



# Using the Tarot for Yes/No Questions

*Preparation, Technique & Practice*



*Greetings Magick Maker!*

*I love the Tarot! The Cards are one of my favorite magickal tools. That's why I offer Tarot Tuesday community readings almost every week at Keeping Her Keys. I truly enjoy demonstrating the different ways that the Cards can be used for personal development. This work book focuses on using the Cards to receive an accurate answer to a "yes or no" question.*

*Using the Tarot for guidance for a very specific question can be a very effective form of divination. One way to get very precise answers from the cards is through posing Yes/No questions. By attuning the cards to this purpose, their energy becomes even more potent. When we ask well-developed questions, the results can be shockingly appropriate. The method described in this workbook is suitable for use by everyone, regardless of experience with the Tarot.*

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## Preparation

The Cards need to be attuned to for Yes/No work. This is a form of binding the energy in the cards for your purpose. The first step is to make an attunement sigil to align their energy, then you incorporate the sigil into the grouped cards. Let the sigil infuse the cards for at least thirty minutes, while burning an incense or after anointing the sigil with an appropriate essential oil. If you don't have these on hand, then a candle burning beside each group pile works well.

### ***Supplies***

Here's what'll you need for the attunement:

- Deck of Tarot cards
- Worksheet at the end of this workbook
- Purification and attunement herbs or from other sources. Two sources representing each energy type works well.

Purification	Attunement
Mugwort	Benzoin
Sage	Frankincense
Sweet Grass	Chamomile
Clear Quartz	Black onyx
White	Black
Salt	Soil

- Markers, coloring pencils or pens in black, blue, green, red and yellow.
- Paper for drafting sigil on.
- Plain paper for copying the final sigil onto.
- Work candle if you use one. I have a general purpose black candle that I burn during any Crafting.

## Preparing Cards for Use

Now that you've got the supplies assembled, it's time to get the deck ready for your Yes/No reading.

### *Getting a New Deck Ready*

If you are going to be using a new deck, ensure that it is properly cleansed before delving in. While there are many ways to do this, I typically take a new deck and put it in a black bag for a while before even cleansing it. Then I will do a consecration ritual where I ask for Hekate's blessing over the cards while I pass the deck back and forth over incense smoke. If the deck is for my personal use, I'll carry it with me in my bag and put it under my pillow at night until I feel the cards are in tune with my vibration. Those are just a few tips to get your deck ready for use.

