lenormand?

In the same way with tarot, **context is king and intuition is queen**. One cannot interpret one without the other.

The interpretation will center around the context of the question. If the querent or the one asking a question about romantic love, then the cards should be interpreted in such context. While yes, there are literal meanings, one's intuition will kick in. It's a good way to get out of one's head and listen to what your gut and heart are telling you.

So use both your head, meaning the combinations from the Lenormand Learning Guide, apply within the context of the question and then feel what else your gut and heart has to say.

Let's start reading!