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# Introduction

Welcome to the magickal botanical world beyond the garden gates. This deck is a tool to help those wanting to create a magickal practice within a garden setting: you may have a lovely suburban garden, a country estate, an inner-city courtyard, a collection of houseplants or share a community garden. What matters is not the where but the divine act of gardening and that you do it yourself.

This is the difference between owning a garden and being a gardener: you can never be a green witch if your hand, heart and mind are not in each part of the creation of your magickal botanical oasis. Your study place is the garden and your teacher the trees, plants and flowers.

I've filled this deck with plant magick and guidance from my gardens, journals and experiences to enhance and inspire gardeners and garden dreamers alike. Explore the healing and supportive energies of fruits, vegetables, flowers and herbs in the cards and informative guidebook. Pick one card each day to bring balance to your life, and create inspirational oracle readings that will empower your outlook while you discover the secrets of the magickal botanical plant world that awaits beyond the garden gates.

Bunches of blessings,

*Cheralyn Darcey*

# How to use the cards and guidebook

*Green Witch Oracle* contains a balanced selection of familiar plants that will lead you into deeper explorations in your own garden and your connections with the plant kingdom. I strongly suggest you record your discoveries in a gardening journal.

This deck can be used as a focal tool as you study plant magick, as a gardening companion or as a divination tool. Those working with complimentary therapies – especially essence creation – will find the cards and guidebook helpful tools in education, prescribing and mixture creation.

Along with the common name, botanical name and keyword, I've included with each guidebook entry oracle meanings to illuminate questions you have and as a guide to using the cards and the plants in your magickal work, cultivation notes, a list of handy magickal correspondences, an inspiring gardening quote and a spell that I've personally crafted just for your deck that uses the plant and its energies.

The images on the cards are from my personal gardening journals. I hope that the magick and wisdom of my garden comes forward to you from each card and helps you focus on the qualities and energies of each plant.

To use as an oracle, begin by selecting a card each day to help you explore the deck and plants within so you can form a strong magickal bond with the deck. This can be done at any time to reveal the influences present

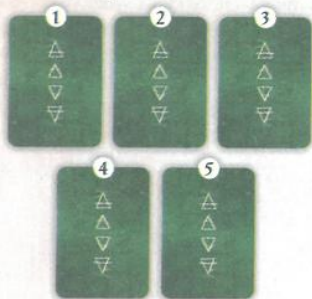
for the day. The keyword appears on each card, but you should look up the card in this guidebook to find the meaning that will support your day. Read through the other pieces of information present for your card to uncover helpful botanical information, and please explore outside of the deck as well.

When using as a divination tool, the deck can be used in card spreads alone or in combination with other oracle and tarot decks. On the following pages are three spreads I created especially for *Green Witch Oracle* to share with you.



# Card spreads

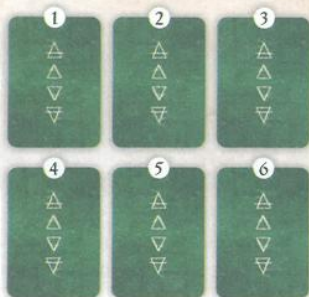
## The garden shed



These are tools you can use to help with a challenge.

- ★ **Card 1, the shovel:** the deepest part that needs to come to the light.
- ★ **Card 2, the hoe:** something that requires turning over and thinking about.
- ★ **Card 3, the pest control:** possible ways to rid yourself of the problem.
- ★ **Card 4, the gloves:** how you can protect yourself.
- ★ **Card 5, the fertiliser:** how you can improve the situation.

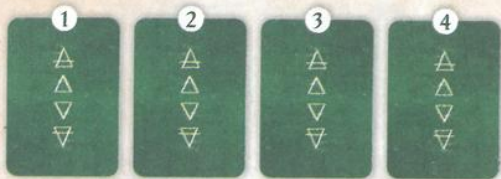
## A garden of magick



This spread will assist you in finding the elements you need and the things that need tending to in your life.

- ★ **Card 1, the garden bed:** this is the central focus of your life right now, what you should be looking after.
- ★ **Card 2, plant:** something you need to bring into your life.
- ★ **Card 3, plant:** something you need to bring into your life.
- ★ **Card 4, plant:** something you need to bring into your life.
- ★ **Card 5, the storm:** a warning of what may hinder progress.
- ★ **Card 6, the harvest:** what can be expected.

## The garden year spread



This is a classic 'past, present, future' spread. It will assist you to quickly see the main themes of a situation.

- ★ **Card 1, spring:** this is what has happened, the beginning of the situation and the energies from the past that are affecting the present.
- ★ **Card 2, summer:** the present situation and the main theme of your question. This could provide enlightenment as to what is really happening.
- ★ **Card 3, autumn:** what the future may hold and possible paths you may take.
- ★ **Card 4, winter:** ways to protect yourself and what you have learned.







EARTH  
Vegetables





## 1. Clarity

### CARROT

(*Daucus carota* subsp.  
*sativus*)

'When people will not weed  
their own minds, they are  
apt to be overrun by nettles.'

— HORACE WALPOLE

## Oracle meanings

New ideas, breakthroughs and increases in finances and resources are all indicated, and you should trust your own judgement. There is a strong chance of triumph over a difficult challenge and the opportunity for sudden growth in what you are currently undertaking. Relationships will be focused on the physical, with lust, sex and passion high on the agenda. Be careful of overthinking, self-sabotage and roadblocks placed by others.

## Cultivation

Preferably grow from seed in final position as transplanting seedlings is not recommended. Carrots like a cool environment but do not tolerate frost and will not grow well in tropical areas. Plant in late summer in cooler areas

and early summer in more temperate places. Ensure the soil is rich, friable, deep and free draining. Carrots may be harvested at any size you require. Many of the smaller and more rounded varieties can be grown in containers.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** fertility, passion, vision, independence, grounding

**Deities:** Vajra, Mercury

**Celestial:** Mars

**Astrological sign:** Virgo



### Clarity spell

This oil will help clear your mind to get to the truth of matters. It will also open your vision during divination and dream work and when experiencing creative blocks.

Mix together equal amounts of carrot seed oil and full moon water. Place a dab on your third eye before meditating or working on an issue for which you are seeking deeper understanding.



## 2. Communication

### PEA

(*Pisum sativum*)

'Gardening is about communication, relationships, routines and life enrichment. Gardens are places that connect us to the seasons and the life cycle.'

— COSTA GEORGIADIS

## Oracle meanings

Peas tell us that now is the time to move ahead with projects, plans and ideas. There are new ways of thinking and approaching challenges and even life if you are willing to listen to what could be an alternate communication method with concepts you may have dismissed in the past. Sharing ideas, considering partnerships, gathering information and stepping up enthusiasm are all indicated. Be wary of haphazard actions and failing to follow through.

## Cultivation

Ready to harvest between 12 to 16 weeks from sowing, peas prefer cooler growing conditions and are unsuitable for tropical environments. Plant in late winter in cold

zones to avoid frost damage to the flowers. In temperate areas they can be planted from early autumn through to late winter, and in the subtropics from early winter to spring. Peas require a sheltered position, growth support, free-draining soil and mulch to deter weeds. Smaller dwarf varieties can be grown in large pots.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** communication, openings, money, love, messages

**Deities:** Mercury, Venus, Aphrodite

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Pisces



### Communication spell

When experiencing communication blocks, try this simple spell to open channels.

Write the names of two people or areas of your life with which you have experienced a communication block on a piece of paper.

Place a fresh pea on either side of the page, and sew with blue thread through the peas and paper to attach the peas to the paper. Hang in a tree so the wind can open communication.



### 3. *Desire*

## COS LETTUCE

(*Lactuca sativa*)

'Love is the flower of life, and blossoms unexpectedly and without law, and must be plucked where it is found, and enjoyed for the brief hour of its duration.'

— D.H. LAWRENCE

## Oracle meanings

Fulfilment in many areas of your life can be found by working a little more on your current relationships. Overcoming challenges is indicated, and new material gain and recovery are also shown. Lettuce helps us get better physically and emotionally; it asks that you watch the way you are caring for yourself and to be careful about what it is you are focused on. Are your desires really serving your truth?

