

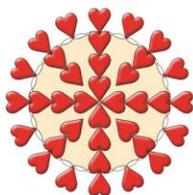
Crystals and the Tarot: An Energetic Partnership

All of us are seekers of knowledge and are constantly looking within and without to find answers. While some look for guidance from outside forces, I believe that the answer to every question can be found within us. Being constant seekers, we have developed different tools to help us uncover this lost knowledge and among those are the Tarot Cards. The Tarot is a deck of 78 cards with various images, divided by the Major and Minor Arcana, suits and numbers. Created in the 15th century as a game, it later became used for magical and divinatory purposes. While similar, the Tarot really stands apart from Oracle Cards because of its history, size, and a perceived darkness that many find disturbing. As a result, those who regularly use Oracle Cards to gain insight and positive affirmations might never use the Tarot for a similar purpose. The Tarot is neither as complicated nor as dark as it may seem. Personally, I find the Tarot a little more truthful and more insightful - than some Oracle Cards. The Tarot will tell a detailed story of your journey with a beginning, middle, and an end. And if you don't like how the journey is going, the cards will point you in the right direction to change your story. Since Crystals are such an effective catalyst when working with energy, they are the perfect partner for the Tarot. The right Crystal/Tarot combination will ignite the energy surrounding the story and together act as an ally on your journey. Since both are tools with endless potential to enlighten, transform and even heal, let's see how their partnership can work for you.

[Clear Quartz](#) will effectively clear out all of the old energy by simply placing the crystal on top of your deck. This is important since you don't want your readings to be muddled by past energy and patterns. Even better, store your cards with Clear Quartz. Just be sure to clean your crystal frequently of the absorbed energy. The entire Quartz family ([Amethyst](#), [Citrine](#), [Rose Quartz](#), [Smokey Quartz](#), etc.) is a natural partner with the Tarot since they amplify the positive energy and protect against the negative. [Calcite](#) will aid with understanding and analyzing what the cards want you to know. Most importantly, it will help you to remember and mentally accept those messages that are unpleasant. Calcite is an excellent agent to clear, amplify and neutralize energy. [Sodalite](#) helps us to really see the patterns and details in those images and clearly determine the message they have for you. The Tarot is an image-based tool that often works best when you just look at the picture on the card and let it speak to you. [Stilbite](#) is excellent to use as a bridge between the physical "seeing" of the cards to the metaphysical "feeling" them. The Tarot images are meant to be archetypes of persons, places and situations that we encounter throughout our journey. While we all may "see" the same image, that image is going to resonate within each of us in a unique way and that "feeling" is key to uncovering our personal message. [Mookaite](#) helps us to remain objective in our analysis and make the best possible choices based on that objectivity - often the most challenging part of working with the Tarot.

When seeking your best Crystal/Tarot combination you should always go with what feels best for you. Experiment and have fun with different combinations as you let your story unfold and remember to enjoy the journey!

- Tara Mideaker



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