

**A TAROT COLLECTION**

# **ICONOGRAPHY**

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# What are Tarot Cards?

Tarot cards are a deck of 78 cards traditionally used for both playing games and for divination, offering insights into various aspects of life. The origins of tarot cards trace back to the mid-15th century in northern Italy, where they were first created as a card game known as tarocchi.

Tarot cards are often viewed as tools for self-discovery and personal growth rather than mere fortune-telling. They are used to gain insights into the past, present, and future, helping individuals reflect on their lives and make informed decisions.

Tarot cards often have dual meanings, whether if they are drawn from the deck either upright or reversed. I drew inspiration from this and wanted to create icons that represented some of the major arcana in the modern Tarot deck.

# Icon Rules & Guidelines

Some guidelines were formed to ensure the icons were consistent.

1. All icons must have an illusion: Whether if it is an inverted or reversed illusion, the icons should have at least 2 meanings, one being the upright meaning whilst the other being the reversed meaning.
2. All icons should include their card number respectively.
3. All icons should use both or either figure and ground and negative space effectively.

# Brainstorm

Creative  
Outsider  
Music  
Art  
Water  
Funny  
Authentic  
Dreamy  
Mindful  
Rational  
Critical  
Social Media  
Games  
Mysterious  
Fantastical  
Genius  
Strong  
Quiet  
Fame  
Respect  
Free  
Solo  
Curious  
Courageous  
Compassionate  
Zesty


Chinese  
Happy  
Kind  
Generous  
Thoughtful

Hobbies & Interest

Music 

Art 

Social Media 

Games 

Coding 

Fame 

Respect 



~~Personality~~ People (Myself / connections)

