

Candle Magick and Tarot

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Candle Color

Chime candles are excellent, and can be found in most stores. Colors hold meaning. Refer to the picture included in this handout with the candle colors and their uses. If you do not have that color, white can be used for any intention. When I buy candles for my home use, I buy colors based on what I want to manifest in my life (so it is a good idea to know what you are hoping to accomplish with your spell work). However, if you have no particular project in mind, grab more white candles to keep on hand and even black (which are great for dispelling negativity and for return to sender spells). Once you have the correct candle based on your intention, it is time to cleanse the candle! While you are at it, grab your Tarot deck if you will be using it as part of your spell work.

Cleansing

Tarot and candles go together like peanut butter and jelly! Before I do candle magick or a Tarot reading, I cleanse my space with palo santo or sage. Everything and everyone carries an energetic signature. For example, have you ever walked into a room and it felt heavy/uncomfortable? I believe it is safe to say most of us have. We didn't stay there long and got out of the room at our next opportunity. Think of your materials and yourself as a clean canvas: You do not want someone else's stuff on your canvas. Cleansing ourselves and our spaces with sage or palo santo are good for getting started on the right foot! Once we are done cleansing, it is time to inscribe our candle!

Inscribing

Inscribe using a toothpick the initials, symbols, and/or words based on your intent. Rune symbols can also be used! What are you wanting to manifest? After cleansing and inscribing your candle, the next step would be anointing the candle.

Anointing Oil & Glitter or Herbs

There are oils that can be purchased from your local metaphysical shop that can be used on the candle that matches your intent (too many to list here). An option would be using olive oil! I use lavender oil for its calming properties and dragon's blood for more ambitious matters. In your kit, I made Sunshine Oil to use for our candle today! The following is the recipe:

- Add 10 drops of Orange Sweet Essential Oil to 8-10 ounces of Sunflower Oil. Place a cap over your container and shake prior to adding one quarter of a teaspoon of orange peel. Cap again and shake to make homogeneous.

Consider experimenting at home to create your own essential oil blends! This can be a lot of fun and will strengthen your magickal practice. I find most of my ingredients at the grocery store in the spice section and Hobby Lobby (essential oils can be found in the candle section). I also obtain my

dishes/crystal wares from thrift stores that I use for candle magick. Witchcraft does not have to be fancy nor expensive – work with what you have. It is important to know how to anoint your candle.

If you want to welcome/invite something to you, apply the oil to your fingers/palm and apply around the candle in a **clockwise** motion starting from the base of the candle to the wick. To get rid of a negative energetic, apply the oil in a **counterclockwise** motion from the wick toward the base. As you do this, think about what you are wanting to accomplish. Picture it in your mind. Next, while the anointing oil is still wet on the candle, you can add herbs or glitter. Reference the herb guide in this packet. Color meanings apply to glitter the same as candle colors: Reference that to determine the color of glitter. When rolling the candle in either the herb or glitter, roll the candle toward you if you are bringing something in or away from you if you are wanting to dispel/banish something. You can even layer a completely different color of glitter on your candle to add an additional layer of intent to your candle magick! I have even used more than one color of glitter! At this point, it is good to secure the candle to a holder or flat surface.

Securing and Lighting

You can either buy a candle holder or use a lighter to apply heat to the bottom of a candle until the wax starts to drip on a surface; at that time, quickly push the base of the candle down for about 10 seconds to keep it upright. Remember basic fire safety rules. A flame should NEVER be left unattended. Also: Don't put a candle under a shelf – I melted a shelf that was above a candle once! Thankfully, my husband was there to intervene when I was not.

After having cleansed your candle, inscribed it, applied oil followed by herb/glitter, it is time to light it. Consider different rocks, crystals, and herbs that can surround your candle based on their properties to add their respective energies to your candle. You may also create a spell to say three times prior to lighting to add energy. If you have a spell book, tweak it to make it your own.

