

The “Fool's Insight” Situational Awareness Spread

Place the Fool card from a second tarot deck here.
This card represents an archetypal Inner Fool “holding up a mirror” (the cards in the spread) to reflect the querent's wisdom or folly in the matter at hand.*

**Fool's
Insight**

Think of the Fool as the “Higher Self,” a reservoir of unbiased consciousness that observes but takes no part. It may be read as a mindful “constant” in an elemental triplet with the two cards below.

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Elemental Dignities (Focus Cards in **bold**):

First Triplet: 1-**2**-3

Second Triplet: 2-**3**-4

Third Triplet: 3-4-**5**

Fourth Triplet: 4-**5**-6

Fifth Triplet: 5-**6**-7

Sixth Triplet (optional) Fool-**4**-Shadow

The effect of ED will be to increase, decrease or trivialize (no effect) the level of confidence at each point in the reading. See consequences below.

**Shadow
(Base)**

Place the bottom card from the deck here after dealing.

**Quint
(Trump)**

Sum/reduce the values of Cards #1 through #7 and Shadow Card. Place the associated Major Arcanum here.
(If desired, subtract reversals and include Court Cards)

Card #1: What's coming my way?

Card #2: What do I know now? (ED Focus - Level of confidence in the accuracy of first impressions)

Card #3: What don't I know now? (ED Focus – Level of confidence in the ability to handle surprises)

Card #4: What's the “big picture?” (ED Focus – Level of confidence in achieving an “informed” outlook)

Card #5: What's wrong with this picture? ED Focus – Level of confidence in the adequacy of “damage control,” if necessary)

Card #6: What is the best I can expect? (ED Focus – Level of confidence in the strength of any positive trends)

Card #7: How should I respond?

Shadow Card (Challenge): What hidden obstacles should I watch out for in the “big picture” (if any)?

Quint Card (Opportunity): What kind of break should I watch for in the “big picture” (if any)?

* Thanks to Cherry Gilchrist for her concept of the “Fool's Mirror” (“Tarot Triumphs: Using the Marseilles Tarot Trumps for Divination and Inspiration,” Weiser Books, September 1, 2016). I'm not following her published method here, but I borrowed the definition.