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Working with Oracle Cards

6 PRACTICES TO BUILD CONFIDENCE
IN YOUR READINGS



Welcome

Thank you for downloading my *Working with Oracle Cards* guide. I'm Annette - an Oracle creator, intuitive reader, and Reiki Master.

I created this guide to support those who are new to Oracle reading, as well as those who feel ready to deepen their practice.

The practices are designed to help you strengthen your intuition, understand your unique style as a reader, build consistency, ask clearer and more intentional questions, and record your readings in a way that brings greater insight and perspective.

My intention is that this guide supports you in developing confidence and clarity in your readings, and cultivate a deeper, more trusting connection with your inner wisdom.

Your intuition is not something you acquire.
It is something you remember.

Keep practicing.
Keep listening.
Keep trusting.

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Before you begin

Before each reading, prepare a sacred space to support yourself emotionally and energetically.

Suggestions

- Find a comfortable space where you won't be disturbed
- Light a candle
- Burn sage (or other herbs) to cleanse yourself, your space and your deck
- Play some reflective music or just sit in silence
- Take a few moments to be still and present
- You might like to focus your attention on your breathing, inhaling and exhaling slowly; and release tension from each part of your body, from your crown to your feet
- The aim is to let go of any internal or external distractions.

When you feel relaxed and present, you are ready to begin your reading.

Drawing cards

There are many ways to draw your cards. There's no set way and you will find a way (or ways) that work for you. The objective is to connect to your intuition and focus on your question or inquiry as you draw your cards.

You might like to shuffle your deck and cut the deck taking a card/s from the top of the cut pile; you can shuffle the deck and stop when you feel ready and take cards from the top of the pile or anywhere in the pile you feel drawn to. Cards may also fall out or slip in the deck when shuffling which you might like to use in your spread.

Other ways to draw cards are by holding the deck to infuse your energy and then spread the deck face down and draw from anywhere in the pile you feel drawn to - this could be from energy in your hand as you feel over the deck or using your intuition to pick from the pile. With my Warrior Woman Oracle, I also encourage readers to spread the deck face up and consciously select the Warrior Woman cards they feel most connected to. Choose the approach that resonates with you.

Let's begin.

1. Connect with your intuition

When you start working with Oracle cards it can take a little time to trust your intuition and develop confidence.

The following practice will help you to connect with your intuition and begin learning to trust your interpretations in your readings.

One card reading - Connect with your intuition

- Prepare your space and yourself - see 'Before you begin'.
- Hold a question in your mind as you spread or shuffle the deck.
- Draw a single card from the deck
- Hold the card in your hands and look at the image for a few moments
 - What symbols or colours connect with you?
 - What do you feel when you look at this card?
 - Does anything come up in your body or mind?
 - Do any numbers or words resonate - how?
- Let the card speak to you - what is it saying about your question?

After this process, you may wish to refer to the guidebook. If the guidebook message is a little different from your interpretation, it doesn't mean your intuition is wrong. An Oracle card can hold more than one meaning. The guidebook might be offering a slightly different perspective to consider. Try this practice below and repeat it for future readings.

Practice

- What is your question?
- What images, symbols or colours connect with you? Do they hold personal meaning?
- What do you feel when you look at this card? Does anything come up in your body or mind?
- Do any numbers or words resonate - how?
- Let the card speak to you - what is it saying about your question?

2. Learn more about yourself as a reader

You can work with your Oracle cards to learn more about yourself as a reader. This is a valuable practice when you are starting out, but also at times when you feel you might not be connecting or resonating with your readings.

Three card reading - Learning about yourself as a reader

- Prepare your space and yourself - see 'Before you begin'.
- Ask your Oracle deck to provide support for you as a reader
- Hold the deck in your hands and take time to make an energetic connection
- Hold this intention in your mind (or develop your own): "What do I need to learn about myself as a reader?"
- Draw 3 cards using the prompts below (or you can develop your own prompts):
 - Card 1: Is there anything blocking my ability to fully trust myself as a reader?
 - Card 2: What should I focus on to strengthen my confidence as a reader?
 - Card 3: What else do I need to know about myself as a reader?

