

**MEMENTO MORI**  
LENORMAND AND ORACLE DECK  
*GUIDEBOOK*



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*As you walk along the cobblestone road, thick coal smoke wraps around your neck. It feels as though it is dancing across your skin...waiting to strike.*

*All the while, the street is alive with the bustle of a new day. White topped tents and market stalls are filled with grains, linens and livestock. The peddlers stand watch dutifully over their wares, while women ponder over that day's choices.*

*The stone underneath your feet is cool and damp, and the faint scent of lilies and overturned earth lingers in the air. Each step sends a shiver up your spine.*

*You can see it now.*

*The faded sign looks down on the world from its perch on the lychgate.*

*It reads: Graveyard.*

Memento Mori is an eighty-five card oracle deck depicting objects we use in life and death.

Inspired by the iconography of graves, the tools of witchcraft and the advancements of the industrial revolution, this deck's purpose is to enrich your life on a deep and profound level.

**Memento Mori** - *latin*: remember you must die.

An artistic and symbolic reminder of the inevitability of death.



## **Warning:**

This deck should be cleansed often in order to remove the build up of stagnant and other-worldly energy.

Ring a bell or knocking three times on the back of the deck before each use is highly recommended.

## **Remember:**

Memento Mori is a work of art, as well as a powerful spiritual tool that deserves respect and proper care.

Please keep the deck out of direct sunlight and free from dust and debris.

## **Before you begin:**

This guidebook is intended to be a starting point for interpreting the cards.

It is up to you to read the cards intuitively and work on developing your own meanings and definitions.

*Be sure to check out the corresponding podcast called "Memento Mori Oracle Podcast" on Apple, Spotify and Podbean.*

*Head to [blackandthemoon.com](http://blackandthemoon.com) to learn more.*

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**fig I. horseshoe:** protection from evil and harm. protects the home when hung above a door. a lucky profession. mastering a skill. a helpful stranger will arrive.

**fig II. clover:** abundance. the trinity. rule of three. good luck and prosperity. protection from hexes. folk medicine.

**fig III. wheel:** a long distance. travel. relocation. a journey. separation. a big change. overcoming. water - lakes, ponds, rivers, oceans.

**fig IV. grave:** safe home. comfortable environment. time to rest. a symbolic place or monument. calm and still.

**fig V. gallows:** guilt and depravity. fair or unfair persecution. witch hunt. strong structure. authority. punishment. a warning.

**fig VI. smoke:** obstructed. bad weather. uncertainty. short fuse. confusion. illness of the lung. a cold or sickness.

**fig VII. snake:** healing and transformation. joining of two forces. fear. enlightenment. secret foes. agent of deception. shedding the past.

**fig VIII. casket:** depression. dread. mourning. a loss. an ending. unhealthy obsession.

**fig IX. wreath:** a gift. virtue and beauty. triumph over death. a way to say you're sorry. symbol of eternal life.

**fig X. scythe:** death. sudden change. the reaper comes. termination. harvesting a crop. precision.

**fig XI. whip:** anger and fighting. abuse. violence. discipline. a strong disagreement. addiction. obsession. a witch's scourge.

**fig XII. bats:** adapting to circumstances. intuition and inner wisdom. nurturing energy. the divine feminine. seeing through lies. a family dynamic. the underworld.

**fig XIII. child:** new beginnings and possibilities. purity. innocence. potential for a fresh start. a young person. a baby. emotionally immature. changelings or black-eyed kids.

**fig XIV. fox:** a tricky person. false rumours. sneaky. needing protection from others. untrustworthy. a trap. false starts. cunning. a near escape.

**fig XV. bear:** a good character. becoming independent. a period of regeneration or solitude. nurturing. caring. primal urges.

**fig XVI. stars:** map of the heavens. harmony and hope. a guiding light. good luck. wishful thinking. your aspirations.

**fig XVII. raven:** prophecy and spiritual insight. bringer of news (good or bad). a tough lesson. the truth.

**fig XVIII. dog:** a loyal and devoted person. a new friend. comforting connection. man's best friend. great courage. beast of the underworld.

**fig XIX. tower:** confinement or entrapment. foreboding and intimidating. a prison or stronghold. material wealth. ascent. prosperity.

**fig XX. cemetery:** a tranquil place. a gathering. place of community. somewhere to mourn and remember. uncover history. a sanctuary. protected from evil. another realm. out in nature.

**fig XXI. obelisk:** the connection between heaven and earth. a meeting point or location. a ray of light. penetration. a phallic symbol.

**fig XXII. crossroads:** two paths to take. making a choice. an important decision. uncertainty.

**fig XXIII. rats:** gossip. fear and anxiety. a nagging or gnawing feeling. being resourceful.

**fig XXIV. heart:** love and relationships. eternal love. caring. partnerships. passion. enduring. the human soul. a possible marriage.