## Cultivation

Lettuce is usually planted in spring or autumn in most areas or late winter through to mid-spring in cold zones. Before sowing, lay the seeds on wet paper towels and refrigerate for two days. Keep well watered once

sown or the seedlings are planted out. Lettuce grows best in full sun with an open soil that is rich and kept moist. Although all are annuals, many types are 'cut and come again' so can be harvested as they grow until the end of their season.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** lust, renewal, recovery, love, fertility

**Deities:** Venus, Min

**Celestial:** the moon

**Astrological sign:** Cancer



### Desire spell

Renew your skin and boost your desirability while bringing what you desire closer.

Place together in a red bowl 2 tablespoons of finely shredded lettuce, 1 teaspoon of cornflour, 1 tablespoon of rolled oats, 1 tablespoon of dried milk, 1 tablespoon of fine powdered clay and 1 drop of rose oil. Mix together while visualising what it is you desire. Pat onto a clean face, leave for 30 minutes then rinse off.



## 4. Emotion

### CUCUMBER

(*Cucumis sativus*)

'A flower falls, even though we love it; and a weed grows, even though we do not love it.'

— DŌGEN

## Oracle meanings

Any uncertainties that have been hanging around should begin to fall away soon. A commitment and even perhaps a major life decision will come up, and you are advised to take hold of your emotions before you determine the right path for you. Someone near you may express themselves in an unsettling way, so try and ride that wave gently until it passes. It could be time to take a new step forward.

## Cultivation

Cucumbers grow better in tropical areas and can be planted from mid-winter right through to early autumn. Plant from spring to mid-summer in temperate zones, and from mid-spring to early summer in cold areas in a sunny spot with a mounded soil rich in organic matter.

They can also be trained to grow upon a support. Harvest when small for pickling or snacks, and ensure they don't get too large when using for salads.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** chastity, commitment, prosperity, improvement, expansion

**Deities:** Aphrodite, Venus, Hera, Uttu

**Celestial:** the moon, Venus

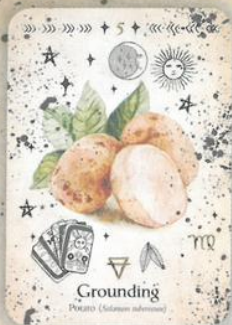
**Astrological sign:** Cancer



### Emotion spell

To improve a situation and balance emotions, try this altar decoration.

Place a bowl of potable water on your altar and arrange items around it that indicate the issue you are focused on such as photos, personal items or notes. Slice a cucumber in circles, add to the water and sprinkle over edible flowers. Leave for at least one hour then decant into a water bottle. Have all (or as many as possible) of those involved in the situation drink the water.



## 5. Grounding POTATO

(*Solanum tuberosum*)

'When the world wearies  
and society fails to satisfy,  
there is always the garden.'

— MINNIE AUMONIER

### Oracle meanings

Explore the deeper, innermost areas of yourself and situations, as potato indicates energies that are calling you to look again at what you may have once missed and will help to bring stability. If you are looking for an answer, try pulling back a little to let things settle on their own first. Challenges at the moment may include ignorance, self-centredness and forgetfulness, so make sure you are compassionate and focused.

### Cultivation

In cool climates, plant potatoes from seed in spring after the last frost. In temperate areas you can plant in autumn and in tropical zones from summer through to winter. Grow in very sunny positions in deep, well-drained, rich soil and ensure that any potatoes that come to the

surface are covered with soil. Potatoes can be grown in large pots. Harvest new potatoes from three weeks after flowering and the rest 15 to 20 weeks from planting.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** image magick, healing, health protection, compassion, stability

**Deities:** St Patrick, Lugh, Taltiu

**Celestial:** the moon, the sun

**Astrological sign:** Virgo



### Grounding spell

If you are feeling ungrounded this little dance ritual may help.

Place four potatoes on the ground (preferably outside) in a circle around you, with one at each compass point. Dance, skip or hop in any way you like around the potatoes while firmly planting your feet next to each potato.

Take the potatoes inside, cook according to your favourite recipe and then eat.



## 6. Leadership BROCCOLI

(*Brassica oleracea* var. *italica*)

'Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.'

— VERONICA A. SHOFFSTALL

### Oracle meanings

It is time to take the initiative and step up, even if this means throwing your hat into many rings. Do not turn down opportunities that have even an inkling of promise as there is something circling at the moment that has a lot of potential. Good luck, growth, health improvements and physical gains are all on offer, as are moments of passion. Be careful to ensure you delegate as needed and that you speak up for yourself.

### Cultivation

Broccoli is best grown in cold and temperate zones; sow in mid-summer through to late spring in these places. In warmer climates, sow from late summer to autumn. Broccoli will need to be planted in a different bed each year and requires a sunny spot with a well-drained soil,

which will benefit from a nitrogen fertiliser. Harvest before the head begins to loosen and the first flowers appear.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** profit, strength, finances, good luck, protection

**Deities:** Zeus, Jupiter

**Celestial:** Jupiter, the moon

**Astrological signs:** Libra, Gemini



### Leadership spell

Unlock opportunities to take the lead and increase luck with a candle spell.

Push a tiny key into the top of a thick candle as you tell the candle what you desire. Set the candle upon a safe base and light. Sprinkle with chopped broccoli. Leave to burn completely down and then bury the remains under the largest tree you can find.



## 7. Passion

### BEETROOT

(*Beta vulgaris*)

'An addiction to gardening is not bad when you consider all the other choices in life.'

— CORA LEE BELL

## Oracle meanings

Look at the core of what usually motivates you for direction and a lifting of any negative energies, because a focus on self-love and developing a better understanding is needed. Beetroot supports your heart chakra and will show you that new projects, personal goals and emotional healing are all in positive light with a chance of success. Challenges include family disagreements and getting stuck on the superficial.

## Cultivation

Beetroot seeds need to be soaked for half a day before planting. They can be sown all year in tropical areas, from winter through to autumn in temperate zones and from mid-spring to mid-summer in colder areas. This plant requires a very friable soil that is fertile and a

sunny position. Leaves can be harvested lightly and baby beets from 10 weeks. Pull up every second beet at this time to allow room for the rest of the crop to mature to full size in a few more weeks.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** love, blood magick, passion, beauty, joy

**Deities:** Aphrodite, Venus

**Celestial:** Saturn, Venus

**Astrological sign:** Sagittarius



### Passion spell

Boost passion in a relationship or rekindle motivation for a project in beet ink.

On a piece of paper, write your name and that of your lover or project using the dried twig of a red-flowering plant dipped in  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of beetroot juice. Wrap the twig in the paper and throw it in a fire, saying: 'Alive with the fire, the passion within us grows higher.'



## 8. Productivity

### KENT PUMPKIN

(*Cucurbita moschata*)

'The watering of a garden requires as much judgment as the seasoning of a soup.'

— HELENA ELY

## Oracle meanings

Your hard work, planning and experience should be paying off now and there is reason to keep going with what you are currently working on. Additional resources can be safely used and there is indication of a promotion, windfall or increase of some sort. There are good energies surrounding health and also fitness levels, although challenges will include failure to keep these at their optimum through neglect.

## Cultivation

Sow Kent pumpkin from mid-spring through to late summer in most areas well after the last frost. They can be started in greenhouses or indoors in pots and then planted out. Pumpkins will need a warm, full sun position with a rich soil that holds water well. To ensure

larger pumpkins, remove all but a few from each plant. Harvest before the frosts return, from late summer through to mid-autumn.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** risk, healing, abundance, guidance, fertility, love

**Deity:** Chicomecóatl

**Celestial:** the moon

**Astrological sign:** Cancer



### Productivity spell

This is a messy smash-fest to rid yourself of things holding you back.

Write down all the things you think are holding you back on separate pieces of paper. Make slits in a pumpkin and poke the notes into the slits. Take the pumpkin outside and write in black marker on it: 'With this pumpkin, release and go.' Smash the pumpkin with a mallet.



