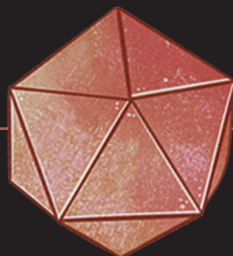


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## - INTRODUCTION -

**Hello, fellow (or future) dice goblin,**

Thank you so much for downloading a copy of our Dice Casting guide!

Before we dive into all the details of how this Dice Casting system works, we wanted to tell you a little more about us and how this came about.

As some of you may know, we are absolute divination nerds. We love tarot and oracle cards and use them—regularly—in our daily lives. One of the things we love most about working with cards is the tactile experience. There is nothing more satisfying than a riffle shuffle or the feel of a good cardstock in the hand. And when we don't like it, well, you hear about that too.

*We also both have a love for gaming  
and incorporating play into our lives.*



As a long-time gamer nerd, Dawn has spent a good chunk of her life immersed in various roleplaying games. In 2024, she decided to bridge the gap between her two passions: gaming and divination. She launched a tabletop-inspired tarot practice in her YouTube membership that blended narrative storytelling with tarot readings and dice casting.

Lisa fell in love with Dawn's gamified guided practice and picked up a new set of tabletop dice to play along. It took no time at all for her to fall in love with the clickety-clack of dice when they rolled. What can we say? She's easily amused. Next thing we knew, she'd become a dice goblin herself.



We started incorporating dice into other things we were doing together...



like playing (and streaming) *Baldur's Gate 3* (a video game based on *Dungeons & Dragons*). Before long, we had created a system for pulling tarot cards and rolling real dice while playing the game.

We both knew it was only a matter of time before we started using dice for everything...from gaming to chats to picking content, basically gamifying anything we could roll on (or sometimes for no reason at all).

So, we decided to put our heads together and create a dice-casting system to formally blend divination and dice rolls (and totally justify buying even more dice).

**And that, my friends,  
is how it all began.**

# PART ONE

## GETTING TO KNOW THE DICE

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In order to be comfortable casting dice for divination, it's important to understand the dice we'll be using. Below is a detailed breakdown of each die and its associated meaning within the context of our system. Don't worry, you won't have to memorize this or read these more detailed explanations each time you do a reading. You'll find a quick-reference sheet that you can use for your readings at the back of this guide.



The dice we are using for this system is a standard seven-piece tabletop set. This is the same set you would buy to play games like *Dungeons & Dragons*. Contained within a standard seven-piece set is a four-sided die, six-sided die, eight-sided die, a ten-sided die labeled 1 through 0, another ten-sided die labeled 00 through 10, a twelve-sided die, and a twenty-sided die. Let's go through each of these and what they represent in this system.

# D4

## THE FOUR-SIDED DIE: ENERGY

The four-sided die, commonly referred to as a D4, is a pyramid-shaped die numbered one through four. In the Dice Casting system, this die represents the **energy** of the reading, as follows:



- 1 - **Air:** intellectual, mind, communication, thinking
- 2 - **Water:** emotional, heart, relationships, feeling
- 3 - **Fire:** spiritual, soul, creativity, being
- 4 - **Earth:** physical, body, resources, doing

The result of this roll represents which of these four elemental energies are influencing, guiding, or supporting your reading.

# D6

## THE SIX-SIDED DIE: ADVICE

The six-sided die, commonly referred to as a D6, is a cube-shaped die numbered one through six. In the Dice Casting system, this die represents the **advice** in the reading, as follows:



- 1 - **Security:** grounding, routine, balance
- 2 - **Sensuality:** creativity, intimacy, passion
- 3 - **Power:** autonomy, purpose, willpower
- 4 - **Harmony:** compassion, acceptance, peace
- 5 - **Clarity:** communication, honesty, expression
- 6 - **Awareness:** vision, discernment, perception

The result of this roll represents what will help or guide you in moving forward with the message.