**fig XXV. ring:** neverending. life goes on. the wheel of the year. harmony. wholeness. a cycle. romance or a new relationship. taking a relationship further.

**fig XXVI. book:** knowledge. learning. higher education. sacred texts. a project. writers and publishers. an imaginary world. facts and fiction.

**fig XXVII. letter:** an arrival of news. unexpected bills or cheques. an invitation. love letters. test results.

**fig XXVIII. man:** masculine energy or influence. you or the querent. a boyfriend or husband. a father figure.

**fig XXIX. woman:** feminine energy or influence. you or the querant. a girlfriend or wife. a mother figure.



**fig XXX. lilies:** mercy. chastity. a renewal. type of funeral flower. a moment of peace.

**fig XXXI. sun:** growth. your potential. joy and happiness. life essence. a warm destination. optimism. confidence. feeling secure. the morning.

**fig XXXII. moon:** the goddess. dreams. nightmares. sensitive. wishes. moody. in the moonlight. when spirits roam. night time.

**fig XXXIII. key:** to unlock a secret. controlling your destiny. freedom. opportunity. an explanation to a question. finding the missing piece.

**fig XXXIV. fish:** the subconscious mind. hidden realms. strong emotions. beneath the surface. bodies of water.

**fig XXXV. anchor:** stability. settling in one place. feeling weighed down. body of water.

**fig XXXVI. cross:** x marks the spot. your roots. a higher power. yours to bear. religion. carrying negativity. a heavy load.

**fig XXXVII. poison:** negative and pessimistic thoughts. harm done to you. suspicious or dangerous activity. answer is no.

**fig XXXVIII. salt:** use to purify a room. spiritual clearing. absorbs stale and negative energy. magical protection. a ring of salt forms a protective barrier.

**fig XXXIX. cup:** half full or half empty. prosperity. time for a celebration. a vessel. possibility of pregnancy. emotional energy.

**fig XL. perfume:** a fond memory. sweetness. a comforting presence. attracting a mate. demure.

**fig XLI. lantern:** a guide. passage through. no longer in the dark. safety. the soul. clarity.

**fig XLII. hourglass:** mortality. the countdown to death. time moves quickly. feeling pressured. long-term future.

**fig XLIII. mirror:** reflection. revealing the truth. ego. the self. identity. narcissism. self love.

**fig XLIV. broom:** cleanse. remove negative energy. hang over a door or window to block curses. hand-fasting. blend of the masculine and feminine energies.

**fig XLV. scale:** balancing. weight of actions. good vs evil. the evidence. an important decision. choose wisely.

**fig XLVI. sign:** an actual sign. a group or gathering. a funeral home. pay attention to your surroundings.

**fig XLVII. spirit board:** message from the other side. direct communication. spirit guide.

**fig XLVIII. tasseography:** fortune telling. getting outside advice. looking for answers. unbiased opinion.

**fig XLIX. chiromancy:** predetermined destiny. working with the hands. fate. health. money. life. marriage. career.

**fig L. crystal ball:** clairvoyance. scrying. meditation. seeing ghosts or spirits.

**fig LI. teapot:** the hot gossip. sensitive information. telling a secret. a healing remedy. herbal medicine. the afternoon.

**fig LII. crown:** royalty. showing off your status. the winner. righteousness. business success. the big payoff.

**fig LIII. candle:** spark of energy. the intellect. light. warmth. human spirit. illumination.

**fig LIV. ladder:** goals. a better vantage point. stairway to heaven. progress. a solution. home repairs.

**fig LV. poppet:** represents a person. bring to life. folk magic. neutral energy. effigy. a mystical helper.

**fig LVI. scissors:** cut. remove. free something. create a shape. new independence. be precise. fresh start.

**fig LVII. sachet:** a magical bag. ingredients. protection. channel your energy. intention.

**fig LVIII. globe:** travel. earthly existence. exploration. world knowledge. cross culture. differences. higher education.

**fig LIX. watch:** timing. immediate future. waiting. the next twenty-four hours. try and be patient.

**fig LX. plague doctor:** the black death. chronic illness. a caretaker. get a second opinion. a plague. a doctor. healer. safety precautions.

**fig LXI. lock:** make safety a priority. feeling secure. watch your finances. restricted. held captive. guard. obstacle. blocked.

**fig LXII. knife:** fighting. bickering. betrayal. weapon. anger. clarity. possible surgery. a conduit.

**fig LXIII. cauldron:** magical abundance. sacred. the womb. recipe. nourishment. fulfillment. creating something.

**fig LXIV. coins:** cash flow. financial increase. monetary value. paying bills. unexpected costs. business.

**fig LXV. cure:** a remedy. a solution to a problem. healing. the answer is yes.

**fig LXVI. syringe:** a small sample. life force. an influence. addiction. drug use. immunization. protect against sickness.

**fig LXVII. mort bell:** wake the dead. funeral procession. a burial. announcement. community news. something new. call to worship. change the energy.

