

Year of the Rooster forecasts

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The Rat

It's go-go-go for The Rat in the Rooster's Year! Be sure to take a break on occasion or you will find yourself burned out before the Year of the Dog comes bounding in. If you can maintain a good balance, the year will prove prosperous.



excellent nonetheless.

■ **Water Rat:** Check in with loved ones periodically and be sure to carve out some quality time with them. This will not only help maintain important relationships, but it will also restore you in this action-packed year.

■ **Wood Rat:** Avoid taking on too many projects this year, Wood Rat, or nothing will be accomplished. Remember it is okay to say no sometimes, and focusing your efforts on priorities will help get the job done.

■ **Fire Rat:** You will face many important decisions this year and impulsivity is your enemy. Taking time to carefully consider consequences will help lead you to the correct choices and improved outcomes.

■ **Earth Rat:** The Year of the Rooster will make you crow with delight, as it is shaping up to be a bountiful one. You can start by helping those who are less fortunate. Whether this is done through mentoring or donating your time or money to a worthy cause, it will increase your wellbeing and might even bring some interesting people into your life.

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The Ox

Congratulations, Ox! All your hard work, patience, and persistence will finally reap rewards in this Rooster Year. Maintain your present actions and enjoy what is promising to be a harmonious and happy year.



occasion and relax. A vacation may be just what you need for rejuvenation, whether you adventure off to faraway lands or merely chill out at home.

■ **Wood Ox:** Take your time building new relationships, Wood Ox. Rein in your impatience and you can form a strong foundation to build on. If you stampede in without regard, someone's heart will get trampled.

■ **Fire Ox:** Your pride could be your downfall this year, if you cannot keep it in check. Listen closely to loved ones and let them help inform your decisions. They have a clearer head than you and also have your best interest at heart.

■ **Earth Ox:** You should have no beef with your fortunes in this Rooster Year, but why not enrich yourself further by exploring your artistic side? Unleashing your creativity may bring you bliss and also have the additional benefit of expanding your social circle.

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The Tiger

The new year will be one of balance for Tigers. Your luck will be mixed, as will your success. Cultivating relationships, both personal and professional, will do much to improve your fortunes.

■ **Metal Tiger:** Curb your spending impulses and

really think about whether purchases are truly necessary or just frivolous. Build up your savings first to prepare for lean times, then feel free to have a little fun.



records of your work, Wood Tiger, lest you be blamed for the mistake of another. Staying on good terms with those around you will help life run more smoothly and bring you closer to realizing your ambitions.

■ **Fire Tiger:** Use your abundant charisma to cultivate friendships and expand your social circle. Forming relationships with people outside of your comfort zone may lead you in exciting directions.

■ **Earth Tiger:** Make this the year you define your biggest goals, Earth Tiger, then get ready to pounce. If you bring your laser-like focus to bear and ignore minor irritations, you will make great strides.

■ **Water Tiger:** Your calm nature and sensitivity will stand you in good stead when difficulties arise. Take care to listen to all interested parties and soon you will find the root of the problem and come up with a fair solution.

■ **Wood Tiger:** Keep good

The Rabbit

The year 2017 is looking to be a tough one for Rabbits. However, Rooster Year's challenges can be mitigated and even overcome by remaining calm, working hard, and relying on loved ones. Though the year promises to be rocky, there will be many opportunities to learn and grow.

■ **Metal Rabbit:** While striving to make the best of a troublesome year by dedicating yourself 100 percent, don't forget to take time for self-care. A break now and then engaging in your favorite activity will keep both your spirit and your energy up.

■ **Water Rabbit:** Curbing your spending and working

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