

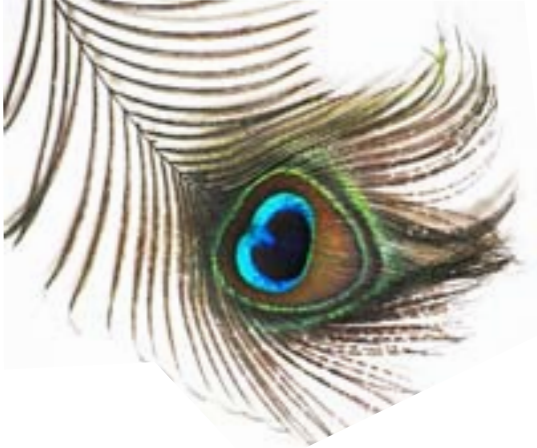


THE COMPLETE BOOK OF CANCER



DESIGN YOUR LIFE.
DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE.
LIVE YOUR DREAMS.

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DEAR CANCER,

There's no mistake you were born under your sign. The moment you arrived was created just for you—and there will never be another one like it. Your astrological sign, which is determined by the date and time you were born, gifted you with unique talents, beauty, strength and challenges. Just as there are billions of stars in the sky, there's only one you in the universe. (As identical twins, we can attest to this!) So we're here to help you be your ultimate best, with the cosmos as your guide.

Let's face it: life isn't always easy. There will be tough times and obstacles to face. Life is full of questions: Who's my best love match? How can I make more money, or find the job of my dreams? When should I get married, take a vacation, start a family, nurture my health? Understanding yourself better makes it easier to answer those questions, and that's where the zodiac can help. So consider this book a roadmap to your soul, an operating manual for your life.

Truth is, you already have everything you need to live the life of your dreams.

It's just about knowing what makes you shine, then polishing that diamond. So whether you're a princess cut or a solitaire, finding the perfect setting is the key to claiming the rich, fulfilling life that's your birthright!



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ALL ABOUT CANCER

Your nurturing nature makes you everyone's favorite confidante.



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What's not to love about a Cancer? You're sensitive, loyal and you always know when your friends need a shoulder to cry on. Cancers are ruled by the ever-changing Moon, which is why you feel so different from one day to the next. Your intuition is strong, and your dreams may be intense, especially around the Full Moon. When you get moody, you need to be comforted, or just left alone. Like a crab, you can cling—or pinch—when you feel threatened. Ouch! To make life easier, surround yourself with comfort: a cozy blanket, a favorite book, trusted pals, and plenty of chocolate. Cancers are close to their moms, so talk to yours when you feel down. You may be like a “mom” to everyone in your life, too, acting protective, sympathetic and nurturing towards everyone you meet. Cancerian women like to nest, so taking care of kids or pets can keep your spirits high.

CANCER

Dates: June 21–July 22

Symbol: The Crab

Color: Silver

Planet: Moon

Good Day: Sensitive, caring, loyal

Bad Day: Moody, gossipy, cheap

CELEBRITY STARMATES

Jessica Simpson

Sofia Vergara

Missy Elliott

Jane Lynch

Fantasia Barrino

Lindsay Lohan

Liv Tyler

Princess Diana

Pamela Anderson

Helen Keller

Courtney Love

M.I.A.

Edie Falco

Gisele Bundchen

Sophia Bush

Ashley Tisdale

Selena Gomez

Li'l Kim

Deborah Harry

Khloe Kardashian



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THE CANCER LOOK

Dress to express the best traits of your sign.

As the sign of the Crab, your clothing is your armor—you need a pretty shell to protect you from the world. Cancer girls love to shop, and since your moods can change on the hour, you might run out on your lunch break to buy a new dress for the second half of the day. Dressing in layers is the key, and always keep a spare pair of shoes in your bag.



Although you can be thrifty, you'll splurge on expensive blazers, designer shoes and other funky finds. You also love upscale vintage, especially hand-selected pieces sold in quaint little consignment shops. As the sign of the motherhood, you can make "grandma gear" sexy in the right measure: crocheted sweaters, flower patterns, long skirts and shawls.

Cancer is a feminine sign, though it may take years before you dress the part. Many Cancers, will hide out in preppy or jockish styles—polo shirts, tweed pants, man-tailored button-downs. Sporty is chic on you, but if you look like you've been shopping in the boys' department, it may be time to infuse some girly touches. The baby-doll or pin-up girl look is especially cute on you, whether you're wearing a lacy white minidress, a puffy-sleeved top, or even a tutu.

