



THE EMPRESS

This series is a the sister to Luminous Crown, having been created later the same day as an unafflicted Venus in Taurus (conjunct an exalted Moon) embraced the midheaven, all in the day and hour of the Fairest Benefic. It generates off the top shelf Venus effects, such as beautification, social grace, charm, and self-love, but through the lens of a strong willed, self-empowered, and self-possessed feminine force that knows exactly what She wants, and is unafraid to lay claim to it.

The Empress series can be used to: Ground the mind, heart, and spirit into the body; establish comfort and appreciation of one's looks (while still promoting beautification and an instinct to care for one's vessel); elevate aesthetic and sensory experiences; improve the way one carries themselves (literally in terms of posture, but also metaphorically in regard to a noble air); give a more dignified and "deserving" impression; quell anxieties and instill a sense of competence/ "I've got this"; create a charismatic + compelling aura; improved knowledge of one's own desires; elevate one's sense of self; draw promotions, gifts, and financial support; material manifestation; stepping into one's own; feeling more joy and relaxation; elevating + improving the experience of music, taste, smell, art; &c.

Side effects: Haughtiness, stubbornness, persnickety-ness, self-importance, self-indulgence.

Magical Applications: Use to activate sigils or in other spellwork, related to the Empress' arcana or Venusian ends, especially related to Taurean and Lunar matters of security, manifestation, and embodied glamour. Anoint oneself or objects before and during Venus' day/night/ hour.

Everyday Applications: Centers, grounds, and calms anxious states. The most appropriate of Sphere + Sundry's Venus series (so far) for daily wear and application in the workplace (but do test to ensure personal compatibility). Apply before bed, or to wind down in general. Enhances "me" time, activities and rituals for beautification and self-care

Timing: Venus' day is Friday and Her night is Monday following Sunset. Her hours can be calculated online or using an app. Keying to Venus times is best for magic and remediation, otherwise use as needed, or as desire demands!

Dates + Sexual Exploration: Apply to oneself, one's partner, bed linens, or toys before dates or sensual activity. Avoid the junk, please. May promote dissatisfaction if someone is not "doing" what one wants them to, to one's satisfaction. Layering with another Venus can reduce that feature. Experiment with other parties wearing Mars or a spritz of Jow. Likely to trigger or reinforce sub/ dom dynamics.

Candles: Trim the wicks regularly to control flame size. Burn to cast an ambient influence.

Layering: Can be used with other series to emphasize desired characteristics or reduce side effects. To soften, Immortal Heart, Exalted Venus, or Moon-Neptune in Pisces. To metabolize, Asclepius. To dominate, Aldebaran, Luminous Crown. For diplomacy and sociability, Venus in Libra or Pisces. To terrify, Algol. For best of all luck, any Jupiter. For max protection, Deneb Algedi. To shine, Sol or Regulus. To pick up the pace, St. Expedite.

Prayers: Orphic Hymn to Aphrodite works well. Google or find it at sphereandsundry.com/venus.