Creative Media 

Curious Friends 

Compassionate

Courageous

~~Dreamy~~


Generous

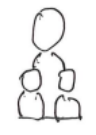
Thoughtful

Time & Place

Autumn 

Water 

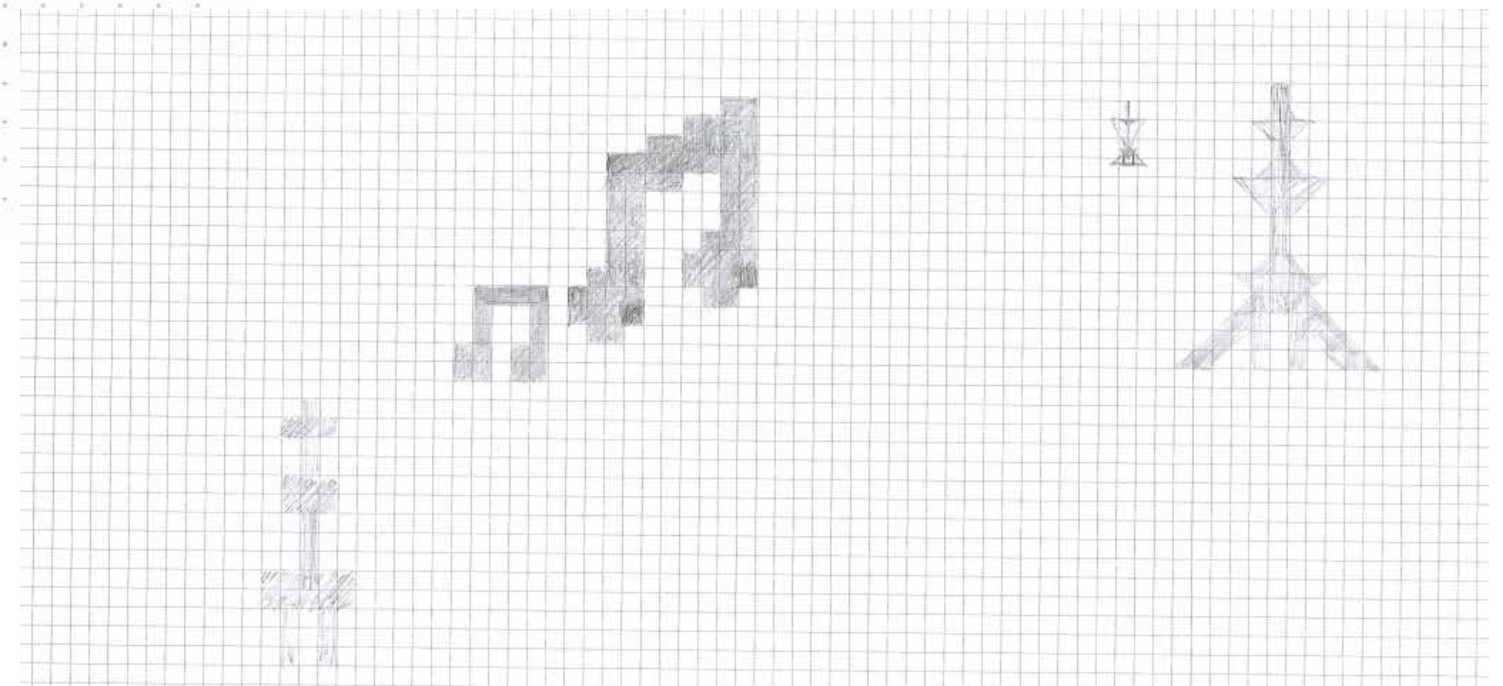
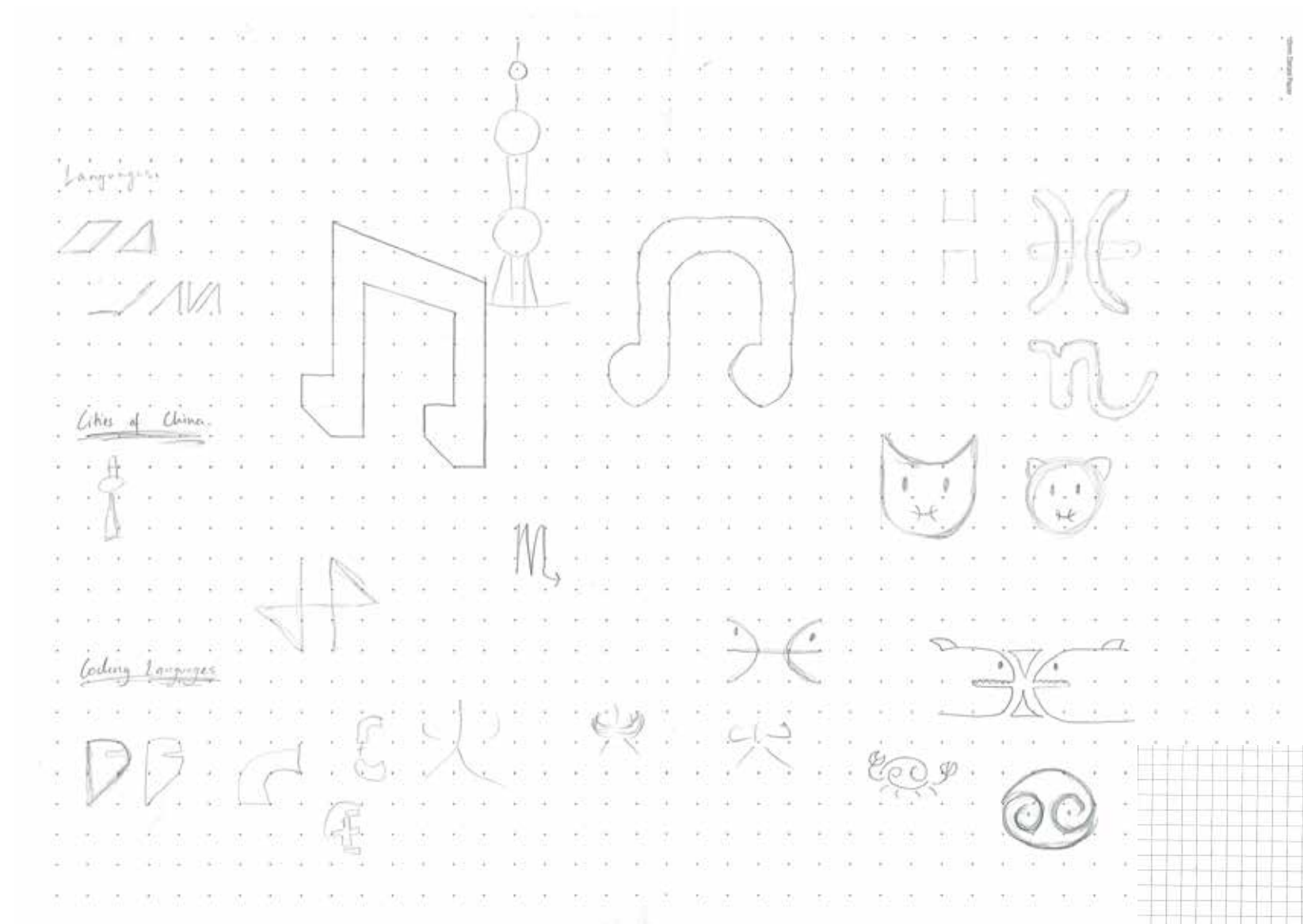
Night 

