

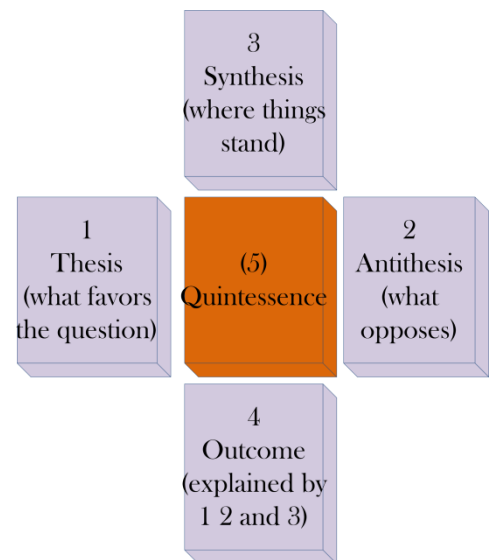
Tirage En Croix Tarot Spread

This versatile spread may become one of your favorites. It works extremely well at getting at the core, underlying causes of an issue, and can pinpoint the actions- and attitudes - needed to change a situation that is not to the querent's liking. You can also use it for relationship and any other immediate questions and concerns.

This is a deceptively powerful majors-only spread which requires gentleness and finesse on the part of the reader. Even so it can be scary for querents. Be graceful and you will do well.

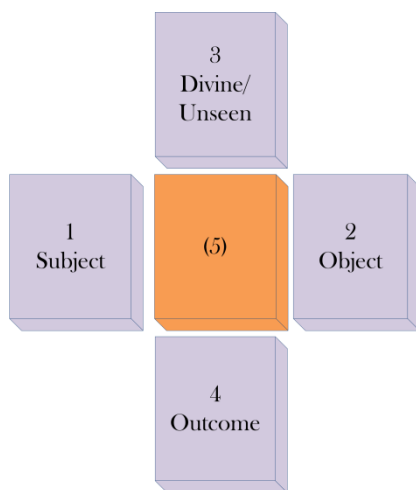
Basic Version

1. Clearly agree upon the question to explore. For this spread, it may be helpful to write the question down. This is a good spread for the querent to take notes if she is so inclined.
2. Separate out the 21 major arcana cards and the Fool. Shuffle well as usual.
3. Lay four cards 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 as shown above.
 - a. The thesis indicates what favors the question.
 - b. The antithesis indicates what hinders the question
 - c. The synthesis is how these factors combine
 - d. The outcome is what will likely happen if things continue as they are

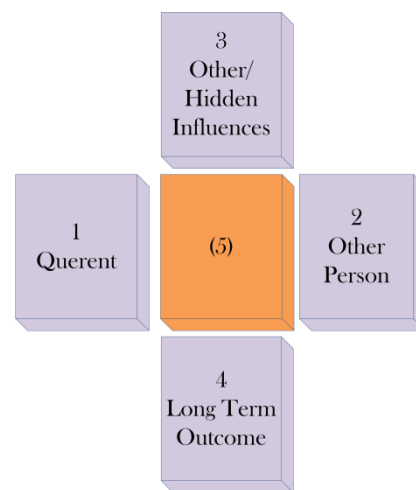


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Alternative Versions



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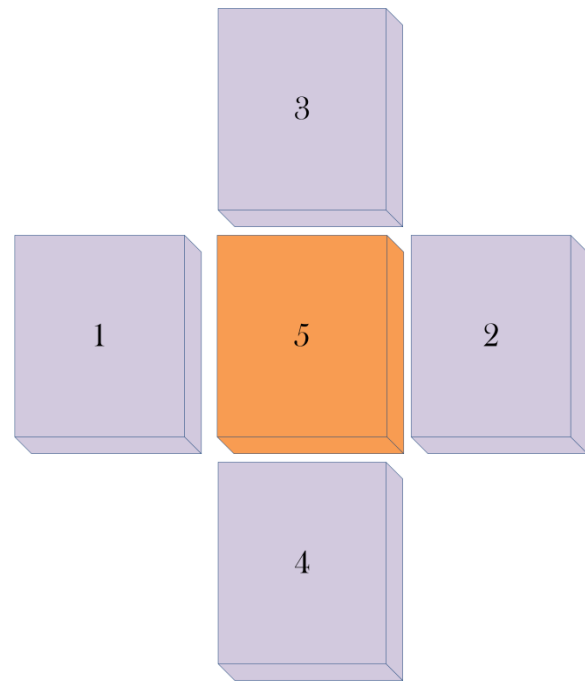
Relationships

Calculating the Quintessence

In the middle ages, the Quintessence was thought to be a fifth element of which fire, air, earth and water were composed. You can calculate a 5th quintessence card in your tirage en croix spreads.

The Quintessence is purest, most concentrated and perfect embodiment of the reading. It can be thought of not only as the overarching message, but how to unblock if needed.

1. Add the numbers for cards 1 to 4 together.
For example, if the spread contained III Empress, V Hierophant, XX Judgement, and XIII
 $3 + 5 + 20 + 13 = 41$
2. If the total is greater than 21, reduce it by adding the individual digits together.
Since 41 is greater than 21, $4 + 1 = 5$
Hierophant.
In this example, the Quintessence is the same as one of the cards. This is perfectly acceptable!



With Quintessence