Cancers rule the chest, and many of your signmates happily accentuate theirs. At times this can verge into trashy terrain. If you've been blessed with a great pair, you can still play up your décolletage without causing eyes to pop out of people's heads. The more modest Crab-girls do well with scoop-necks, baby tees, blazers paired with camisoles, and long necklaces made of shells or moonstones. Your hair looks great curly and angelic, in a loose bun or with pixie-style bangs.

YOUR STYLE PROFILE

Colors: Silver, pearl white

Focus areas: Chest, stomach

Fabrics: Silk

Best Looks: Scoop-neck shirt, necklace, belt, wrap dress, oxford shirt, silver jewelry, pearls, lace, push-up bra, pouffy sleeves and skirts

Stay Away From: Overly sporty or buttoned-up styles, anything too vampy or masculine in cut, extreme cleavage-baring styles

HOME DECOR

The Cancer home is richly elegant, but never too precious to kick your feet up.



Cancer, home is definitely where your heart is. Creative and romantic, you want a cozy, soothing haven that reflects your innermost self, and honors your nostalgic streak. Because you have such a deep need for security, you'll surround yourself with sentimental objects such as souvenirs, family albums and hand-me-downs. You may eventually accumulate too much, as Cancers tend to cling to cherished possessions.

Cancer is the sign of family, so you'll have lots of framed photos of relatives and friends, many of which you've probably snapped yourself. Since you love food and home entertaining, a large, rustic farm table that seats twenty would be perfect in your kitchen. A thrifty sign, you believe one person's junk is another's treasure. You're not above "dumpster diving," scouring local curbs on trash day for a castoff couch or abandoned bedframe. You'll quickly restore it to better than new condition, creating a beautiful, one-of-a-kind piece.

A true homebody, you find it incredibly hard to leave the house once you're there. With all your artistic flourishes and warmly decorated rooms that reflect your moods, you may have to moti-

vate yourself to leave or else risk isolation. Hosting dinner parties is an excellent antidote, so people come into your shell to experience your amazing hospitality.

One warning: don't overdo it on the grandma touches. Too much lace and ruffle could leave the guys in your life gagging. Use the ultra-femme touches sparingly as a cozy accent to classier pieces. You have a great eye for antiques, especially the clean-lined furniture of the 1940s. Turn the home decorating experience into a treasure hunt. Splurge on custom wallpaper. Silver, pale blue and white give you a peaceful "by the water's edge" feel.



FITNESS & HEALTH

For sensitive Cancer, exercise is both a physical and emotional release.

Body Part Chest, lungs

Health & Fitness Style

A sporty girl at heart, you have a lot of energy to burn and might even work out every day. Exercise, particularly gentle and cooperative modalities, are a great way to work through your moods. You're emotionally affected by just about everything! Yoga, running, rowing, sailing, volleyball—anything that gets you breathing heavily will help you release that pent-up tension. Swimming is also good because you can use your lungs and be in water, which you love. You excel at team sports, especially on an all-women's team, where you can enjoy the camaraderie and family vibes your sign loves.

Food & Eating Habits

Cancer is at home in the kitchen, whether eating or preparing an indulgent feast. You're an emotional eater and your eating habits depend on your mood. When you're depressed, you may lose your appetite; when you're happy, you use food to celebrate or to comfort others. Eating foods that nurture and stabilize you is extremely important, and you can be quite a health nut. You may be a vegetarian from a very young age because you care so



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much about the ethical treatment of animals. You could also be devoted to eating only organic or macrobiotic food. With your natural domesticity, you know how to make those dry ingredients taste delicious, even gourmet.

Keeping That Glow

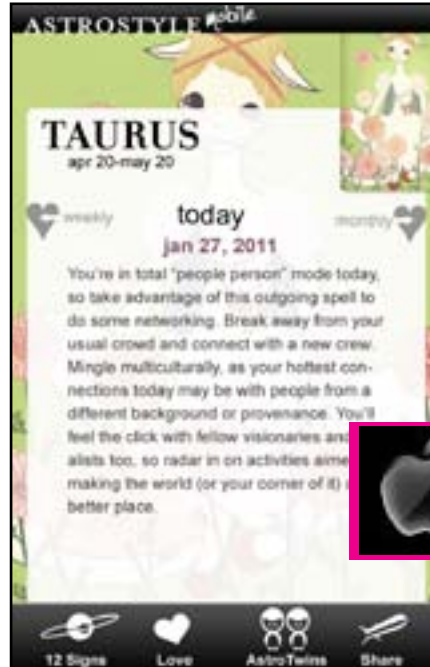
You store up so much emotion that anything that lets you tune in to your body and process your emotions will benefit you. Dip into a spa with a Jacuzzi, since water is always cleansing to you. A walk by the ocean or any body of water does wonders. Take time to breathe, keep a journal or team up with a nurturing workout partner. Therapy or being part of a supportive discussion group keeps your feelings clear and balanced. As a water sign, staying hydrated is the key to your radiance. Keep a pitcher of filtered H₂O by your desk. Cold-pressed juices deliver liquid nutrients straight to your cells, so skip the caffeine fix and opt for a kale-apple-ginger concoction instead.



