



Color Interpretation

It's often said that a human is a rainbow of colors. Every color has its own meaning, and each affects you in uniquely different and profound ways. When you're using the tarot intuitively, notice in the spread of cards if one color predominates over another. I recommend that you become familiar with their significance, but be careful to interpret them specifically for each situation, spread, or question.

The following is a rudimentary explanation of the colors of the spectrum:

— Red symbolizes: vitality, passion, temper, strength, survival, hard work, and leadership. Red is associated with the Base Chakra.

— Orange symbolizes: creativity and joyous emotions. Orange is about spreading happiness and joy; emotional pleasures and vitality are also connected to it. Orange is associated with the Sacral Chakra.

— Yellow symbolizes: wisdom, mental force, curiosity, insight, intuition, and sensitivity. Yellow is associated with the Solar Plexus Chakra.

— Green symbolizes: love, health, balance, compassion, a nurturing nature, and abundance. It both calms and refreshes your energy and is a sign of renewal and growth. Green is associated with the Heart Chakra.

— Blue symbolizes: communication, speech, expression, imagination, and freedom. Blue is associated with the Throat Chakra.

— Indigo symbolizes: inner wisdom and perception, as well as a vivid imagination. Indigo is associated with the Third Eye Chakra.

— Violet symbolizes: wisdom, beauty, inspiration, creativity, and enlightenment. It's one of the most spiritual colors. Violet is associated with the Crown Chakra.

— White symbolizes: truth, innocence, and purity.

— Brown symbolizes: earth, dependability, stability, and humility.

— Black symbolizes: protection, independence, and mystery.

— Gold symbolizes: spirituality, compassion, prosperity, and wisdom.

Numerological Meanings

Numerology is an ancient system that interprets the meanings of numbers and dates, as well as the numeric value of letters. Every number vibrates to its own frequency and wavelength; and by understanding this, you'll become more aware of the patterns and cycles in your life.

Numerology was a contributing source in the divinatory meanings of the tarot cards when they were created long ago. When you're reading for yourself or for others, take note if the same number appears on other cards in the spread. If so, consider its symbolic meaning when interpreting what the cards are trying to tell you.

There are 22 Major Arcana Cards and 36 Minor Arcana Cards, the latter of which are divided into four groups and are numbered from one to nine. When using numerology in your readings for the 22 Major Arcana, change double digits into single ones by adding them together. For example, the number 16 would be represented as $1 + 6 = 7$. This enables you to interpret the meaning of the single number (for this case, you'd examine what the number seven symbolizes).

When divining the Minor Arcana, just use the single number on the card that's drawn.

I've listed the basic meanings of the following numbers:

1: Beginnings, initiation, leadership, self, courage, willpower

2: Balance, duality, partnership, choices, opposition, reflection, diversity

3: Trinity, harmony, union, expansion, advancement, enthusiasm, birth

4: Structure, foundation, realization, stable situations, planning

5: Change, uncertainty, realignment, inconsistency, freedom, travel

6: Harmony, appreciation, self-sacrifice, loyalty, responsibility

7: Spirituality, inner awareness, mastery, wisdom, insight, success

8: Power, authority, strength, organization, control, materialism

9: Completion, endings, accomplishment, transition, understanding, service

Symbols and Images

It's said that the subconscious mind doesn't think without a visual reference. The artwork associated with the tarot is symbolic; and the scenes, symbols, shapes, and figures have specific meanings to each card. It's important to familiarize yourself with the images so that they become absorbed into your intuitive mind, or — as I like to refer to it — your “psychic database.” You'll quickly develop a keen eye for detail and begin to see other images that resonate specifically with you.

During a reading many years ago, I was examining a particular card from my own private tarot deck and noticed that there was a hint of red in the throat area of the card figure. I asked the person whom I was reading for if she suffered from throat issues. Surprisingly, she said yes! Now this wasn't a sore-throat card, nor is there one. My physical eye spotted the color red in the throat area, and my intuitive mind picked up on it. When doing a reading, let your eyes and mind scan the card and see if something else jumps out at you. You'll be amazed by just how specific your interpretations will be.

I also recommend that you keep a journal to record your dreams in, as the symbols within them also speak through your subconscious mind.