As I light a candle, I generally say, “So Mote it Be”. Another way of saying, “As above, so below”. Basically, we are willing our intent to manifest, putting this energy out into the universe! Keep your candle lit throughout your Tarot reading/mediation/journalling, and snuff the candle out instead of blowing it out as to not diminish the effectiveness of this intent. After it burns down to the base, it may be thrown away in the trash (after the flame has been extinguished and the candle has cooled, of course). Don't forget that we all must work to manifest our intent! Spell work adds to our intent. Please write me at mountaincrowtarot@gmail.com for any Tarot/candle magick questions or concerns. I enjoy helping others, and do not mind answering questions.



- ◆ *Candle Color and Herb references from Pinterest:*

Candle Colors and Their Meaning



White Candle

peace, purity, healing, innocence, divination, exorcism



Green Candle

growth, luck, tree, plants, earth, nature, money, success, jealousy



Pink Candle

love, caring, friendship, maturity, affection, nurturing, femininity



Blue Candle

protection, focus, forgiveness, good fortune, water, truth, calm



Red Candle

passion, strength, fire, survival, career, lust, action, independence



Purple Candle

spiritual power, government, break habit, drive away evil



Orange Candle

creativity, justice, legal matters, joy, ambition, opportunity, celebration



Brown Candle

house blessing, pets, animals, earth, stability, locating lost items



Yellow Candle

sun, intelligence, luxury, memory, masculinity, positive attitude



Black Candle

safety, protection, banish negativity, pride, shapeshifting



Common Herbs & THEIR USES



Basil

BASIL IS KNOWN AS "THE WITCHES HERB" AND IS GOOD FOR LUCK, CONFIDENCE, WARDING AND PROSPERITY



Chamomile

CHAMOMILE IS USED TO CALM ANXIETY, FOR RELAXATION, HAPPINESS, LOVE & SUCCESS ITS GOOD TO WASH HANDS WITH BEFORE GAMBLING, AND TO KEEP IN YOUR PURSE OR WALLET TO ATTRACT MONEY



Lavender

LAVENDER IS ALSO KNOWN AS ELF LEAF AND ATTRACTS LOVE, FRIENDSHIP, HARMONY, AND PEACE ITS GREAT USED IN RITUALS, AND IN PURIFYING BATHS OR SACHETS



Lemon Balm

LEMON BALM IS KNOWN AS HONEY BEE HERB AND IS GOOD FOR YOUTH HEALING, & SUCCESS. IT ALSO HEALS INDIGESTION, INSOMNIA, CRAMPS, AND NIGHTMARES.



Mint

MINT OR MENTHA IS GOOD FOR LUCK, TRAVEL & MENTAL ABILITY IT IS A NATURAL REMEDY FOR NAUSEA, FATIGUE, HEADACHES, TOOTHACHE & INDIGESTION BOIL LEAVES AND RINSE HAIR TO BOOST MENTAL ACTIVITY



Rosemary

ROSEMARY IS A GOOD SLEEP AID GREAT FOR PURIFICATION, AND IMPROVES MEMORY, WEAR IT WHEN READING OR STUDYING TO BOOST EFFECTIVENESS BURN TO PURIFY NEGATIVE ENERGY IN SPACES



Sage

SAGE IS PROBABLY THE MOST COMMONLY USED HERB IN WITCHCRAFT IT IS A PROTECTOR AND CAN RID, CLEANSE & PURIFY NEGATIVE ENERGY WHEN BURNT



Thyme

THYME ATTRACTS LOYALTY, AFFECTION, AND POSITIVE OPINION OF OTHERS TRY WEARING IT TO SUMMON STRENGTH & COURAGE BURNING IT TO ATTRACT GOOD HEALTH, BATHING WITH IT TO ATTRACT MONEY



Bay Leaf

ALSO CALLED BAY LAUREL THIS PLANT IS GREAT TO WRITE YOUR INTENTIONS ON THE LEAF AND BURN OR STORE, THIS LEAF CRACKLES WHEN BURNT AND IS GREAT FOR PROMOTING VISIONS PUT IT UNDER YOUR PILLOW FOR PROPHETIC DREAMS