

## Creating Tarot Spreads

Before we sit down to create a Tarot spread, we need to think about why we are doing so. What information are we looking for? We may be creating a specific spread for ourselves (or for a client) as a place to start looking at an issue. Or we may have done a reading, and need to look more in depth at something that came out of that reading. The following is my personal process for creating spreads. Each individual's process will differ, according to their understanding of and relationship to the cards.

1. Define the question or area to be covered.
2. Decide on whether you want to do a large or a small spread.
3. Decide on how many cards you want to use.
4. Define the positions – each positional meaning will address some aspect of the question.
5. Decide on the spread pattern (geometric arrangement).
6. Perform the reading.
7. Make notes on the reading – how well it worked, where changes could be made so that it would work better. If you are working with a client, ask them for feedback.
8. Fine tune your reading.

One last note on Tarot spreads. If you want to use a spread that someone else developed on your blog or site, or in a class or seminar, ask permission and credit them. This is nothing more than you would ask for yourself, and shows respect for them and their work.