## 9. Protection

### ONION

(*Allium cepa*)

'But always, to her, red and green cabbages were to be jade and burgundy, chrysoprase and porphyry. Life has no weapons against a woman like that.'

— EDNA FERBER

## Oracle meanings

Onions share ways to take responsibility and empower your own life. They indicate that you are on the right path, that you are protected and that you have to keep going and not give up. Believe in yourself and listen to that inner voice; your truth is the most important element right now. Take care that you do not take on things you really do not understand or that are not part of your personal journey.

## Cultivation

Onions do well if planted after a leafy green crop in a well-drained, potassium-rich soil that is free draining. Full sun is also required, and they can be successfully grown in larger pots. Plant from summer to spring in

cold climates, mid-summer through to mid-autumn in temperate areas and from autumn to winter in tropical places. Harvest once the foliage begins to die, which will be around five to six months after planting.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** endurance, lust, spiritual health, banishes negativity, healing

**Deities:** Áine, Osiris

**Celestial:** Mars

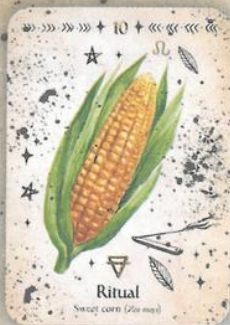
**Astrological sign:** Aries



### Protection spell

Here is a quick and easy emergency protection spell you can do anywhere.

Take a bowl of any edible food with onion in it and hold it above your head with your eyes closed. Visualise a bolt of red powerful energy, followed by a white wave of light, empowering and then cleansing your food. Eat the food, and with each swallow feel the protection of the onion filling you.



## 10. *Ritual* SWEET CORN

(*Zea mays*)

'Gardens are not made by singing "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade.'

— RUDYARD KIPLING

### Oracle meanings

Though there may be unknown forces surrounding and working for you, you are being prompted to join in through dedicated study and physical action. Beneficial esoteric teachings are worthwhile pursuing and a deeper connection with another is being forged, perhaps without you even realising it. Be careful of secrets and confidential knowledge that may cause harm.

### Cultivation

Sweet corn can be planted in tropical and temperate climates at any frost-free time and in colder zones from autumn through to early summer. It will need to be planted in a block to facilitate fertilisation in a full sun position with friable rich soil. Harvest can be undertaken once the cobs are standing out from the

main stem, the silks are turning brown and the kernels release a creamy juice if pressed.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** return, divination, luck, offerings, fertility

**Deities:** Quetzalcóatl, the corn maiden

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Leo



### Ritual spell

This kitchen spell will bring good fortune to all who join in.

Heat oil in a pan, place corn kernels in the oil and cover the pan with a secure lid.

Once about half have popped, remove the lid and let the popcorn fly. Catching a popped corn will bring you luck. If you feel this is a little too dangerous, simply toss a cup full of popped corn into the air.



## 11. Transition

### CAULIFLOWER

(*Brassica oleracea* var.  
*botrytis*)

'When the flower blooms,  
the bees come uninvited.'

— RAMAKRISHNA

## Oracle meanings

Cauliflower heralds a change. This might have happened recently, be happening soon or the energy around a change is unsettled. A rebirth can now take place, and if you're holding on to what has gone before it is time to let go for good. A reactivation can take place in any area of your life if there has been a lull or setback. Be wary of deceit and corruption.

## Cultivation

Plant cauliflower in early to mid-autumn in most areas and in colder climates from late summer through to autumn. Ensure you plant the seeds in full sun in a bed that has not had brassica crops for at least two previous seasons. The soil needs to be rich and water retentive. Harvesting is best done by removing the entire plant

when the head is fully formed to variety type. Smaller secondary heads will develop but these can attract pests.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** calm, emotions, lunar rituals, glamour magick, change

**Deities:** Diana, Isis, Kwan Yin, Selene

**Celestial:** the moon

**Astrological sign:** Cancer



### Transition recipe

Form a deeper connection with lunar energies with a magickal soup.

Slice a head of cauliflower into florets and lay on a baking tray. Sprinkle with oil and roast on medium heat until golden. Fry 1 sliced onion and 2 cloves of garlic until browned, then puree with the cauliflower and 3 cups of stock. Add herbs to taste and also cream or seasoning if desired. Drink from a round white bowl under the moon.





# FIRE Herbs





## 12. Affection SORREL

(*Rumex acetosa*)

'The love of gardening  
is a seed once sown  
that never dies.'

— GERTRUDE JEKYLL

### Oracle meanings

New experiences are coming your way, which means you will feel prompted to find new ways of doing things. If you are seeking a solution, be more receptive to suggestions and openings. Ensure you are putting your true feelings into all that you are doing. A valuable proposition should come your way, but don't get too carried away.

### Cultivation

This perennial herb can be grown in garden beds or just as easily in containers. Plant in spring after the last frosts and divide established plants in autumn. Although hardy, for best results position sorrel in full sun to part shade in a rich, acid soil. Sorrel can be harvested by picking

leaves as required. Remove flowers as they appear to ensure the leaves do not become too bitter.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** agreement, dexterity, love, family, inner healing

**Deities:** faeries, Venus, Aphrodite

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Taurus



### Affection spell

This family togetherness magickal garnish will ease disagreements and promote healing.

Chop  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of sorrel leaves and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of parsley very finely. Squeeze over the juice of a  $\frac{1}{4}$  orange and season to taste.

Use as an edible garnish over family meals; ensure you eating together.



## 13. Courage

### THYME

(*Thymus vulgaris*)

'If you've never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden.'

— ROBERT BRAULT

## Oracle meanings

Have faith in your own abilities and take steps and leaps forward with confidence. You can do this, and you should, as the energies of thyme are not only showing positivity but also a little mystical assistance afforded to you. If you are seeking an answer, it is positive as long as you act now. Failure to believe or care deeply enough can result in failure and delay.

## Cultivation

Plant from late autumn to the end of winter in tropical areas, from the end of winter/early spring until late autumn in temperate climates and in cold zones from mid-spring until early autumn. Thyme grows in most soils, makes a lovely border plant and can be planted successfully in containers. Ensure they are positioned

in full sunlight and that the soil does not become waterlogged. Harvest lightly as required.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** boost activity, happiness, affection, courage, strength

**Deities:** faeries, Aphrodite, Gefion, Nehalennia, Venus

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Libra



### Courage spell

Create an aura of attraction around you with this hair decoration.

Secure fresh or dried thyme sprigs to hairpins with florist tape and tuck into your hair to create simple or elaborate designs. The added benefit is that you should be able to see faeries when wearing thyme in your hair, especially if the sprigs are flowering.



## 14. Divination

### CHIVES

(*Allium schoenoprasum*)

'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.'

— AUDREY HEPBURN

## Oracle meanings

You are the master of your own free will, aligned with the divine, and at present energies are strong deep within you to help change your destiny and meet challenges powerfully.

## Cultivation

Chives can be planted at any time in warmer tropical zones, from spring through to late summer in temperate areas and in colder climates from mid-spring to mid-autumn. This perennial herb can be grown in pots and divided to create new plants when they become overcrowded. Plant in a full sun or semi-shaded position in most soil types. Harvest as required by cutting leaves close to the base.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** protection from evil, calm fear, abundance, strength, emotional balance

**Deities:** Hecate, Cronus, Mars

**Celestial:** Mars

**Astrological sign:** Scorpio



### Divination spell

Follow these instructions to create a powerful green witch divination reading tool.

Clear an area before you and have the person the reading is for (you or another person) hold a bunch of chives. Think about the area of their life they are seeking clarity with or the question they have. Throw the chives into the air and interpret the patterns formed when they fall.



## 15. Happiness MARJORAM

(*Origanum majorana*)

'My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece.'

— CLAUDE MONET

### Oracle meanings

New successes, relationships and even beginnings are indicated. Can you do something differently to move an outcome more in line with your desires? Marjoram indicates celebrations, excitement, holidays, good news and physical radiance. Freedom that was once out of reach might now be obtainable. Be careful of over-indulgence and over-spending and being too free with information that may be better kept quiet for now.