Example three card reading

Card 1 - Abundant Warrior: There's some scarcity thinking around myself as a reader right now. I may be comparing myself to other readers and feeling less connected or confident.

Card 2 - Tribal Warrior: I need to focus on my connection to my Oracle tools; my intuition through my practices; and seek out a tribe or community for support.

Card 3 - Rhythm Warrior: As a reader, I need to focus on my energetic vibration. Eg if I'm feeling down on myself I'm not in the best space to read. Raising my vibration through meditation, music, or other practices will support me.



Practice

Card 1:

Is there anything blocking my ability to fully trust myself as a reader?

Card 2:

What should I focus on to strengthen my confidence as a reader?

Card 3:

What can I learn about myself as a reader?

3. Be consistent with your practice

To develop your ability and confidence as a reader, working with your Oracle cards regularly is important. Like any spiritual practice, consistency and showing up strengthens your connection. Here are two ways you can be more consistent with your Oracle practice:

Daily reading

- Prepare your space and yourself - see 'Before you begin'.
- As you spread or shuffle the deck ask yourself: "What do I need to be aware of today?" or "What energies will today bring?" or any question you wish to ask for yourself.
- Draw a single card from the deck and interpret it first based on your intuition. You can also refer to the guidebook if you wish.
- Record your answers in your Oracle journal or diary.
- At the end of the day refer back to your journal and note how this guidance showed up during the day. Were you paying attention? Was it accurate? What more did you learn from this Oracle message?

Weekly reading

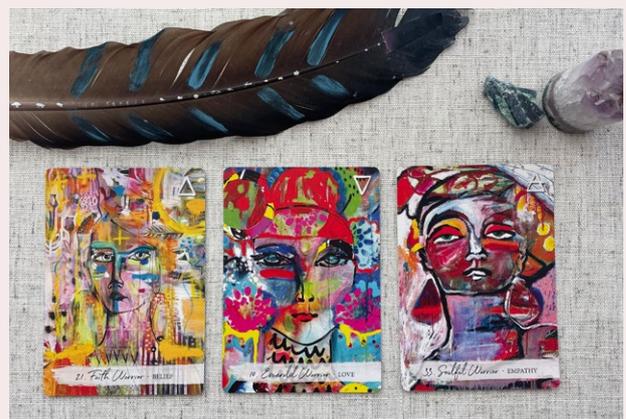
- Prepare your space and yourself - see 'Before you begin' for ideas.
- As you spread or shuffle the deck hold this intention: "What do I need to be aware of this week?" or focus on any intention you wish to hold for yourself.
- Draw three cards from the deck using the following prompts (or develop your own):
 - Card 1: What is the theme of this week?
 - Card 2: What do I need to learn about myself or [insert situation]?
 - Card 3: What support do I need this week?
- Record your answers in your Oracle journal or diary.
- At the end of the week refer back to your journal and note how this guidance showed up during the week. Was it accurate? What did you notice? What did you learn?

Example weekly reading

Card 1 - Faith Warrior: The theme of the week is faith/belief. Which I read as a lack of self-belief or faith in myself.

Card 2 - Emerald Warrior: My learning this week is around love and how I can love myself more, despite the inner critic telling me to doubt myself.

Card 3 - Soulful Warrior: I need the support of someone (or myself) to listen and hold space for my experience without judgement or trying to fix the situation.



Practice

For the next month choose a daily or weekly reading to build a consistent practice.

4. Ask intentional questions

For greater clarity in your readings, ask clear, intentional questions that open space for insight and expansive guidance.

Create intentional questions

- Prepare your space and yourself - see 'Before you begin'.
- Be specific to get useful insight. For example, "What is blocking my confidence?" instead of "What's wrong with me?".
- Ask open-ended questions, rather than Yes/No questions. Instead of "Will I find love?", ask "How can I invite a loving relationship into my life?".
- Focus on guidance, not outcomes. Instead of "Will I get the promotion?" ask "How can I show my employer I'm ready for more responsibility".
- Ask about your growth or perspective such as "What does this teach me about myself?" or "What else do I need to know about this situation?".
- Ask different types of questions. For example: **Awareness** "What do I need to know about [insert situation]?"; **Action** "What step can I take?"; **Focus**: "Where do I need to focus my energy or attention right now?"; **Emotional**: "What feeling is most important for me to acknowledge now?"; **Physical**: "What can I do to support my body / physical wellbeing this week?", etc.
- Reflect in your journal after a day or two noticing which questions gave clear insight or guidance and which were too broad or general, then adjust for future readings.