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CANCER IN LOVE

How do you protect your tender heart without being too hard-shelled?

Cancer is the sign of family and children; the ruler of the heart and all its matters, which you take rather seriously. While your friends are playing the field or ordering their first legal cocktails, you're busy picking names for your future children or mentally configuring what kind of a parent you'll be.

Crabs hang with a tight circle of friends, and you may find your mate within yours. Since you only trust your inner posse, your pals may act as a romantic referral service. A homebody at heart, you just want to cozy up on the couch with your mate—although you love to be taken out, princess style too. You're highly intuitive but equally moody, so your partner needs to respect your emotions.

A sensitive, sometimes insecure creature, you need stability and lots of reassurance—which is why you're strongly attracted to confident, successful types. Cancers can be mama's boys and daddy's girls, and will need a nurturing, trustworthy partner with whom you can build a nest. Although you'll have dozens of crushes, falling in love is serious business to you. Your sensitive nature makes you uncomfortable opening up to just anyone. As a result, in matters of the heart you take a long time to decide if a partner is reliable enough to hear your deepest secrets. Once you do, you're in for the long haul.

Since you're so close to your family, your mate **MUST** get along with your kin or the relationship simply won't work. You live for those cozy, multi-generational Thanksgiving dinners and family vacations. A partner who loves kids and family is just your type.



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Still, you've gotta cut the cord, which many Cancers are reluctant to do. Like a Crab, you can cling, and it takes a long time for you to let go of love.

Cancers should look for the right combination of toughness and tenderness, and a steady partner who is both loyal and sympathetic. Players beware—this sign is looking for security and closeness, not a casual fling. Fortunately, you're not easily fooled by the smooth-talking types. In fact, you can be quite the challenge for prospective mates. Try softening up that tough "crab shell" a little and revealing more of who you are when out on dates. This actually increases your chances of attracting a compatible mate who shares your interests or creative appetite for life.



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MEET YOUR MATCH

How do you gel with the other 12 zodiac signs?

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A cosmic challenge



Pretty divine



Takes work to harmonize



The stars are aligned

You + Aries



The Good. Aries is the zodiac's baby; Cancer rules motherhood. You build a caring, nurturing connection that provides the security you both crave. Star-powered Aries rocks the spotlight, while Cancer is happy to "stagemother" from behind-the-scenes. Your combined creative talents produce the stuff legends and award shows are made of. Since you're both ultra-sensitive, you don't have to explain why you take things so personally sometimes.

The Bad. Aries is a born independent who can't be fenced in by other people's rules and demands. Cancer is family-oriented and will do what's best for everyone involved. If the Crab makes too many sacrifices for the Ram, resentment could build. Both signs can be divas. When you don't get your way, pouting and silent treatments ensue. Aries is a daredevil, which can seriously unsettle play-it-safe Cancer. On-the-go Aries likes to travel light (and often) while Cancer is a homebody and a collector.

You + Taurus



The Good. As a couple, you're the picture of domestic bliss. Both Taurus and Cancer love to hunker down in a beautiful home, nesting and resting at will. Family is uber-important to both signs, and you'd do anything for the ones you love. Cancer is emotionally sensitive which helps pragmatic Taurus tune in to feelings. Steady, loyal Taurus provides Cancer with the stable beat the Crab needs to feel secure.

The Bad. Taurus is blunt and direct which can wound uber-sensitive Cancer. While both signs can be frugal, Taurus will indulge in the finer things in life on a far more frequent basis. Taurus can be stubborn, which causes conflict-avoiding Cancer to over-compromise. Resentment can bubble below the surface until Cancer eventually loses interest or explodes. Also, the relationship can become overly focused on the practical, dulling each other's adventurous streaks.

You + Gemini



The Good. Playful Gemini lightens up Cancer's heavy moods, and awakens the Crab's social side. Nurturing Cancer brings out the softer side of Gemini, and provides a stable home base. Long conversations—about books, music, politics and culture—are an aphrodisiac to both of you. While different, you'll intrigue one another endlessly.