### Cultivation

Marjoram grows well either as an annual or perennial in rockeries, garden beds and containers. Sow after the danger of the last frost has passed from mid-spring through to early autumn. Marjoram needs to be well watered as it has shallow roots but not overly as it easily

rots, so it does well in a soil that is enriched and well drained. Harvest the leaves as required by snipping off the stems with scissors.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** love, protection of objects, purification, spell and curse breaker, health

**Deities:** Hermes, Odin, Persephone, Mercury

**Celestial:** Mercury

**Astrological sign:** Gemini



### Happiness spell

This little mojo bag will prevent anything from disrupting your happiness.

Draw a picture on a piece of paper that depicts the happiness you want to protect and fold the paper three times. Place the paper in a small black bag with a tiny black tourmaline and sprinkle with 1 teaspoon of dried marjoram. Close the bag and hang it in a sunny window.



## 16. Memory

### ROSEMARY

(*Rosmarinus officinalis*)

'When the world wearies  
and society fails to satisfy,  
there is always the garden.'

— MINNIE AUMONIER

## Oracle meanings

Deeper levels of connection with people, concepts and plans are all areas that rosemary works with. You are reminded to ensure you are in touch with your inner wisdom, paying heed to the past, and have cleared what needs to be released. Listen to your intuition as it is calling to you at present, but be wary of gossip or becoming tactless or too forceful.

## Cultivation

Rosemary is a perennial shrub that can be planted from late autumn to late winter in the tropics, from early spring through to late autumn in temperate zones and mid-spring to early autumn in colder places. Plant in garden beds or containers in moist but free-draining

soil. Although rosemary will grow in semi-shade, it usually does better in full sun. Harvest leaves as required.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** the mind, cleansing, consecration, psychic development, lust

**Deities:** elves, Virgin Mary, Hecate, Helios, sea spirits

**Celestial:** the sun

**Astrological sign:** Leo



### Memory spell

Rosemary can easily be used as a smudge stick to cleanse the mind and areas.

Gather a bunch of rosemary and natural string or yarn. Trim to an even length as many sprigs as you feel will create a smudge stick of the size and appearance you want.

Wrap the cut end of the stems a few times with the string and tie to secure, then tightly in a crisscross fashion to the end and tie off. Hang in a cool, moisture-free place until dry.



## 17. *Regeneration* TARRAGON

(*Artemisia dracunculus*)

'Gardening adds years  
to your life and life  
to your years.'

— ANONYMOUS

### Oracle meanings

What to do next is something that needs focus under the influence of tarragon; it will often indicate what work needs to be done to align the physical with the spiritual. A gift could be coming your way soon and a relationship will step up a level. Look at what can be redone if given extra care to grow again or if bringing it back into your life will serve you in a positive way. Tarragon also highlights plagiarism or taking inspiration without credit.

### Cultivation

Tarragon is a perennial herb that can be sown in most climates in the spring, after the danger of the last frost has passed, up until early summer. It must be positioned in full sunlight and will do well either in garden beds

or deep containers with a richly fertile soil. Due to its extensive root system, this plant requires infrequent watering once established if mulched well. Harvest leaves as required.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** sensuality, confidence, courage, protection, sexuality

**Deities:** Ares, Mars, Artemis

**Celestial:** Mars

**Astrological sign:** Aries



### Regeneration spell

Regenerate something you want to see grow again with this essence.

Put water in a clear bowl and place three fresh tarragon sprigs in the water: one for the past, one for now and one for the future. Place the bowl in sunlight for an hour and then strain it into a spray bottle. Spritz on items and even people who need regeneration and in areas to lift the energy of alignment and reconstruction.



## 18. Stimulation CHILLI

(*Capsicum frutescens*)

'Garden as though you  
will live forever.'

— WILLIAM KENT

### Oracle meanings

Fresh ideas and situations are presented and there are moments that can see you and your ideas take centre stage. You will need to take full responsibility and step up to the challenge in order to gain a positive outcome or success. Chilli asks you to work on your passions in life and make sure they truly are yours, that you are not simply what you think others want to hear.

### Cultivation

This annual can survive in warm areas if cut back after the last harvest. Plant chilli from mid-autumn to mid-winter in tropical zones, from early spring through to early summer in temperate places and in colder areas from mid-spring until early summer. It loves a hot, sunny spot and does very well in its own pots as well

as the garden. The soil needs to be very fertile and free draining. Harvest chillies at the stage of ripeness to suit your taste.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** curse breaking, fidelity, passion, negative energy protection, love

**Deities:** Tsil Kachina, Chicomecoatl

**Celestial:** Mars

**Astrological sign:** Aries



### Stimulation spell

Make a life passion finder and protective witches' ladder.

Write down all the facets that make up your life passion on small pieces of paper; this will include goals, plans, steps, people, ideas or anything else you can think of. Using natural black string through a wide-eyed needle, sew a string of chillies with one of these notes between each chilli and hang somewhere that catches the sun.



## 19. Strength FENNEL

(*Foeniculum vulgare*)

'I have never had so many good ideas day after day as when I worked in the garden.'

— JOHN ERSKINE

### Oracle meanings

You will find a greater strength and positive grounding energy coming forth and even an invitation to undertake a new life path. Friendships are highlighted by fennel, and you may find you are spending additional time with those you align closely with. Situations in which sharing is high on the agenda will occur, and you are being prompted to share or teach what you know. Be careful not to work too hard or to become unnecessarily reclusive.

### Cultivation

Although a perennial herb, in most places fennel is usually grown as an annual. Plant from early autumn through to late winter in tropical areas, from early autumn to late spring in temperate zones and in colder environments from early autumn until early summer.

Fennel needs an open, friable, rich soil and, although it grows best in full sun, it will still do well in semi-shade. When fennel is about fist sized it is ready to harvest.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** grounding, completion, goals, friendships, shared success

**Deities:** Dionysus, Hephaestus, Adonis, Hermes, Mercury

**Celestial:** Mercury

**Astrological sign:** Virgo



### Strength spell

If you need more strength, try this candle spell.

Slice a whole fennel bulb on the top and bottom until you have a structure with a flat top you can safely stand on a surface.

Tightly tie red string or ribbon around the fennel bulb three times. Set a wide red candle upon the fennel, surround with four agate crystals – one at each compass point – and light the candle. Let it burn as you ask for strength then put out the flame.



## 20. *Success* PEPPERMINT

(*Mentha × piperita*)

'One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides.'

— W.E. JOHNS

### Oracle meanings

Peppermint indicates rapid progress, a quick return or increase of positive energies, and if you are seeking an answer it is a loud and firm yes! Make sure you are directing all your energy and attention to the task at hand, and if you are in a relationship try to do more activities with that person that pleases them. There is a need to listen to others and consider other arguments at the moment, but do not let others completely make decisions for you.

### Cultivation

Mint is a perennial herb that grows well from cuttings and can be planted at any time of the year in most climates. It prefers shade and a moist, water-retentive soil. Mint can become invasive very easily, so it is usually

better grown in containers. Harvest at any time by plucking leaves as required.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** prosperity, good luck, justice, love, protection from illness

**Deities:** Ceres, Demeter, Freyr, Hermes, Persephone, Proserpina, Sjöfn, Venus, Mercury

**Celestial:** Mercury

**Astrological sign:** Libra



### Success spell

Try this refreshing drink to boost your chances of success and also to repel illness.

Place ½ teaspoon of dried mint into a tea ball and swirl around inside a glass of sparkling water. Drink before undertaking activities you are seeking success in or when going into areas that may compromise your health. Add a slice of lemon to boost cleansing properties as well.



21. Trust

## BASIL

(*Ocimum basilicum*)

'The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway.'

— MICHAEL POLLAN

## Oracle meanings

Basil will indicate energies surrounding trust and the workings of relationships. Consideration and putting more into gaining harmonious ground are required and, although this does include romance, basil is referencing any relationship or connection. Education and travel are all areas that are shining with positive vibes at the moment, but be wary of being in situations or relationships that you know are not good for you.