# D8

## THE EIGHT-SIDED DIE: PHASE

The eight-sided die, commonly referred to as a D8, is an octahedron-shaped die numbered one through eight. In the Dice Casting system, this die represents your **phase** in the reading, as follows:



- 1 - **Intention:** clarifying, aligning, affirming
- 2 - **Awareness:** insight, focus, planning
- 3 - **Expansion:** growth, adaptability, exploration
- 4 - **Momentum:** progress, motivation, resilience
- 5 - **Wholeness:** integration, acceptance, authenticity
- 6 - **Release:** surrender, transformation, liberation
- 7 - **Introspection:** reflection, integration, contemplation
- 8 - **Rest:** healing, recovery, renewal

The result of this roll represents the phase you are in currently with regard to the question or situation.



# D10 & PERCENTILE

## THE TEN-SIDED DICE: FOCUS

The two ten-sided dice in the set are typically called the D10 and Percentile dice. Both dice are pentagonal trapezohedron-shaped dice. The D10 is numbered 0 through 9, whereas the Percentile die is labeled 00 through 90.

In this system, you roll them together and add them to get a number from 0 to 99. For example, if you roll a 00 on the Percentile die and a 0 on the D10, you have rolled the number 0. If you roll a 90 on the Percentile die and a 9 on the D10, you have rolled a 99. In the Dice Casting system, these dice represent what to **focus** on in the reading, as follows:



**0 to 9** - endings, cycles, return

**10 to 19** - seed, beginnings, potential

**20 to 29** - balance, duality, opposition

**30 to 39** - creation, expansion, expression



**40 to 49** - structure, stability, manifestation

**50 to 59** - conflict, instability, upheaval

**60 to 69** - harmony, transition, union

**70 to 79** - assessment, knowledge, introspection

**80 to 89** - mastery, conduct, application

**90 to 99** - amplification, culmination, fruition

The result of this roll represents the area to focus on right now. This result adds more context and specificity to your reading.

# D12

## THE TWELVE-SIDED DIE: HOUSE

The twelve-sided die in the set, commonly referred to as a D12, is a dodecahedron-shaped die numbered one through twelve. In the Dice Casting system, this die represents the **house** of the reading, as follows:



The houses are based on the twelve houses of Western astrology and cover broad areas of life to help you define and contextualize the reading. Houses one through six are more personal houses, whereas houses seven through twelve are more interpersonal houses. You can dive deeper into this result by reading your favorite astrology resource(s) about the corresponding house.

- 1 - Identity** (*ruled by Aries and the planet Mars*):  
reputation, behavior, self-expression
- 2 - Values** (*ruled by Taurus and the planet Venus*):  
possessions, security, resources, sustenance
- 3 - Communication** (*ruled by Gemini and the planet Mercury*):  
self-expression, learning, connections
- 4 - Home** (*ruled by Cancer and the Moon*):  
tradition, comfort, security
- 5 - Pleasure** (*ruled by Leo and the Sun*):  
enjoyment, creativity, hobbies
- 6 - Health** (*ruled by Virgo and the planet Mercury*):  
wellness, discipline, personal growth
- 7 - Relationships** (*ruled by Libra and the planet Venus*):  
commitment, cooperation, union
- 8 - Transformation** (*ruled by Scorpio and the planet Pluto*):  
death, sexuality, psychology
- 9 - Purpose** (*ruled by Sagittarius and the planet Jupiter*):  
spirituality, wisdom, vision
- 10 - Status** (*ruled by Capricorn and the planet Saturn*):  
achievement, recognition, aspirations
- 11 - Community** (*ruled by Aquarius and the planet Uranus*):  
social groups, collective beliefs, ideals
- 12 - Subconscious** (*ruled by Pisces and the planet Neptune*):  
secret fears, hidden desires, dreams

The result of this roll represents the house, or the area of interest, this reading relates to.