**fig LXVIII. shovel:** digging a grave. bury. introspection. dig up. cover or uncover. the hard work. clear a path. makes a good weapon in a pinch.

**fig LXIX. charm:** a gift. whimsical. decoration. an amulet. something pretty. a trophy. magical powers.

**fig LXX. embalming fluid:** preserve something. get display ready. holding on. keep tradition going.

**fig LXXI. rope:** bind. secure. strong connection. entanglement. something holding you back. frustrated.



**fig LXXII. pedestal:** something of value. looking up. feeling important. aspiration. lonely at the top.

**fig LXXIII. medical kit:** medical care. healing the body and the mind. tenderness. care. a nurse. a mortician.

**fig LXXIV. sextant:** planning your route. finding your place. on the horizon. technical. logical.

**fig LXXV. viewing table:** on display. in the spotlight. a wake. a quiet gathering.

**fig LXXVI. glove:** don't get your hands dirty. conceal. disguise. challenge beliefs. handle with care.

**fig LXXVII. pillar:** solid. sturdy. dependable. the backbone or foundation. support system.

**fig LXXVIII. harp:** soothing. beautiful. heavenly. musical event. positivity heading your way. the cosmos.

**fig LXXIX. tear catcher:** mourning. holding onto trauma. time to move on.

**fig LXXX. amputation saw:** removing a toxic influence. save yourself. a drastic change. rot. loss. a last chance.

**fig LXXXI. door:** opportunity knocks. transition. passageway. the other side. spirit realm. positive or negative. state of mind.

**fig LXXXII. cat:** witch's familiar. mystery. cunning. sexuality. high priestess. creativity. swift movement.

fig LXXXIII. urn: a memorial object. ashes. history. old age. eternal remembrance.

fig LXXXIV. offerings: grave offerings. magical ingredients. gifts for the dead. asking for help. getting what you want.

fig LXXXV. memento mori: remember you must die.



Memento Mori can also be used as a Lenormand deck by using just cards I-XXXVI.

Lenormand is a style of reading that was created in honour of Marie Anne Adelaide Lenormand who was a French fortune teller.

fig I. rider (horseshoe): news or messages.

fig II. clover: short-term luck. gambling. hope.

fig III. ship (wheel): travel. long distance. crossing.

fig IV. house (grave): family. home. security. solid.

fig V. tree (gallows): health. karma. growth.

fig VI. clouds (smoke): confusion. sadness. resistance.

fig VII. snake: seduction. intelligence. lies and deceit.

fig VIII. coffin (casket): transformation. endings.

fig IX. bouquet (wreath): happiness. gift. charming.

fig X. scythe: sudden change. accidents. danger.

fig XI. whip: violence. anger. punishment.

fig XII. birds (bats): chatter. communication.

fig XIII. child: young person. innocence.

fig XIV. fox: sneaking around. sly. clever. deceit.

fig XV. bear: protective. maternal. power.

fig XVI. stars: hope. fame. dreams.

- fig XVII. stork (raven): change. grace. fertility.
- fig XVIII. dog: loyalty. friendship. trustworthy.
- fig XIX. tower: employment. business. government.
- fig XX. garden (cemetery): gathering. public.
- fig XXI. mountain (obelisk): obstacle. delays. stuck.
- fig XXII. crossroad: choices. decisions.
- fig XXIII. mice (rats): stress. loss. damage. problems.
- fig XXIV. heart: love. relationships. caring.
- fig XXV. ring: contracts. commitments. jewelry.
- fig XXVI. book: education. learning. reading.
- fig XXVII. letter: messages. invitations. bills. news.
- fig XXVIII. man: a man or masculine energy.
- fig XXIX. woman: a woman or feminine energy.
- fig XXX. lilies: retirement. peace. older person.
- fig XXXI. sun: victory. success. happiness. joy. yes.
- fig XXXII. moon: recognition. attention. praise.
- fig XXXIII. key: karma. destiny. significant item.
- fig XXXIV. fish: bodies of water. adventure. wealth.
- fig XXXV. anchor: settling down. persistence.
- fig XXXVI. cross: grief. loss. suffering. a burden.



## Deck Blessing:

Light one white candle and one black candle and recite the following:

*Spirits and Guides on the other side, may I always receive clear guidance from the cards and always trust my intuition as the keeper of this deck.*

## Oracle Spread:

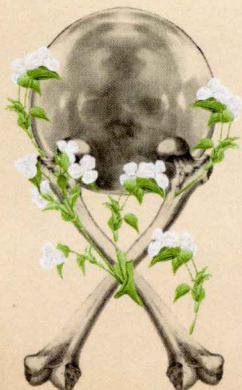
Shuffle the deck and pull one card for each question, laying them in a row, top to bottom.

**M:** your recent past.

**O:** the present time.

**R:** your near future.

**I:** advice from spirit.



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