The Bad. Gemini gets uneasy around Cancer's strong emotions, and won't be very patient with the Crab's extended moody spells. When Cancer needs a hug and reassurance, Gemini gives "tough love" instead. Gemini's constant need to be entertained exhausts Cancer, who might find Gemini flighty or shallow at times.

You + Cancer



The Good. Life is sweet and cozy when two Crabs unite. You're both sentimental nurturers who will ply each other with sweet gifts and comfort food. You can create a safe little bubble for two, which is the perfect escape from the harsh outside world. Family and close-friends are the center of your shared universe, and together you are the picture of domestic bliss.

The Bad. Ruled by the ever-changing moon, Cancer's emotions fluctuate on an hour-by-hour basis. When you both get in a bad mood at the same time, look out! Your nurturing natures can turn vicious, and oh how the accusations will fly. That bubble world you form can become isolating too, making you long to escape each other's needy clutches. One of you will have to be the logical one if you want your romance to last.

You + Leo



The Good. Dive into the emotion ocean. No two signs have bigger hearts than you. Together, you'll enjoy the good life—rich food, great music and family time. You're both sentimental and romantic, even if you express it differently. Outgoing Leo pulls shy Cancer out of that crabshell, while Cancer reminds Leo how much fun can be had behind closed doors.

The Bad. Personality clash! When the Lion roars, the Crab will scurry back into her shell. Cancer's need for security could cramp Leo's wild style. Expressive, PDA-loving Leo could overwhelm reserved Cancer who is highly private when it comes to love. Cancer may grow tired of being Leo's fan club president. That's when the passive aggressive games begin, and Cancer will be the clear winner.

You + Virgo



The Good. Cancer and Virgo feel safe in each other's arms. You're both security-minded signs who love family and traditions. Cancer brings a creative energy to Virgo's practical planning. Uber-responsible and hardworking, you will share household duties well. Both signs are foodies, and cooking together is a major turn-on. You may start out as friends before you fall in love, which is perfect since neither sign likes to rush into things.

The Bad. Emotional Cancer is all about intuition and feelings; logical Virgo may be too cool for the Crab. Virgo likes to analyze every feeling with the intensity of Sigmund Freud. Shy, private Cancer squirms under that amount of attention, and may feel controlled by Virgo's rules. In turn, Cancer can be bossy, making Virgo feel smothered. You're both frugal, but your combined penny pinching can cause you to miss out on experiences as a couple.

You + Libra



The Good. Damn you look good together! You're an elegant, creative couple who share a love of fashion, high culture and the arts. Easygoing Libra tempers Cancer's moody spells. Domestic Cancer keeps the home fires burning while social Libra is fluttering about town. You're a naturally affectionate couple. You'll both ply each other with the compliments and feelgood energy you need to feel secure.

The Bad. Cancer is a homebody while Libra is a social butterfly. Libra's outgoing nature can stir up jealousy and possessiveness in the Crab. Getting the relationship off the ground is the hardest part. Cancer is slow to open up while Libra wears his/her heart on his/her sleeve. Libra may deliberate endlessly before committing, causing Cancer to feel insecure and pull away.

You + Scorpio



The Good. A match made in heaven! You two water signs instinctively understand each other. The click will be instant, both physically and intuitively. You both want to settle down with a dependable soulmate, creating a bubble world to escape to. Neither one of you trusts easily, but with each other, you feel a sense of safety and security. You're both foodies and art lovers, and sharing cultural experience will be a hallmark of your union.

The Bad. Few signs are as possessive and jealous as Cancer and Scorpio. If the cloak and dagger vibes creep in, you could get caught up in vicious game playing. Scorpio knows how to push Cancer's buttons, while Cancer can shut down and rankle Scorpio's abandonment issues. Your "just the two of us" vibe could get suffocating after a while. Don't lose touch with the rest of the world, no matter how cozy your connection!

You + Sagittarius



The Good. Cancer and Sagittarius intrigue one another, and there's lots of chemistry bubbling between you. Nurturing Cancer relaxes the wired Archer, and actually gets Sag to sit still. Upbeat, optimistic Sag can shore Cancer out of those moody spells, and inspire Cancer to take a chance on his/her dreams. You both love to eat, and the quickest path to each other's hearts are through your stomachs. With your cynical humor and intuitive observations, you'll turn to each other for advice often.

The Bad. Cancer is reserved and sensitive; Sagittarius is blunt and bold. Your first few encounters could be painfully awkward, especially if Sagittarius is insensitive to Cancer's feelings. Sagittarius doesn't always respect Cancer's need for privacy, and may embarrass the Crab by blurting out secrets. Domestic Cancer wants to build a cozy nest; freedom-loving Sag wants to roam the globe. You may never be in the same time zone long enough to connect.