# D20

## THE TWENTY-SIDED DIE: ARCHETYPE

The twenty-sided die in the set, commonly referred to as a D20, is an icosahedron-shaped die numbered one through twenty. In the Dice Casting system, this die represents the **archetype** of the reading, based on the major arcana of the tarot, as follows:



You can dive deeper into this result by reading your favorite resource(s) about the corresponding card. Fellow tarot nerds will notice that there is no Fool or World card represented on the D20. For the purposes of this system, the Fool is represented by you, the person casting the dice, or your querent. The World is represented by the fulfillment or resolution of the reading.

- 1 - **Magician:** manifestation, confidence, potential
- 2 - **High Priestess:** intuition, hidden knowledge, inner voice
- 3 - **Empress:** nurturing, creativity, sensuality
- 4 - **Emperor:** authority, structure, empowerment
- 5 - **Hierophant:** tradition, teaching, beliefs
- 6 - **Lovers:** commitment, choice, partnership
- 7 - **Chariot:** drive, determination, focus
- 8 - **Strength:** courage, self-control, resilience
- 9 - **Hermit:** wisdom, reflection, introspection
- 10 - **Wheel:** change, fortune, serendipity
- 11 - **Justice:** accountability, impartiality, responsibility
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- 16 - **Tower:** destruction, chaos, shattered illusions
- 17 - **Star:** hope, navigation, purpose
- 18 - **Moon:** subconscious, wild self, obscurity
- 19 - **Sun:** clarity, authenticity, joy
- 20 - **Judgement:** evolution, awakening, calling

The result of this roll represents the archetypal influence of the reading.

# PART TWO

## CASTING THE DICE

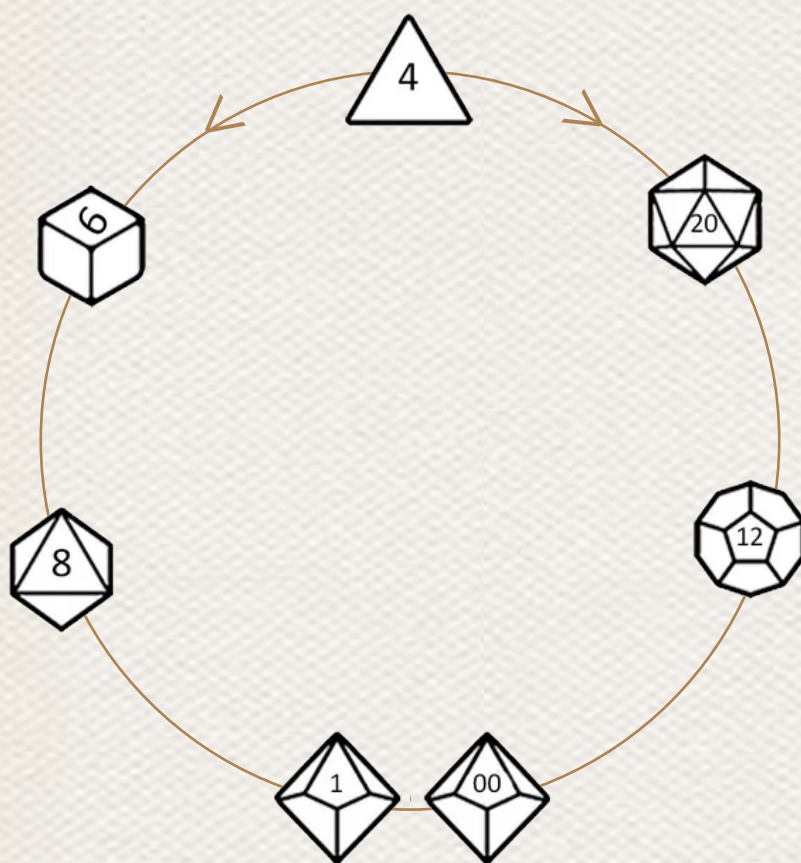
To cast the dice, you simply hold one or all of the dice in your hands while focusing on your question, then give them a roll in whatever way feels right to you. You can roll with your hands, use a dice cup, or drop them into your favorite dice-rolling tower. You can roll them one at a time or all at once. It's up to you!



