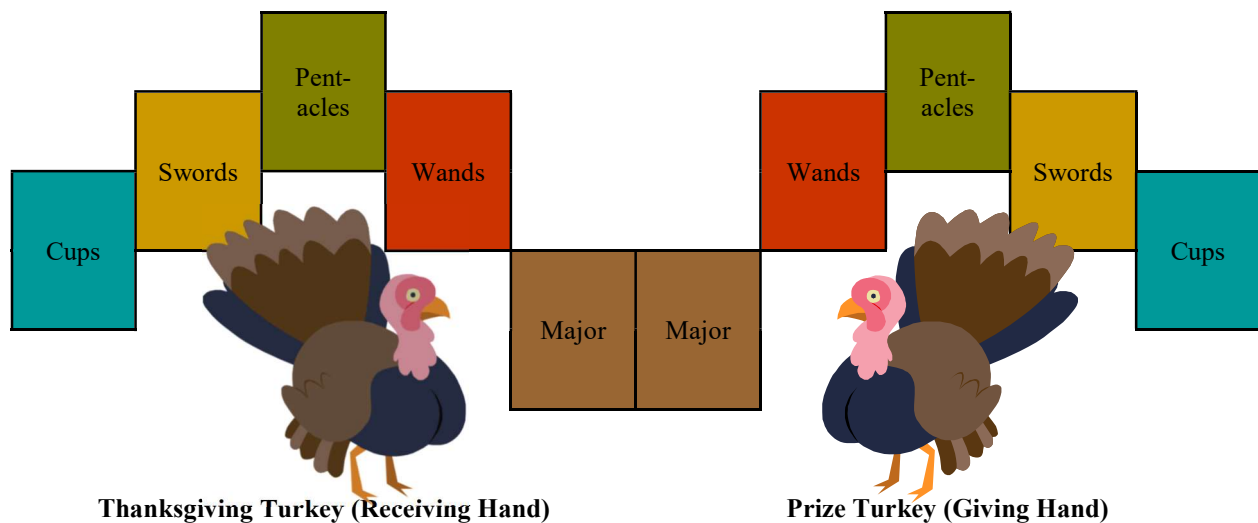


Two Turkeys: A Spread for Giving and Receiving

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This spread helps us focus on how giving and receiving are playing out in our lives, during the autumn and winter holidays or at any time of year. The two turkeys are the traditional Thanksgiving turkey and the prize turkey “as big as me” that Scrooge gave to the Cratchits in *A Christmas Carol*. The card positions are based on the time-honored children’s holiday craft of tracing a line around a hand and then embellishing it to make a picture of a turkey. The thumb is the head, and the fingers are the big tail feathers.

The spread uses both hands and all ten fingers. The dominant right hand is the giving hand; the non-dominant left hand is the receiving hand. You may want to switch hands/turkeys if the questioner is left-handed. The suit positions are in the order of the elements in astrology: fire, earth, air, water.



The positions of each hand/turkey will be filled in with cards from each suit and a major. Turn over the first card of your shuffled deck. Put it in the correct position according to its suit, starting with the receiving hand/turkey. (For example, my first card is 6 of Cups, so I place it in the pinky finger, blue, cups position on the far left.) Continue turning cards and filling in the positions. (If the next card is Strength, it goes in the left thumb, brown, major position. When I turn over another cups card, it goes in the pinky position on the giving hand/turkey, etc.) If you come to a third card of a suit, simply set it aside disregarded and continue until all ten positions are filled.

The Thanksgiving Turkey (The Receiving Hand)

The four fingers/tail feathers are **four things to be thankful for**, one from each suit.
The thumb/head major card is something to **keep in mind about receiving and gratitude**.

The Prize Turkey (The Giving Hand)

The four fingers/tail feathers are **four things you have to give**, one from each suit.
The thumb/head major card is something to **keep in mind about giving and generosity**.