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Universal Waite Tarot Deck



Synopsis

The serene Universal Waite Tarot is perfect for meditation and readings. The deck is a soothing, eye-appealing complement to the traditional Rider-Waite deck. The drawings of Pamela Colman Smith have been beautifully recolored by Mary Hanson-Roberts.

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Customer Reviews

These cards are standard sized. They come in a simple cardboard box that has examples of the artwork on the front and back. Some people don't like that they are glossy. I love that about them. I like anything that feels as if I can clean it if I need to. They are sturdy and don't feel flimsy in my opinion as well. Shuffling them initially is a bit difficult as they are stiff. That's absolutely fine, I'd rather have stiff than something that feels like a paper towel. The artwork is bright and clear, much easier to read than other RWS decks I've seen. Overall, nothing special, just a good, reliable deck great for anyone from beginners to pros. On another note, I think needs to start looking at some more efficient packaging. Compared to the deck of cards, the shipping box was HUGE! Quit killing so many trees guys, use envelopes maybe?

I really like these cards because of the detail everything is clean and crisp and looks beautiful, even the color has been enhanced the downside they shine really bad, that might not bother most people but because they are so glossy they slide around a lot. other than that these are fantastic cards. the cards themselves are about the same thickness as regular playing cards so they are real sturdy but

I've had thinner and these can take a lot of handling. These are really easy to shuffle because of the highly glossy surface they don't stick together.

I'm a fan of the Rider-Waite type cards in general, but I really like the soft colors used for this deck- a lot of pastels; almost aquatic in appearance. They also have a bit more details (i.e. the faces, eyes, mouths), which I think are pleasing to the eyes- makes the tarot seem not so intimidating in my opinion. Card stock is decent. The size is like a regular deck of playing cards. A bit glossy, but they will "break in" over time and become easier to shuffle. Would recommend.

I have collected Tarot cards for two decades and attempted to learn for nearly as long, but as beautiful or quirky or mysterious as so many decks are, I have always had a difficult time connecting with the underlying meanings of the cards for one reason or another. And although the Rider-Waite-Smith deck is the one most often used to learn with, I must confess that I could never stand it for a number of reasons. The closest I came to owning something like it was the Hanson-Roberts deck. And the only reason I bought the Universal Waite deck was that the Tarot book I purchased used it as the instructional deck. This is a wonderful Tarot deck, and I'm so happy to have it in my collection. It's amazing what a colour palette update can do! I really appreciate Pamela Coleman-Smith's drawings and deep symbolism for the first time. The back of the deck is lovely, the size of the cards is average, and the cardstock is glossy and not too thin or thick. I use this deck as my current go-to divinatory deck, especially if I'm doing a Celtic Cross spread. I've still toyed with the idea of getting an actual RWS deck - more for the sake of tradition than anything else - but owning this deck is, for me personally, even better because I actually like and connect with the imagery, and that is due 100% to the updated colouring of the cards. I am extremely happy that I purchased these cards, and I would instantly recommend them to any beginner student of Tarot. They may not be as exciting as some decks, but they have helped me immensely on my quest to learn the Tarot. The vivid and artistic colours make all the difference.

This deck arrived in decent condition. The cards are perfect, no printing defects, but the card box was slightly damaged and dented on the edges, which made it start coming apart the week after it arrived. I just wrapped the box in duct tape to keep it together since I carry my deck in a bag anyway. This deck is really wonderful for learning the meanings of the tarot because the cards have pretty obvious symbolism in them. The instruction manual with the card meanings for the deck isn't complete, because one of the pages just cuts off the meaning of some of the cards, like it wasn't in

the material to be printed at all. I also don't find Waite's card meaning descriptions to be very useful, either, but you can find more accessible information for interpreting the cards online.

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