# METHOD 1

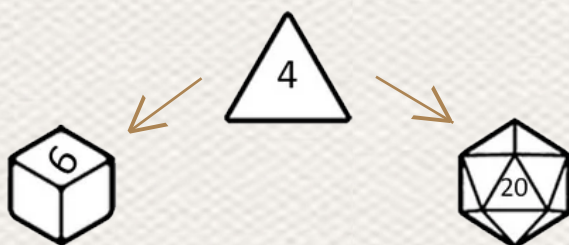
## CASTING A DICE-ONLY READING

This system is designed to give you a comprehensive and meaningful reading using only the dice. In this section, we'll walk you through how to cast a dice-only reading, step by step.



Using the above graphic as a guide, pick your starting point for your reading by choosing the corresponding die. Then, you'll move either clockwise or counterclockwise through the rest of the dice to complete your reading.

For example, you can start with the D4 to set the energetic tone for your reading and then move clockwise to the D20 for the archetype. You could also start with the D4 and move counterclockwise to the D6 for your advice before diving into the details of your reading. Although the graphic shows the D4 at the top (which is generally where we start), you can begin your reading at any point on the wheel.



Whether you roll the dice all at once or one at a time, make note of each result. Compare it to the corresponding number and keywords on the quick-reference sheet. Then, jot down or reflect on what that result means for you in relation to your situation.

When you've gone through all the dice and their results, try to summarize the overall message.

**What's your takeaway?**

**What will you do with this information?**

# METHOD 2

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## COMBINING DICE WITH CARDS

We love mixing divination systems, so of course the next step was to combine our dice and decks. Not only is this process fun ('cause who doesn't love shaking and throwing dice), but it also provides more context and detail to dive deeper into your readings.

There are multiple ways you can combine your favorite deck of tarot or oracle cards and your dice. Below are a few of our personal favorites.

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### Using the dice as clarifiers

The dice make excellent clarifiers for your tarot and oracle readings. After you've laid out your cards, if you want to dive a little deeper into a specific card, you can cast one, multiple, or all of the dice to add additional context to that single card.

For example, say you've laid out cards for a three-card "Energy, Obstacle, Advice" reading and you've drawn the Tower in the advice position. Maybe you're struggling to see the Tower as advice, so you pull out your D12 to clarify what area of your life needs you to tear down an existing structure or thought process. Or, you could go deep into the Tower and cast all the dice to get a sub-reading about the Tower using the entire system.

You can also clarify or add context to an entire reading by casting your dice once all your cards have been pulled. Combine the dice information with the cards to add additional detail or give you more clarity on the overall scope of the reading.

## Pulling cards and dice together

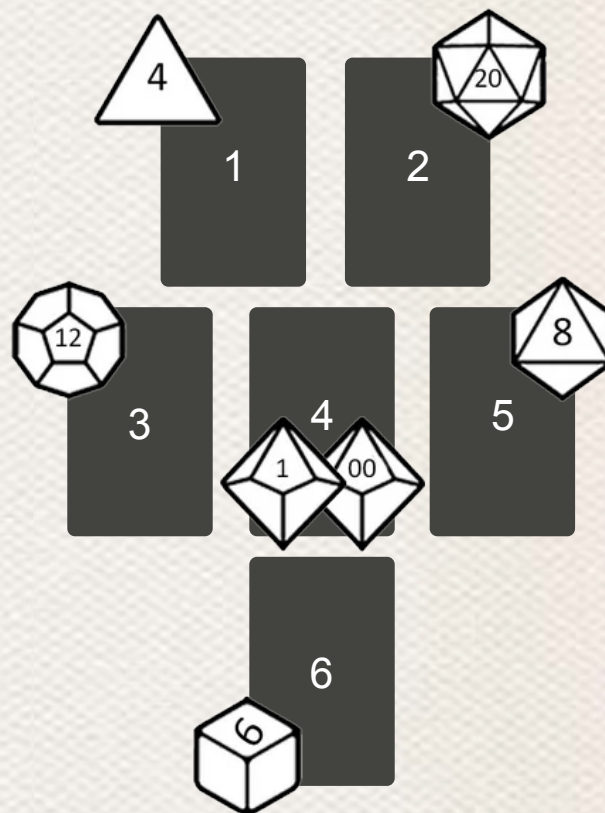
We also love pulling cards and rolling dice together with the intention of blending their meanings. The two main methods we use are the Six-Card Method and the Three-Card Method.