Practice

Rewrite these questions and then do a reading based on your revised prompts.

Will I get what I am hoping for?

Revised question:

Is "X" keeping something from me?

Revised question:

When will I get a break?

Revised question:

Practice writing some more intentional questions/card prompts that you can use for your own readings and record them in your journal.

5. Record your readings over time

To strengthen your ability as a reader you can record your readings over time in a journal or diary. Oracle practice becomes deeply empowering when you begin to notice accuracy, repetition, evolution and themes unfolding across weeks and months. Tracking your readings turns your practice into an ongoing conversation with Spirit rather than a single moment of interpretation.

Record your readings

- Keep a dedicated Oracle journal.
- Record the date, question, spread used, and cards drawn.
- Write your interpretation immediately after the reading.
- Return to the entry 3–7 days later and reflect:
- Did this unfold as expected? What did I miss? What was accurate?
- Notice recurring cards over time. How do their meanings evolve/change depending on the reading.
- Track recurring themes (e.g. boundaries, patience, courage...).
- Highlight repeating images, themes, numbers, archetypes or symbols.
- At the end of each month, review your entries and identify - the overall theme; the key lesson; and what you noticed about yourself as a reader during the month.

Practice

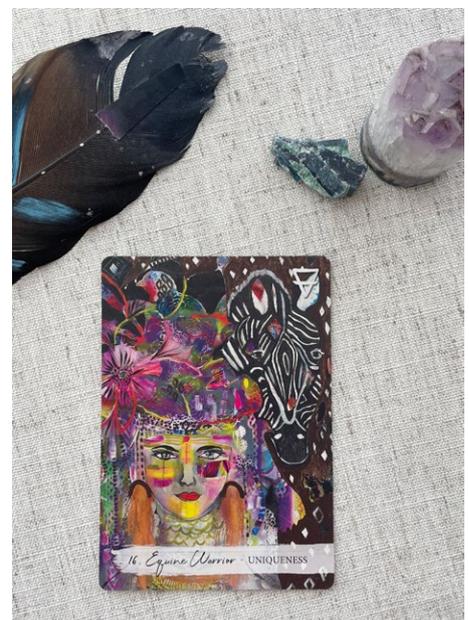
- Pull one card right now. Write the date at the top of a fresh journal page.
- Without overthinking, write: Three words that describe the card. One sentence about how it applies to your current energy. One action you could take inspired by it.
- Write down the symbol or image that stands out most to you.
- Then — set a reminder in your phone for 3 days from now to revisit this entry.
- When you return: What unfolded? Did the message deepen? What did you interpret accurately? What would you add now?

Example reading

- 20 February - Equine Warrior
- Three words - Unique, Zebra, Celebration
- Current energy - The energy is vibrant, alive, and festive - it's uplifting to my current energy which is a little flat and dull at the moment.
- Action - to celebrate my own uniqueness by letting go of what others think about me and focus on what makes me *me!*
- Image that stands out - Pink hibiscus

3 days later

- The message was a challenge to stop comparing myself to others and to see my own uniqueness in what I offer the world. Pink hibiscus is the heart energy encouraging me to open my heart to self-acceptance. As confirmation, I saw a pink hibiscus on my walk!



6. Lean further into your intuition

Continue to deepen your intuition and knowing by getting out of your thinking brain when reading Oracle. When you over-think or over-analyse a card, you move away from your intuitive response and into mental comparison or self-doubt. Stream of consciousness interpretations help develop your ability to trust the connection to Spirit and your intuition.