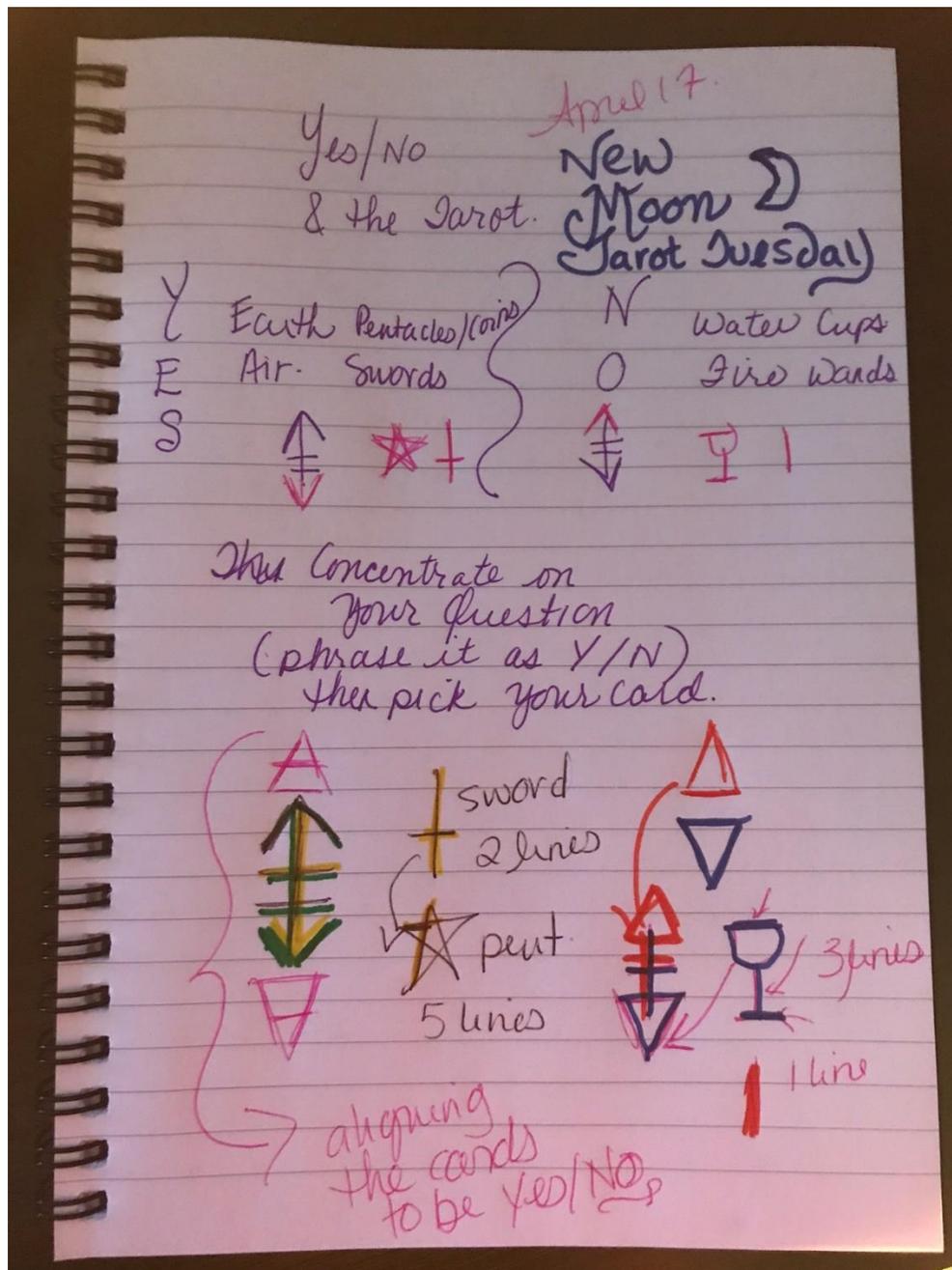
### *Binding the Cards for Yes/No Use*

To prepare the cards for Yes/No use, it's necessary to attune them to this purpose. This process is essentially binding their energy for a specific purpose. There's many ways to do this, but I'm focusing on using the four suits with their elemental energies. For "Yes" I used Swords and Pentacles because they are the opposites within the same energy spectrum, same with Wands and Cups for "No."

YES		NO	
Swords	Pentacles	Fire	Water
Air	Earth	Wands	Cups

Sorting the cards along these categories gets their energy aligned with each other, a process known as attunement. It's like training the cards for a specific purpose as opposed to letting them operate according to uncontrollable forces. While they can certainly be used in their normative state, attunement greatly increases the accuracy of a reading. In this case, it's for an answer to "yes or no" questions.

Then use the symbols to create a sigil for "Yes" and "No." You'll have two symbols: one that combines air/swords and earth/pentacles (or coins depending on the deck) and one that combines water/cups and fire/wands. Break down the parts of each of the suits and the associated element until a simple shape is obtained. Here's my worksheet to use as a guide:



You can use these symbols to help with creating the sigils:

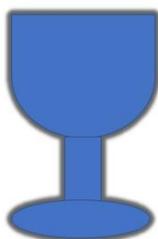
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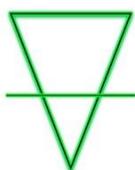
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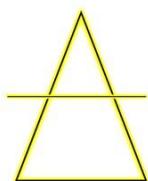
Cups



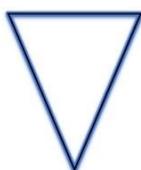
Wands



Earth



Air



Water



Fire



Once you're happy with the sigils, copy them onto two small pieces of paper. I used heavy artist board so they'll last. Next, separate your deck: place all the Major Arcana cards in one pile and each of the four Suits in their own pile. When this is done, shuffle the two "Yes" (Swords/Pentacles) Suits together and do the same for the two "No" Suits (Cups/Wands). Then shuffle the sigil cards through each group. Finish by placing the sigil on top.

## **Energetic Aids**

The best technique for an energetic aid in the attunement process is by burning an incense using one purification and one attunement herb. Place your censor with the burning incense in between the two groups.

## **Technique and Practice**

### ***Using the Attuned Deck***

After the sigil has sat with the deck, merge the two piles back together. Given them a good shuffle while concentrating on your question. Let the cards do their thing – the right one will naturally emerge. You can ask multiple “yes or no” questions and reuse the deck.

### ***Interpreting Your Answer***

I recommend writing down your immediate reaction to the card you chose and then consulting standard interpretations. I suggest interpreting a “No” card with the reversal meaning from the book or other source you’re using. I’ve provided four sample interpretations on the following page.