### The Six-Card Method

For the Six-Card Method, you set up your reading as if you were going to do a dice-only reading by picking your starting point on the wheel and then your direction. For every step of the reading, you will also pull a card. You can lay down all six cards first and then roll for each one as you go, or roll all your dice and then pull a corresponding card for each result.

For example, you decide to start with the D4. You roll your D4 and get 3 for “Fire.” You draw a card and receive the Empress. Combining these two meanings, you could say that the energy of this reading is about nurturing your creativity.

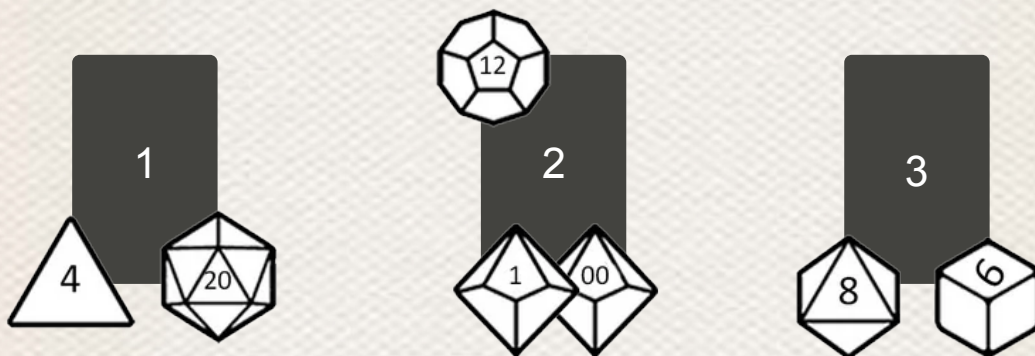
You pull dice and cards in combination until you’ve rolled all of your dice and matched them up with all six corresponding tarot or oracle cards.





## The Three-Card Method

The Three-Card Method works similarly to the Six-Card Method, only instead of matching each step of the dice casting with a card, you pair two of your dice rolls with a single card. You may draw all three cards and then roll corresponding dice, pairing them up on each card as you go. Alternatively, you could roll all your dice and then draw corresponding cards for each pair of rolls.



For example, you decide to start with the D20. You lay your first card, the Two of Cups, and then roll your D20 and get an 11 for “Justice.” You then roll your D12 and get a 3 for “Communication.” This may indicate that you need to communicate more fairly with your partner or perhaps communicate about inequity in your relationship.

You’ll continue through the reading, combining two dice rolls with each of the remaining two cards.

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## Organic Combinations

This system is designed to allow you to combine your dice and cards in any combination you desire. You might add a few dice rolls to your next Celtic Cross or pick a few specific dice to use in a relationship reading. The possibilities are endless!

# PART THREE

## QUICK-REFERENCE SHEETS

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Roll each type of dice and consult the corresponding aspect from the lists:

**D4 - Source:**

This will point out where you should draw your primary insights or energy from.

**D20 - Archetypal Energy based on the Major Arcana of Tarot:**

This will provide the overarching theme or energy of the week.

**D12 - (House) Area of Focus:**

This dice will indicate which area in your life you should concentrate on.

**D10 + Percentile - Process:**

This combination will suggest the method or approach to apply in your focus area.

**D8 - Phase:**

This will tell you what stage or phase of your focus area you are dealing with.

**D6 - Support:**

This dice will show what kind of support you can expect or should seek.

## D4 - Source

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## D12 - Focus

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reputation, behavior, self-expression
- 2 - Values** (*ruled by Taurus and the planet Venus*):  
possessions, security, resources, sustenance
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