Childhood 

Home 

China 

# Mimndmap



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Girdles

Paras

The Magician

The Fool

The High Priestess

The Empress

The Lovers

The Emperor

The Sun

The Star

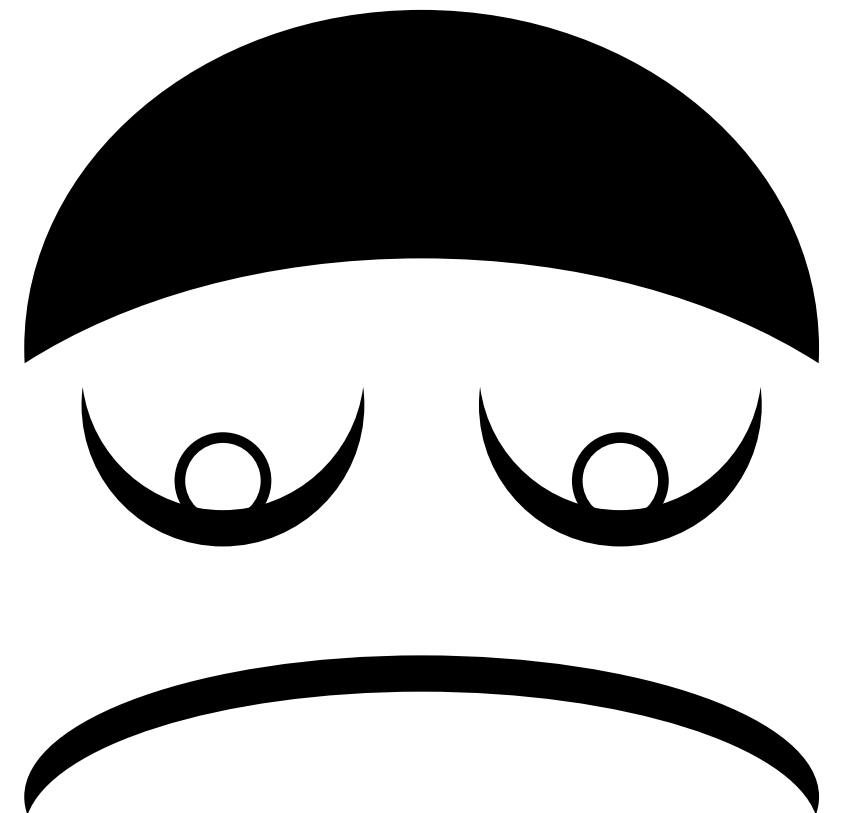
The Moon

The World

emperor.