Lean further into your intuition

- Prepare your space and yourself - see 'Before you begin'.
- Prepare for your reading by deciding on a spread, the intentional questions you will ask and have your journal close at hand.
- Draw each card one at a time and connect to the card.
- Put on a timer for 3-5 mins and begin writing in your journal about what this card means in response to your question/prompt.
- Journal in 'stream of consciousness' style (e.g. write freely, keep the pen on the page, don't worry about grammar or spelling, try not to pause or think about what you are writing - just keep writing until the timer runs out).
- Repeat this for each card you have drawn and when you are finished, read back your entries circling the words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Then connect each card together to form a clearer picture of your reading.
- Check-in after a few days to see how this practice supported your reading accuracy, clarity and connection.

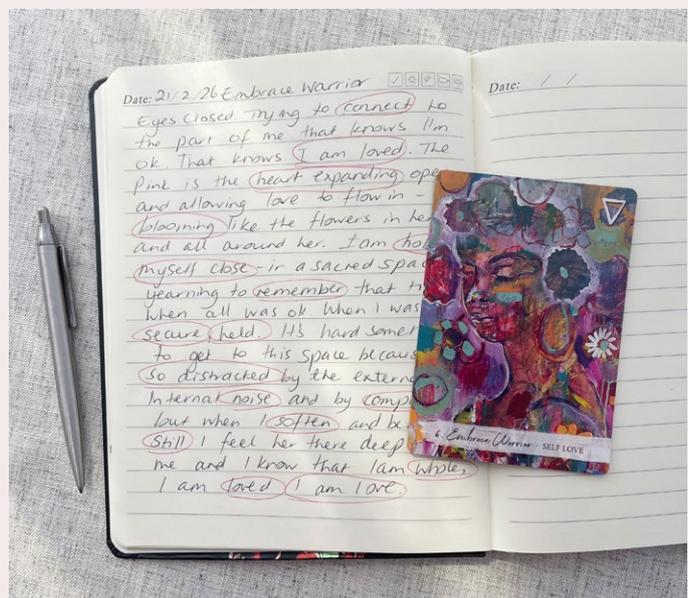
Sample one card reading

Embrace Warrior - Self love

The key phrases were around connection, being still and softening so I could find that place of self-acceptance and self-love.

The card is a message to reduce distraction and comparison, and to recognise that I am blooming, whole and loved.

It reminds me that I am love and have access to this knowing/remembering every time I am still and make the space to listen and be aware.



Practice

Commit to this practice once a week for the next four weeks and note how it supports developing your connection to your intuition.

Ready to deepen your Oracle practice more?



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Join my live Masterclass

Warrior Woman Oracle - Live masterclass + deck

\$88 includes free shipping in Australia)

The Warrior Woman Oracle Live Masterclass is a transformational experience designed to help you connect deeply with your intuition. In this 2 hour online guided teaching practice, you will learn how to develop your intuition, strengthen your confidence as a reader, and receive clear guidance to support your personal growth, decisions, relationships, and life transitions.

The **Warrior Woman Oracle** is a beautifully illustrated 44-card deck exploring the many dimensions of the Warrior Woman archetype to support you to:

- Take inspired action
- Set healthy boundaries
- Let go of what no longer serves you
- Invite support and connection
- Embrace self-trust and self-love
- Navigate challenges with clarity



This masterclass is both educational and experiential. You will not only learn how to work with the Warrior Woman Oracle (which can be applied to any Oracle deck) but also practice using it in real time.

What's included

- A copy of the Warrior Woman Oracle (valued at \$66) sent before the masterclass
- 2 hour live teaching on how to work with an Oracle deck
- Guidance on working with different spreads
- Learning how to ask intentional questions for accurate and meaningful guidance
- Practical demonstration and guided practice
- Exploration of the Warrior Woman archetype across life themes such as family, career, relationships, and personal challenges
- A special 20% discount code for a private reading (in-person or online) with Annette, available after the masterclass

What past participants say

"Thank you for providing the opportunity to discover the scope of using the beautiful deck of cards that you created. It was a great opportunity to practice using our intuitive abilities with your guidance and the tools the deck provides. I look forward to working with the magic of these cards." — Sue

"Thank you for hosting a great workshop. The Warrior Woman cards are so beautiful and inspiring. If I could offer a suggestion, it would be to make the session longer." — Donna

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I look forward to sharing this space with you and supporting your journey of intuitive development, confidence, and transformation.