## Cultivation

Common basil is an annual but there are perennial varieties available. Plant annual basil from spring to early summer in tropical zones, spring to the end of summer in temperate places and autumn to mid-summer in colder climates. Although it prefers full sun, basil will

grow in semi-shade and requires a fertile, free-draining soil in either a garden bed or pot. Harvest leaves as required and remove flowers as spent to extend seasons:

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** good luck, love, prosperity, reconciliation, success

**Deities:** Áine, Aradia, Ares, Erzulie, Jupiter, Krishna, Loki, Mars, Seth, Vishnu

**Celestial:** Mars

**Astrological sign:** Scorpio



### Trust spell

Reconcile and mend the bridges of trust by sharing this yummy pesto.

Place 2 cups of fresh basil leaves,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of freshly grated Romano cheese,  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of pine nuts and 3 garlic cloves in a food processor and blend until minced. Slowly add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of extra virgin olive oil while the processor is running and season to taste. Decant into two blue jars and share to mend relationships.



## 22. Wisdom BAY

(*Laurus nobilis*)

'I love being asked to identify plants, and I don't know which gives me more pleasure: to know what they are or not to know what they are.'

— ELIZABETH LAWRENCE

### Oracle meanings

External assistance should be sought, which can take the form of personal consultancy or research. You do not have all the facts or the facilities just yet but are still in a good position. Bay indicates success through diligent application and also heralds new romantic relationships. Be wary of speaking your mind without care of others around you as you are not going to be the most knowledgeable or experienced.

### Cultivation

Bay is a large tree that is propagated via seeds or cuttings and will grow best in a temperate/Mediterranean climate. They will grow in most free-draining soils and require full sun or semi-shade. Although slow growing,

bay trees will reach over 10 metres in height eventually so space needs to be taken into consideration. Harvest any time by simply picking the leaves.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** clairvoyance, energy, wishes, defence, inspiration

**Deities:** Aesculapius, Apollo, Cerridwen, Cupid, Daphne, Delphi, Eros, Faunus, Helios, Ra

**Celestial:** Jupiter

**Astrological sign:** Leo



### Wisdom spell

Find new inspiration with  
this stimulating bay oil.

Place 1 cup of sweet almond oil and 3 dried bay leaves into a jar, then seal the jar and place it in a cool, dark, dry place for two weeks.

After two weeks, decant the oil into smaller dropper bottles. Candles can be anointed with the oil and lit when working on projects, or it can be worn to inspire new ideas and success.





# WATER Fruits





## 23. Abundance GRAPE

(*Vitis vinifera*)

'More grows in the garden  
than the gardener sows.'

— SPANISH PROVERB

### Oracle meanings

Stay where you are and grow what you need there, as this is a fertile time and place. Grapes will indicate that magick is about, especially from the garden, so get out there as you will find opportunity and inspiration. Family stability, happiness and tradition and the way they can support you are all things that should be remembered and implemented. Don't be disingenuous, and be very careful not to cancel appointments.

### Cultivation

This vine grows best in areas that experience a dry summer and wet, cold winter and is planted in winter. Grapes can be grown upon structures such as pergolas, trellises and screening as long as they are very strong. Most soils will support grapes, but you will be rewarded with better crops

in improved earth. Position in a sunny area, and research pruning requirements and harvest as suggested for your variety.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** fertility, wealth, mental strength, garden magick, abundance

**Deities:** Dionysus, Hathor, Epona, Persephone, the Muses, Morgan

**Celestial:** the moon

**Astrological sign:** Sagittarius



### Abundance spell

Bring abundance into your home  
with a grapevine arch.

Plant two grapevines in either the ground  
or in two large pots on either side of  
your front door, and train on an arch or  
around the doorframe to meet and create  
a vine arch. If you can't plant grapevines,  
be creative: make some out of paper  
or paint around your doorframe.



very well in large containers. The soil needs to be rich and well drained and covered with a good mulch to discourage weeds and to keep the soil warm. Runners that come forth can be used as cuttings to create new plants. Harvest when the berries are a rich red in colour.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** love, offerings, luck, attraction, success

**Deities:** Mother Mary, Freya, Aphrodite, Venus

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Libra



### Agreement spell

Seal an agreement and ensure its success with this bonding spell.

The two people who are undertaking the agreement should make their promise over the mouth of a beautiful small bottle and then eat a strawberry each and tuck the calyx into the bottle. Fill the bottle with oil, seal it and place it somewhere important to both people. If they wish to break the agreement they must smash the bottle.



## 25. *Cleansing* LEMON

(*Citrus x limon*)

'You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt.'

— ANONYMOUS

### Oracle meanings

The end of one phase and the beginning of another is indicated and bought forward by lemons. A change of environment or situation and in your way of thinking is needed and will help you proceed. Although necessary, you can comfortably move forward gradually. Sell or get rid of things you no longer need as it is time for a physical clear out. Old habits need to die; now is a great time to do it and have it done for good.

### Cultivation

Lemon trees can be grown in most areas, but you will need to ensure the warmest spot possible in cold climates. Plant lemon trees in tropical climates between mid-spring and early summer, and in temperate and cold areas from early through to late spring. The soil will

need to be very free draining and the tree positioned in full sun. Remove the flowers in the first two seasons to encourage strong tree growth. Harvest as the lemons become yellow and firm.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** purification, friendship, longevity, love, fidelity

**Deities:** the Hesperides, Diana, Neptune, Poseidon, Juno

**Celestial:** the moon

**Astrological sign:** Gemini



### Cleansing spell

Create a lemon wash to cleanse and consecrate magickal tools and areas.

Squeeze the juice of a lemon and slice up the remains. Add to a container along with 1 tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda and 4 cups of hot water. Mix well and decant into a spray bottle as needed. Spritz over magickal tools and areas and rinse. You may need to test on a patch first to make sure the wash won't cause any staining or other damage.



## 26. Continuanace

### APPLE

(*Malus domestica*)

'If a tree dies, plant  
another in its place.'

— CARL LINNAEUS

## Oracle meanings

The future is assured, and hope is all around for whatever is going on at the moment. Now is a brilliant time to work on your vision for the future, on goals and re-evaluating past decisions. Apples also align with the energy of love and especially on bringing romantic bonds closer together. Look at the individual elements of situations a little more closely and be sure that you stand strong in your unique qualities. Keep ideas to yourself at the moment.

## Cultivation

Plant apple trees from early winter to mid-spring in tropical zones and from late autumn through to late spring in all other areas. Grow in a sheltered, full sun position with a free-draining and fertile soil. Ensure that

the young tree is very well watered in the first few weeks. Apples benefit from the application of a nitrogen-based fertiliser each year before fruiting. Harvest apples when they smell and taste ripe.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** immortality, prosperity, love, spirit realm, blockages

**Deities:** Hera, Athena, Aphrodite, Pomona, Gaia, Morgan le Fay, Idunn, Olwen

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Capricorn



### Continuance spell

Apples hide a pentagram within, so use this natural magick in a dried fruit display.

Core 3 apples and cut into 5 mm thick slices.

Soak for 15 minutes in a mix of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of lemon juice and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoons of salt. Pat dry then bake on a baking sheet at  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$  for about 6 hours. Keep the oven door slightly ajar to ensure good air circulation.

Turn the slices when they start to curl.



## 27. Duality

### BANANA

(*Musa acuminata*)

'Gardening is civil and social, but it wants the vigor and freedom of the forest and the outlaw.'

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU

## Oracle meanings

It is time to look at the shadow and the light in conjunction with each other; each is as strong as the other and both have positive qualities and learning points for you. The answer to any question is 'Maybe', and perhaps moving away a little will allow a better view as bananas ask that you stand back and look at the horizon. Do not give in to any situation that doesn't align with you at present.

## Cultivation

Considered to be a perennial herb as they don't form a woody stem as a tree does, bananas are grown from suckers taken from other banana plants. Plant these at any time in tropical, subtropical and temperate areas that do not drop below 15°C. They need a very fertile, well-

drained though moist soil and a position that enjoys full sun but is sheltered from winds. Harvest entire bunches of bananas around a month after individual fingers cease growing and are well rounded.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** potency, prosperity, fertility, marriage, ambition

**Deities:** Venus, Kanaloa, Lakshmi

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Cancer



### Duality spell

Perform this art project to explore the shadow and light.