### ***Releasing the Deck***

Make sure that you release them from their attunement prior to doing other types of readings. The simplest way to do this is to place the entire deck in a sealable bag and then cover them with salt. Leave them in their overnight, preferable under a waxing moon. While preparing the bag, let the cards know that they are now released from the attunement, reciting: “Cards of mine, freed from the bind.”



## Sample Interpretations



### NO

#### *King of Wands – Reversed*

Message: The King of Fire decrees the answer is to you question is a resounding NO. Here the message concerns not the outcome of your question, but the question itself. Are there things in the past you're holding onto? Are you being less than truthful with yourself? In an case, the "no" from the King of Wands indicates the potential for deception and manipulation, that there are real dangers in pursuing the question in its current form.

Wisdom: Play with fire and you'll get burnt unless you're wearing protective gear.

Practice: Contemplate the validity of the question you asked because this card refers to that as a caution. You're asking for the wrong thing and that can lead to disaster.

#### *Six of Cups – Reversed*

Message: No...No...Let it go...let it go... Maybe the cold depths of the ocean don't bother you much, but it's time to swim a little deeper until you can release that anchor holding you in place. While your question is a valid one, it's wet from the sea of the past.

Proceeding despite this warning not to is likely to get you nowhere. There's an indication that your question is about hanging onto someone that you should, you know, let go.

Wisdom: If you're always swimming in the sea of the past, you're bound to stay wet. Raise your anchor.

Practice: Here the "NO" is about unfinished business or expired relationships. You may need to figure out what it is you need to let go of before you can move on.

## **YES**

### ***Knight/Prince of Swords***

Message: Our Prince of Swords rushes in with an enthusiastic “YES!” Here the indication is for a radical change of lifestyle with new adventures, friends and so much more. This Airy Prince reminds you that the sky is the limit but remember to keep grounded.

Wisdom: Ride those winds of change.

Practice: When new experiences open to us, we can rush in too quickly. Temper your enthusiasm with reflection.

### ***Four of Coins/Pentacles***

Message: The “YES” from the Four of Coins/Pentacles comes with conditions. If you do the necessary work, have patience and plan for the long-term, the outcome of your question will be successful.

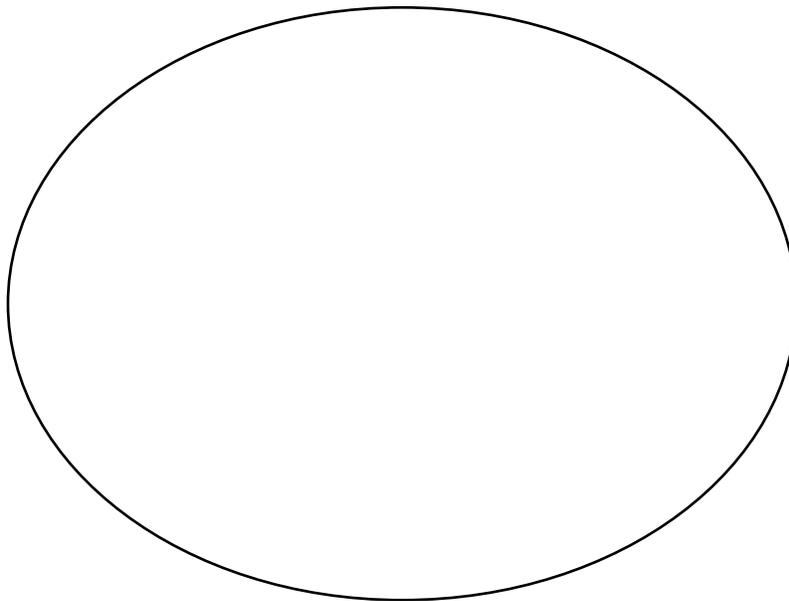
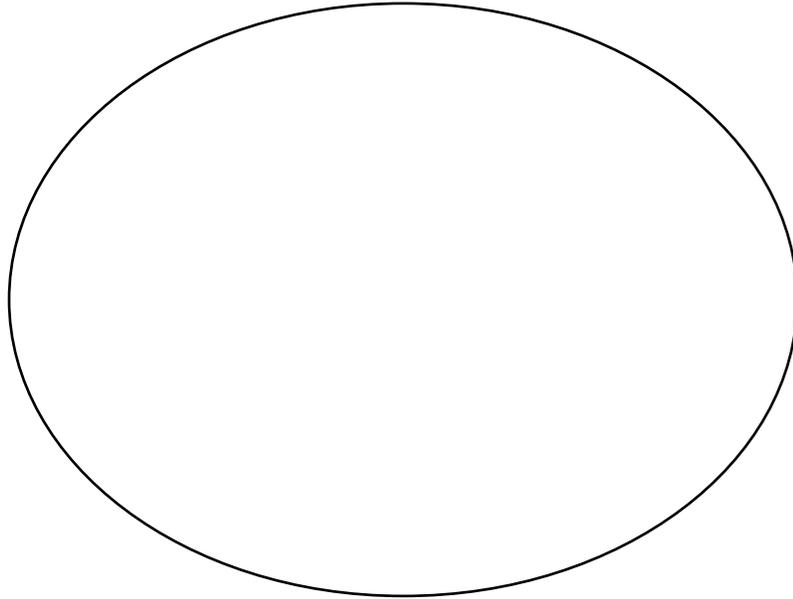
Wisdom: Slow and steady wins the race.

