

## ONE CARD READING METHOD

Demonstrated by Marcus Katz at Tarosophy Tarot Conference 2010

Consider a question and shuffle. Draw out one card in answer to the question.

Allow your gaze to move over the card and write into a matrix the symbol in each particular section which attracts your gaze, for example, an object, colour, action, etc.



SKULL	CHEQUERED JACKET
ELBOW	LEAF
HAIR	FALLING

I decided that this reading would have the past on the top row, the present in the middle row and the future in the bottom row. I therefore read the card as follows:

Past: Skull + Chequered Jacket – The skull is the symbol of death and its skeletal nature means there is nothing left to draw upon in the past. Your chequered career is now threadbare and it is time to weave a more consistent path.

Present: Elbow + Leaf – Your hard work will be necessary until autumn/fall and you will see little immediate results for it.

Future: Although you may be tempted to want to pull your hair out in frustration, this is a necessary step to future accomplishment.

You can have the two columns as PRESENT SITUATION/FUTURE SITUATION, or any other variation.

This is also a great way of learning a new deck, and increases your skill in connecting symbols on the individual cards, for example, in the card above we can now consider what the “leaf falling” and “hair” + “jacket” (protection) combination might signify – perhaps the temperance of the card is telling us that our protection against life situations must change with time.

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