

# THE FOOL

## |SYMBOLS|

### IDENTITY

Pictured is a young man with feminine features. The journey is experienced from both the male and female perspectives, and anyone can take the same journey as the fool, old or young.

### DIRECTION

The fool is facing the Northwest, the direction of the unknown. Like any journey, the end is unclear. Looking at the card, it is impossible to see what lies below the ledge the fool is resting upon.

### BLACK WAND

The stick he carries over his back denotes the burden of carrying past experiences, but this stick is also a magic wand. The black refers to the unconscious, while the wand symbolizes the powers of manifestation. The same wand can be seen in 6 of Swords and 7 of Pentacles.

### CLOTHING

The undershirt is white, which symbolizes purity and new potential. The top shirt is floral and indicates that the fool is aloof and more interested in aesthetics than utility. The shirt shows the ability to live day by day without worry.

### LEGS

The legs in motion indicate forward momentum, while the yellow tights and boots indicate the manifestation of sun consciousness and self realization. Despite not knowing where he is going, he moves forward with self confidence.

### MOUNTAINS

As mountains are the highest points on earth, they symbolize the ascension into higher consciousness. While they are obstacles, progress can be made by climbing upwards into deeper self examination. The highest peak symbolizes enlightenment, but can't be reached without first climbing the other mountains.

### NUMBER

The number Zero symbolizes beginnings and ends, eternity itself, and the source of all. In tarot decks it is neither the first card or the last of major arcana, but rather a card that represents the potential of all the other cards.



### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The fool is a card of new beginnings, taking a risk, and new experiences. When this card shows up in your spread it encourages you to take a spiritual leap of faith to get to the next mountain peak in your life. Despite being young, the fool carries everything he needs, much like you carry everything you need for the next step in your spiritual journey.

### RISING SUN

The rising white sun indicates the start of a journey, ascension in strength, and the connection to divine power. In connection with the other white symbols, it represents a blank slate to build upon.

### RED FEATHER

The red feather symbolizes the mortal life of the fool, or the flame of life. It can indicate someone who is led by heart and soul, rather than basal instincts.

### WALLET

The bag hanging from the wand is thought to contain universal memory and instinct. One interpretation signifies that he carries the four tools of the magician inside the bag. The wallet is marked with an eagle, referring to the sign of scorio.

### WHITE ROSE

The white rose shows that the fool is free from animal desire, and denotes purity and innocence. The rose also indicates that "the best it yet to come". A white rose is also pictured on the Death card.

### WHITE DOG

The white dog symbolizes man's evolution from beast, and how he now has some control over the natural world, hence the dog following him. Now nature follows man, instead of man being controlled by nature. The white, like the white rose and white sun symbolizes a blank slate and purity of intention.

### LEDGE

We have no idea what is on the other side of the ledge. This commonly refers to the leap of faith required to take the fool on the next step of his journey. The ledge can also indicate mental blockages which block you from your true potential.