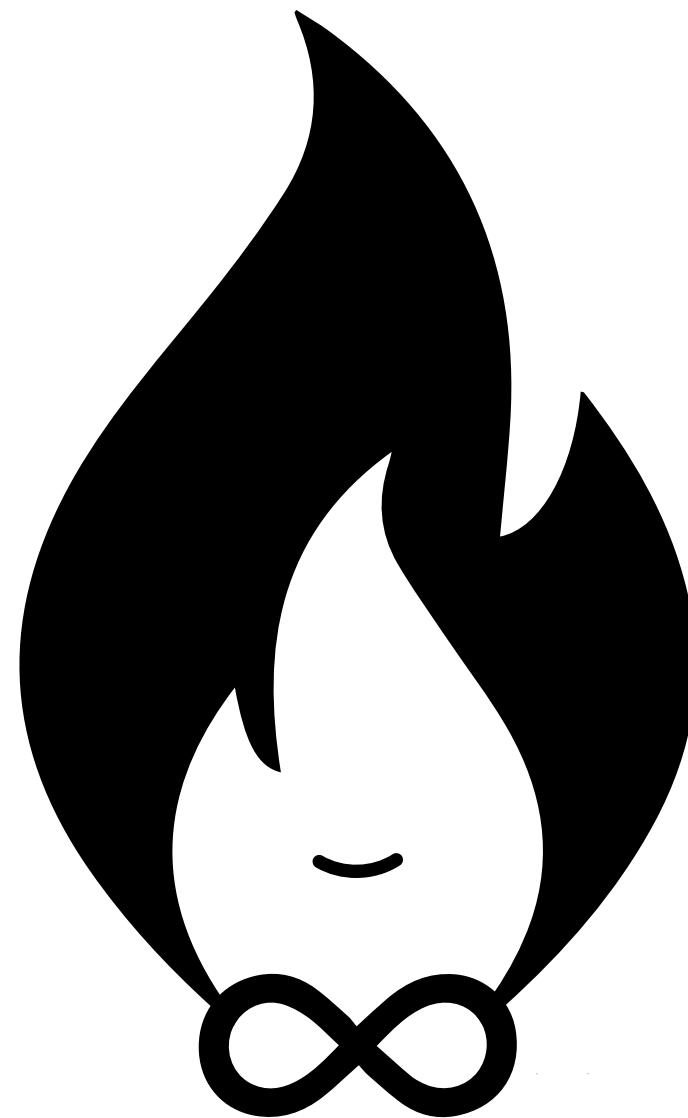
# The Fool: 0

The Fool, the first major arcana is depicted as a symbol of new beginnings, adventures and the idea of spontaneity with a reversed symbol of recklessness and missed opportunities. The icon upright shows a happy person, with a halo-like ring above their head to signify the joy and happiness of carrying out the journey. In the reverse, we see a person extremely sad, with a hat to indicate that one might have missed opportunities or been reckless, with the hat hinting at the clothing of a convict or criminal.



# The Magician: I

The Magician in the Major Arcana symbolises ideas of manifestation and inspired action while the reversal hints towards manipulation and untapped talents. The magician often wields the four elements; fire, water, air and earth. Hence I chose to use the fire element to represent the hair/beard, making the upright look cool and courageous whilst the reversal has a menacing-looking beard.





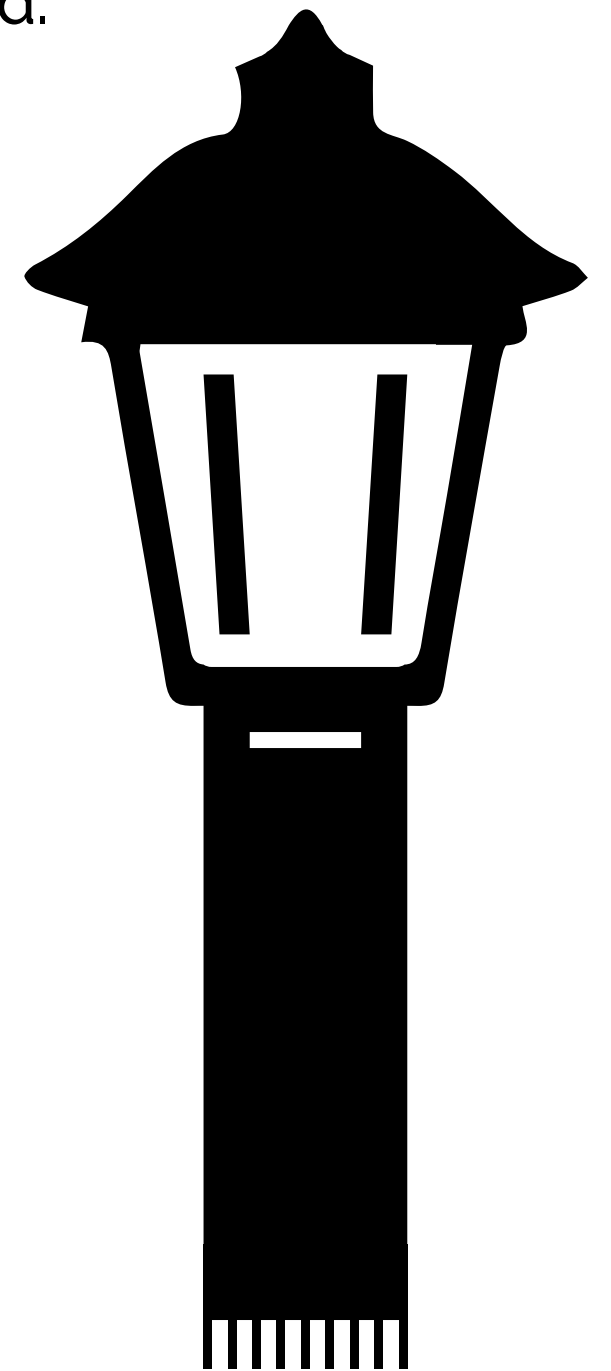
# The Lovers: VI

The Lovers, often depicted as two people represent harmony and choices in relationships, while the reversed conveys ideas of disharmony and self-love issues. The harmony is depicted as two people in the inversion of the icon whilst the cusp highlights the reversed meaning of self-love and how taking the glass relates to it.



# The Hermit: IX

The Hermit seen as a solitary old man who represents guidance upright also hints of isolation in the reversed meaning. The lamp post, often seen as a symbol of guidance can also be seen as an old man with a long beard, suggesting wisdom. The reversed meaning is derived from the fact that the hermit or the lamp post is alone and isolated.



*wish you were here*