Peel a banana and eat it while focusing on the challenge or situation you would like to explore. Take photos of the inside of one of the banana peels and then ink it with an ink pad and press onto heavy white paper. Note the differences between the two images, looking for and interpreting any patterns and symbols.



## 28. Energy ORANGE

(*Citrus x sinensis*)

'A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.'

— LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY

### Oracle meanings

Adventure and rapid progress are indicated, and it is specifically anchored to your true purpose and the direction you are currently taking. Oranges indicate that anything is possible, although you need to get that willpower working hard. There will be challenges but you can overcome them, and someone around you may need extra support at this time. Be wary of apathy, of losing interest too soon before giving something a chance, and of negativity.

### Cultivation

Plant oranges in tropical zones from spring to summer and in cold or temperate areas from early spring to

late autumn. Orange trees need a free-draining, rich soil in a full sun position that is sheltered from winds and frost. Remove any flowers that develop for the first two seasons to ensure strong tree growth. Harvest when the fruit begins to fall from the tree and is sweet and juicy.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** wealth, divination, love, luck, willpower

**Deities:** Cernunnos, Aphrodite, Eris, the Hesperides

**Celestial:** the sun

**Astrological sign:** Virgo



### Energy spell

Increase the energy for your wishes with this nature ritual.

Go outside on a windy day and write your wishes on a handful of orange tree leaves with markers and let them fly away in the wind. This works really well if done (very carefully) off cliff tops, tall buildings and open spaces.



29. *Fertility*

## WATERMELON

(*Citrullus lanatus*)

'Life begins the day  
you start a garden.'

— CHINESE PROVERB

### Oracle meanings

The nurture of elements around you is highlighted and watermelon energy shows that you will reap what you have sown. The wisdom of nature is at the forefront, and answers, discoveries and inspiration will be found there for you. Plan well, stick with things and look after those around you. Challenges may be a failure to connect with others and inauthenticity.

### Cultivation

Watermelon seeds require a warm soil of at least 21°C to germinate and usually do not do well in colder climates. Plant from mid-spring to mid-summer in temperate areas and from early spring through to mid-summer in tropical places. The soil needs to be rich and the position should be full sun with plenty of space.

Harvest when the resting spot on the bottom of the melon turns from white to a deep yellow.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** sex magick, strength, aphrodisiac, blood substitute, peace

**Deities:** Set, Yemayá

**Celestial:** Mars

**Astrological sign:** Leo

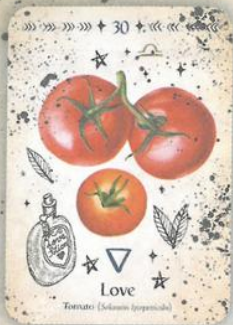


### Fertility spell

Create and grow anything in your life (including a baby) with this fertility candle.

Scoop the flesh out of a watermelon and make juice or something edible from it. Share and consume the flesh; don't waste any of it.

Write whatever it is you want to create and grow on brown paper and place inside the melon. Put a green candle on top of the melon and light it. Let it burn down completely and then bury it under a healthy tree.



30. Love

## TOMATO

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

'The lesson I have thoroughly learnt, and wish to pass on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives.'

— GERTRUDE JEKYLL

## Oracle meanings

Although sometimes considered a vegetable due to its culinary use, tomatoes are actually a fruit and have strong energetic properties. Tomatoes will inspire and invite love into your life of all types and on all levels. Alignment is signified, as are chances for an increase in assets. Plans are liable to change, and you should be ready for adaptation in this and other areas. Be careful to communicate effectively with your partner and close friends.

## Cultivation

Plant tomatoes from mid-autumn to mid-winter in tropical zones, late winter to early summer in temperate areas and in colder climates from mid-spring to early

summer. They will need a full sun position with free-draining soil, and ensure you rotate tomato crops every year so you are not growing them in the same bed two seasons in a row. Tomatoes are best left on the vine to fully ripen before harvest to ensure full flavour.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** love, protection, prosperity, protection from evil, aphrodisiac

**Deity:** Venus

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Libra



### Love spell

Attract money into your home or business with this simple spell.

Place a perfect green tomato in a green bowl and set it on a shelf. Shower it gently with gold coins and say: 'Money, rain upon us now.' Set a green candle on either side of the bowl and light them. Leave the candles until they burn out and eat the tomato when it is ripe.



31. *Luck*

LIME

(*Citrus x aurantiifolia*)

'Many things grow in the garden that were never sown there.'

— THOMAS FULLER

## Oracle meanings

You may find you are right in the middle of a situation at present or that something is stuck in circles, and this could be caused by overreactions or too much interference. It's time to let things progress at their own pace. Limes bring luck with them, so take a chance and be ready for the ups and downs this energy brings but know that time is on your side. Don't over-plan, and be open to letting complexities unravel on their own.

## Cultivation

Lime trees need heat, humidity and sun so do not do well in cool to cold climates. Plant from mid-spring to early summer in tropical zones, early spring to early summer in temperate areas and, if you are up for the challenge, the same in cooler environments. Ensure they

are planted in a nitrogen-rich soil that is prepared with well-rotted manure and compost. Harvest when the fruit begins falling from the tree.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** awareness, harmony, inspiration, anxiety, protection

**Deities:** Dewi Sri, Hainuwele, Juno

**Celestial:** the sun

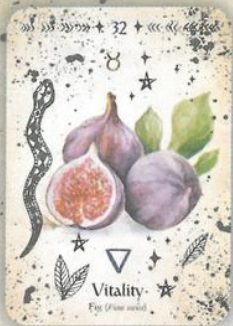
**Astrological sign:** Capricorn



### Luck spell

If you have had bad luck, get rid of it with this burial spell.

Insert pins and needles all over a fresh lime while you speak aloud the bad luck moments you have had. Cover the lime by winding black ribbon around it and say: 'And now you are bound, bad luck of mine. Be gone forever with this lime.' Bury deeply somewhere away from your home.



## 32. Vitality

### FIG

(*Ficus carica*)

'Plants give us oxygen for the lungs and for the soul.'

— LINDA SOLEGATO

## Oracle meanings

Figs will show that you can and should look at what you have and what is going on with new eyes. Every single day gives us all the chance of a fresh beginning, but you will need to jump up and work for it. New life experiences are on offer and clarity will shine upon opportunities as well. Someone may be about to bring trouble to your sphere, so make sure you protect yourself.

## Cultivation

Although fig trees do best in warm, dry to even humid environments, they are rather adaptable to many other climates and can be planted in sheltered though sunny spots throughout the year. They are easy-care, deciduous fruit trees that rarely require pruning, are self-fertile and,

once established, are frost tolerant. You will need a soil that is rich but still very well draining. Harvest when the fruit is soft as it will not ripen once picked.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** divination, fertility, love, safe travel, longevity

**Deities:** Isis, Dionysus, Juno, the apsaras, Bacchus

**Celestial:** Jupiter

**Astrological sign:** Taurus



### Vitality spell

Be like Bacchus and consume figs in this delicious magickal smoothie for a boost.

This recipe will work best if you share it. Place 6 fresh sliced figs, 1 banana, 1 cup of Greek yoghurt, ½ cup of milk and honey to taste in a blender and mix until smooth. Pour into two red cups or glasses and toast to each other's vitality.



## 33. Wholeness

### BLACK MULBERRY

(*Morus nigra*)

'Little things seem nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odourless but all together perfume the air.'

— GEORGES BERNANOS

## Oracle meanings

Everything should be coming together at present in projects and plans. The completion of something is indicated with black mulberries, and the energy of this fruit asks you to put your knowledge and skills to the test. Balance and stability are present, and from this foundation the possibilities are expanding. Setbacks, delays and miscommunication are challenges to watch out for.

## Cultivation

Mulberries are deciduous trees that will grow in most areas except arid or elevated, humid tropical environments and they will need a lot of room as they grow quite large.