Practice: This card is all about the necessity of planning and skills development, especially relating to material success. Take time to develop a detailed plan, with goals and dates.

# Yes/No Tarot Work Sheet



**1. Draft the sigils:**



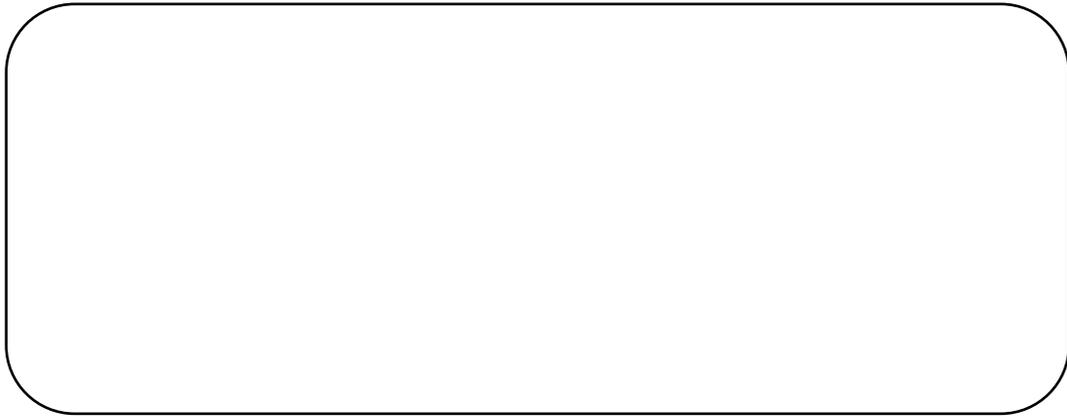
**2. Formulate your question(s):**

**3. Preparation notes (incense and other energetic aids used, etc.):**

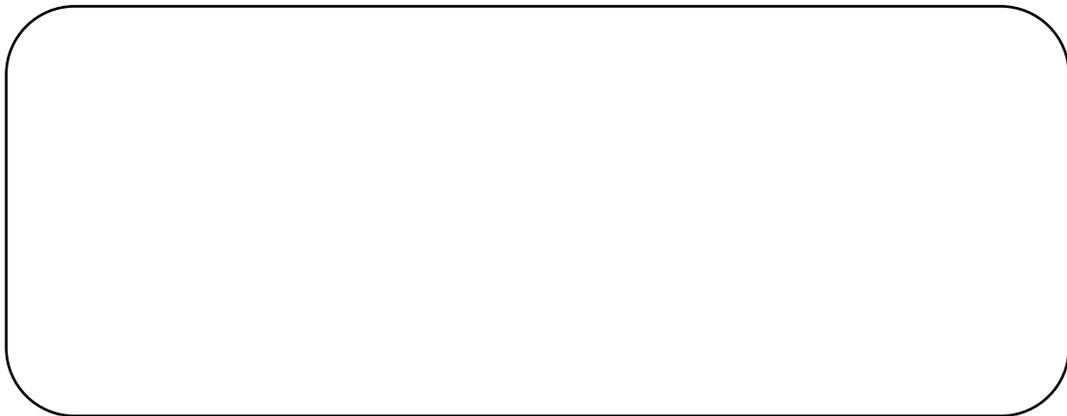
**4. Date, time, lunar phase, astrological influences and other considerations:**

**5. Analyze the chosen card:**

*Intuitive interpretation*



*Standard meaning*



6. Processing and applying the result. Describe how you are going to use this outcome in your decision-making process and what actions you'll take:

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to write their response to the question above.

## Notes



# Inspiration