Plant in late spring through to early summer and position in full sun in deep, rich soil. Water well, especially in hotter areas, and ensure they are sheltered from strong winds. Harvest needs to wait until the fruit has ripened on the tree as they will not develop further once picked.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** protection, strength, vision, clarity, wisdom

**Deities:** Diana, Brahma, Minerva, Athena

**Celestial:** Mercury

**Astrological sign:** Aquarius



### Wholeness spell

Try this harvest spell to obtain clarity in a situation and see the entire picture.

Set a bowl of black mulberries that were picked right on sunset upon your altar or a mantel and light a white candle on either side.

Prop a mirror behind this arrangement and gaze into it while meditating on your situation to obtain illuminations that may assist you. Take note of your thoughts and any messages.





AIR  
Flowers





## 34. *Attraction* PANSY

(*Viola tricolor* var. *hortensis*)

'In gardens, beauty is a by-product. The main business is sex and death.'

— SAM LLEWELYN

### Oracle meanings

Pansies indicate that people are being pulled into your life who align well with you. Romance may be on the agenda, but this energy also helps build community and friendship circles, possibly where learning takes place. It is time to step back a little and relax into what is happening naturally. Hesitation and over-thinking could cause blockages, and watch out for personal deception and gossip.

### Cultivation

Plant from the end of summer through to the end of autumn in tropical areas, in autumn or spring in cold places and in temperate environments you can plant from early summer until the end of autumn. The best position for pansies is one in which they receive full

morning sun and afternoon shade. Feed every second week and deadhead regularly. The plants will flower in about 16 weeks and the vase life is around seven days.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** memories, meditation, kindness, resonance, weather magick

**Deities:** faeries, Charis, Kuan-Yin

**Celestial:** Saturn

**Astrological sign:** Libra



### Attraction spell

Create a beautiful flower mandala to attract love and new good people.

Gather an image of what it is you desire and as many fresh pansies and other flowers you can find. Create a beautiful mandala pattern using the flowers surrounding your image. Leave until it blows or weathers away, at which time you should attract what you desire.



35. Focus

STOCK

(*Matthiola incana*)

'I like gardening. It's a place where I find myself when I need to lose myself.'

— ALICE SEBOLD

## Oracle meanings

Stocks offer confidence, calmness and a centred place to rest amid turmoil and change. It is time to focus, to think more deeply and slow down. Your personal truth needs some attention, so don't let it get lost in your present dealings. Stocks also indicate and lead you to a balanced place in emotional swings. Be careful of losing yourself amid the behaviours of others.

## Cultivation

Plant in tropical places from mid-summer to the end of autumn, in temperate areas from mid-summer until early winter and in colder climates plant stock from mid-summer until mid-autumn. Stock is a biennial that is generally grown as an annual in most gardens and needs a rich, friable soil; they do not like soggy soil.

The best position is a sunny one. Flowers will appear in about 20 weeks and vase life is five to seven days.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** relaxation, completion, contentment, slowing down, affection

**Deities:** Nyx, Zephyros, Flora

**Celestial:** Jupiter

**Astrological sign:** Sagittarius



### Focus spell

Create an essence to induce calm, balance and focus.

Place a bowl of water in the sun and add stock flowers to it. Leave for at least one hour. Sieve and decant into a spray bottle with a dash of vegetable glycerine. Spritz in areas when you need to instil calm, balance and focus.



## 36. Gratitude PINK ROSE

(*Rosa* spp.)

'I've always felt that having a garden is like having a good and loyal friend.'

— C.Z. GUEST

### Oracle meanings

There is reason to be thankful and help is on its way to balance energies. Pink roses will show you that ways to happiness are opening for you and there will be a reason to be joyful. Something of value is in focus at present; this could be an exchange of a gift, a windfall or the sale of a large item or simply discussion around it. Be careful that you do not interfere where you are not welcome and be wary of legal deception.

### Cultivation

Roses are best planted while bare rooted during their dormant stage between late autumn and late winter. They need a full sun position, prefer a loamy soil with a clay substructure, and will grow in sandy soil if it is improved with plenty of organic matter. Water heavily

as required in the growing season rather than often and lightly to encourage strong deep roots. Vase life is between five and 20 days depending on the variety or cultivar.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** joy, admiration, sympathy, sweetness, gentleness

**Deities:** Chloris, Flora, Adonis, Aurora, Cupid, Venus, Aphrodite, Eros, Horus, Demeter

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Gemini



### Gratitude spell

Use this spell after another magickal working has been successful.

Find a beautiful tree somewhere lovely and tie nine fresh pink roses with pink ribbon to the branches around the tree. Say: 'I give you these roses to share with the earth, with thanks and with love.'



## 37. Healing

### GERANIUM

(*Pelargonium graveolens*)

'Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes.'

— ANONYMOUS

## Oracle meanings

It is time to take everyone's opinion into account, and while you may need to make a compromise there should be a good outcome. Geraniums indicate you need to take time out to care for yourself and connect more fully with your higher and lower self. Co-operation with others and creativity in groups are also needed, while intolerance and self-indulgence are to be avoided.

## Cultivation

In cold areas plant geraniums in spring, in temperate places from mid-winter to mid-spring and in tropical zones from late autumn to mid-spring. They love full sun and very well-drained, moderately enriched soil and can benefit from pruning to maintain a good shape. Flowers will blossom in about 16 weeks and vase life

is only a few hours if the flowers are already open, although buds will last a few days.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** comfort, virility, peace of mind, love, happiness

**Deities:** Freya, Thoth, Apollo

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Aries

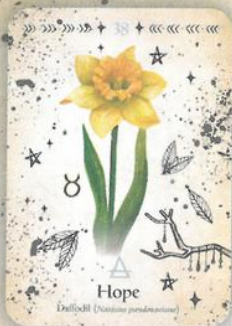


### Healing spell

Mix up a crystal water remedy  
to promote healing.

Place a few geranium flowers, a clear quartz  
and a bloodstone crystal in a lovely jar and fill  
with water. Sip as needed to promote healing  
on all levels. Keep refrigerated for three days.

The crystals can be washed and re-used.



## 38. Hope DAFFODIL

(*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*)

'Garden as though you  
will live forever.'

— THOMAS MOORE

### Oracle meanings

Daffodils indicate a reprieve for those who need it and a time to renew faith not only in life but in those around you. Daffodils will lift optimism and help boost endurance while encouraging you to keep going. This is also a period of personal growth and spiritual awakenings, and answers can be found within aspects of these. Listen to your inner voice but do not become overwhelmed with negative self-talk.

### Cultivation

Although they don't do well in the tropics or very hot places, in other zones daffodil bulbs can be planted in autumn and flowers can be expected to appear in spring. Ensure regular liquid feeding, a rich, friable soil and full sun although they will tolerate semi-shade, especially in

warm areas. They can be grown in containers provided they have bright natural light. Cut flowers have a vase life of four to six days.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** new beginnings, self-esteem, luck, fertility, friendship

**Deities:** Persephone, Hades, the Fates

**Celestial:** Pluto

**Astrological sign:** Taurus



### Hope spell

This seven-day shower spell will renew your hope when you are challenged.

Arrange seven daffodils in a yellow or orange vase and place it in your bathroom. Each time you shower or bathe, fill the cup of one flower and pour it over your head. Take the flower and lay it in the garden in the sunshine. Repeat for seven days.



## 39. Longevity

CHRYSANTHEMUM  
(*Chrysanthemum morifolium*)

'My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plant's point of view.'

— H. FRED ALE

## Oracle meanings

A phase in which trust, completion, a sense of belonging and peace has been reached is signified by the appearance of chrysanthemums. Deeper intimacy in relationships is highlighted, and you may want to explore this area of your life as a long-term commitment needs attention. A cycle of learning is coming to an end or you now have all the facts you require. Creative blocks, melancholy and weak boundaries are challenges.

## Cultivation

Plant from late autumn until late spring in tropical zones, all through spring in cold areas and in temperate environments you can plant from late spring through to early summer. This flower must have very well-drained

soil that is friable and well fertilised. Good air flow and a sunny, warm, sheltered spot are also important. Flowering will occur in about 18 weeks and vase life is 10 to 20 days.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** truth, love, cheerfulness, healing, boundaries

**Deities:** Izanagi, Izanami

**Celestial:** the sun

**Astrological sign:** Scorpio



### Longevity spell

Brew this delicious tea to add longevity to yourself and to your plans.

Rinse 1 tablespoon of dried chrysanthemum petals, add to a teapot and then pour in 2 cups of boiling water. Place the teapot in an area that catches the sunlight and let steep for at least 10 minutes. Serve and sweeten with honey to taste.



## 40. Positivity MARIGOLD

(*Tagetes erecta*)

'Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful: they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul.'

— LUTHER BURBANK

### Oracle meanings

A better understanding is indicated and a reason to be more optimistic about outcomes and the roads to get there. There are opportunities for nurturing encounters and a general aura of happiness pervades. Marigolds help us focus on the positive aspects of even the most difficult events. Your inner child may need to come out for a play, and be sure to take creative invitations. Be wary of not having all the facts and of emotional blockages.

### Cultivation

Marigolds can be planted right throughout the year in most tropical and subtropical zones, in spring in cold environments and in summer in temperate areas. They are an annual that must grow in a sheltered spot and

prefer a warm, full sun position. Marigolds work well in pots and baskets as well as garden beds and need a friable soil that is improved with organic matter. They will flower in about 12 weeks and vase life is six to seven days.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** vigour, renewal, life force, creativity, grief

**Deities:** Brigid, Huītzilōpōchtli, Nanahuatzin

**Celestial:** the sun

**Astrological sign:** Leo



### Positivity spell

This twig square will pull in positive energy for your spaces.

Sandwich 1 teaspoon of marigold petals between two small pieces of translucent cloth and frame with four twigs that were found in the sun. Sew through the cloth with natural thread, binding all sides closed onto the twigs. Hang in the area into which you wish to attract positivity.



## 41. Purification SNAPDRAGON

(*Antirrhinum majus*)

'Let us give nature a chance;  
she knows her business  
better than we do.'

— MICHEL EYQUEM DE MONTAIGNE

### Oracle meanings

Snapdragons indicate you have within you all you require. They bring you energy to focus your recourses and bring your ideas into fruition. Accurate and unbiased observation is called for, so don't hesitate to ask for a little more time. A reversal of roles, fortune and even outcomes could be coming. Don't become too ruthless or scatter yourself too far. A project that is close to you is in danger of failing.

### Cultivation

Plant from early autumn to mid-spring in tropical areas, any time but autumn in temperate zones to ensure spring flowers and autumn and also early spring in cold environments. Snapdragons prefer full sun and friable, well-drained soil. They will flower in about 16

weeks and vase life is seven to 10 days. They are best harvested for vase use when the bottom few flowers begin to open.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** finances, reversal, inner strength, perception, exorcism

**Deities:** Eris, Loki, Odin, Set

**Celestial:** Mars

**Astrological sign:** Gemini



### Purification spell

Create a tiny talisman to cleanse your aura and increase your perception.

Place three dried snapdragon flowers and air-dry clay upon waxed paper and roll into a ball. The size can be any that you desire.

Decorate with a pearl and add a pendant bail by pushing them into the clay.



## 42. Refinement

### DAHLIA

(*Dahlia pinnata*)

'I cultivate my garden, and  
my garden cultivates me.'

— ROBERT BREAUULT

## Oracle meanings

Be receptive to communications and messages that are incoming at present as there is much to benefit your current situation. Dahlias inspire and ask you to improve yourself and current situations. You may find keys and deeper meanings to mysteries that have evaded you for some time or be given offers that seem unusual. It can be very easy to fall for deceptive flattery and to have unrealistic expectations at the moment.

## Cultivation

Plant from early summer to early spring in tropical areas, all through spring in temperate zones and in colder places in autumn. Dahlias can be grown from tubers or seed and do best in a sheltered, full sun position with a well-drained, friable soil. Taller varieties may require

staking and plants should be deadheaded regularly to encourage repeat flowering. They will flower in about 16 weeks and vase life is five days.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** gratitude, dignity, creativity, faith, resiliency

**Deity:** Huītzilōpōchtli

**Celestial:** Mars

**Astrological sign:** Scorpio



### Refinement spell

Use this candle spell for self-improvement.

Draw an eye on a white candle with a marker. Place a dahlia or a dahlia image on your workspace and set the candle upon or behind it. Light the candle and hold a magnifying glass in front of the eye. Say: 'Today I'll see ways I can improve.' Put out the candle. Relight and repeat each morning.



## 43. *Tranquillity* VIOLET

(*Viola odorata*)

'Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace.'

— MAY SARTON

### Oracle meanings

Although you may have felt tested recently, a period of advancement and breaking free is now open. Adaptation may be necessary; however, a greater depth of meaning, loyalty and truth is inspired by the appearance of violets. Secrets are safe, and those you hold closest are also afforded this protection. The truth will prevail and that which is no longer wanted will be weakened. Be wary of intolerance, insensitivity to the feelings of others and blind faith.

### Cultivation

In hot climates plant violets in autumn, cold areas in autumn and early spring and in temperate environments from mid-summer until mid-autumn. Violets prefer

semi-shade and some sun through the day in cooler places, a well-draining though moist and rich soil and they do make a good indoor plant. They will flower in about 16 weeks and vase life is around seven to eight days.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** purification, happiness, truth, death, advancement

**Deities:** Io, Zeus, Priapus, Attis, Aphrodite, Venus

**Celestial:** Venus

**Astrological sign:** Pisces



### Tranquillity spell

Craft a sweet tranquillity calming oil to inspire peace.

Mix together 6 violets,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of sweet almond oil, 1 teaspoon of rose oil and 4 drops of lavender essential oil and decant into tiny vials or roller bottles. Place in an area in nature that inspires calm for you. Use a few dabs whenever tranquillity and a moment to breathe are needed.



## 44. Victory

### NASTURTIIUM

(*Tropaeolum majus*)

'A garden is always a series of losses set against a few triumphs, like life itself.'

— MAY SARTON

## Oracle meanings

Nasturtiums indicate a firm message of triumph and success over challenges as well as support being found. They inject the energies of strength and vigour into all they come in contact with and illuminate ways to find resolution and gain self-confidence and self-reliance. Advancement is possible now, so get moving. Do not become obsessed with a need to impress others or lose your belief in your own unique abilities.

## Cultivation

In cold climates plant in spring, in the tropics from early autumn to mid-summer and in temperate areas from late spring to early summer. Though they prefer a sunny spot with fertile and dry soil, nasturtiums will grow in most conditions. Over-use of fertiliser or compost can

cause over-production of leaves and less flowers. They will flower in about 10 weeks and vase life is seven to nine days.

## Magickal correspondences

**Uses:** success, support, vitality, independence, optimism

**Deities:** Brigid, Inti

**Celestial:** Mars

**Astrological sign:** Aries



### Victory spell

Make your own seguro magick bottle to help you obtain victory.

Place nasturtium flowers and leaves and any tiny trinkets or crystals that signify victory to you into a small bottle and fill with water. Whisper your situation and desire to become victorious over the mouth of the bottle and ask that your plant healer assist you. Seal the bottle with sealing wax. Shake and talk to the bottle for assistance.

# Glossary

- annual:** a plant that lives its entire life from seed within one season or year
- anointing oil:** an oil used to bring the energy of what is in it to another object or person
- bare rooted:** a plant removed from soil during its dormant state for transplant to reduce shock
- calyx:** the green, leafy material surrounding flowers and then on the top of the fruit
- cultivar:** a plant variety that has been created by selective breeding
- deadheading:** the removal of flowers from a plant once they die
- deciduous:** a plant that seasonally sheds its leaves
- free-draining soil:** soil that releases water quickly
- friable:** easy to crumble
- full moon water:** rainwater collected during a full moon
- germination:** the sprouting of a seed to begin a plant's growth
- glamour magick:** projecting a different, usually favourable, image through magick
- open soil:** space between the pieces of earth that make up the soil
- perennial:** a plant that lives for more than two years
- slow-draining soil:** soil that holds water for a long period
- third eye:** the area between the eyes that is regarded as a gateway to higher consciousness
- variety:** an individual of a plant family

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