You + Capricorn



The Good. Opposites attract! Capricorn is the father sign, Cancer is the mother sign and you may feel like long lost family members. Nurturing Cancer brings out serious Capricorn's sentimental side. Stable Capricorn holds it steady when Cancer's emotions run wild. You are great partners for any venture from running a business to parenting kids. This is a stable matchup that can stand the test of time.

The Bad. Cancer's moodiness can send cool-headed Capricorn fleeing for stability. Workaholic Capricorn may spend too much time at the office, neglecting Cancer's emotional needs. Capricorn has a wild streak that clashes with Cancer's need for security, and may have trouble convincing the Crab to join on adventures. When Cancer needs a hug, Capricorn doles out a practical solution. When Cap is upset, Cancer brings chicken soup instead of giving Capricorn space.

You + Aquarius



The Good. Domestic Cancer keeps the home fires burning while social Aquarius collects a fascinating roster of dinner party guests. Good thing you both love to entertain. Cancer rules the emotional realm, and can teach logic-driven Aquarius how to feel more deeply. Lighthearted Aquarius helps the Crab loosen up and laugh off dramas that might have previously taken months to sift through.

The Bad. Cancer needs a lot of reassurance to feel secure, and likes to be babied. Aquarius prefers to be BFFs with a partner and may be too obsessed with plans and ideas to tune in to Cancer's feelings. Jealousy is almost inevitable here. Outgoing Aquarius makes friends with the world, ignoring Cancer's desire for one-on-one time. Cancer's possessiveness clashes with the Aquarian free spirit.

You + Pisces



The Good. You're both deeply intuitive, creative signs with rich imaginations. A shared love of music and the arts bonds you together. Cancer is the organizer, Pisces is the dreamer and you can help each other profit from your combined talents. While you both love a good party, you're homebodies at heart. Poetic Pisces gets Cancer to drop the armor, and oh the fun you'll have behind closed doors! Your sentimental journey together is the stuff legendary love stories are made of.

The Bad. Pisces lives in a fantasy world while Cancer prefers practical magic. Cancer may be left holding the bag (and paying the bills) for Pisces' unrealistic schemes and experiments. Cancer's frugal nature can cramp Pisces' spendy style. Pisces is a freedom-lover at heart and may feel that Cancer is too emotionally needy. You're both moody, but Pisces gloomy spells can last for weeks. Cancer may grow tired of constantly shoring up the Fish.

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DATE PLANNER



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You're a sentimental romantic with a secret wild streak. Your dates must be classy but also exciting. It's a tall order, but that's fine by you. You don't mind waiting around for a gallant suitor to dash in and wow you with his excellent taste and generous spirit. As the zodiac's culture hound, you have your finger on the pulse of the art world. Gallery exhibitions, live concerts, author lectures, the opera and ballet—bonding over highbrow creativity and intellectualism is your passion. It will also help you break the ice on first dates. You're highly private and would rather not reveal anything too personal early on. You can talk for hours, however, about the subversive nature of an indie rock musician's lyrics. Order tickets for events in advance. This gives you something to look forward to and gives you that added measure of security that the date is actually going to happen.

As the zodiac's foodie, your favorite dates often involve sampling the fare at raved about restaurants. You'll happily order the six-course tasting menu and wine by the bottle. A date who enjoys the decadent sensuality of edibles will find you melting to his will. Later in the courtship dance, cooking a meal with your sweetie can be a total aphrodisiac. You're likely a whiz in the kitchen. If not, you'll happily play sous chef to your sweetie and chopping and grinding between Cabernet-soaked kisses. If the vibe is cozy enough, you might just settle in for the weekend. As the zodiac's homebody, you can't wait to get to the nesting phase of the relationship. A night of cuddling on the couch can be sheer bliss.

WHAT TO DO ON A DATE

Go antiquing: Cancers love to treasure hunt for items with historical value

Rent scooters and go for an adventure ride

Party-hop!

Sample cuisine at a fusion or experimental restaurant

Attend a charity event together

Stay in for a romantic evening. Spending cozy one-on-one time appeals to these homebodies too.

Explore the arts: check out a must-see exhibit or theater production

Score tickets to hear the latest up-and-coming band.

BREAKUP RECOVERY

How your sign can move on when the honeymoon is over.

The Breakup Breakdown

Sentimental Cancers hate to say goodbye. Like a true Crab, you cling to your lovers and often won't let go until your claws are forcibly removed. Even if the relationship is so over that it's just a formality, you'll stick it out for the false sense of security. Cancers don't trust easily, hiding their emotions behind a tough outer shell. You hate the idea of starting over, and taking the risk of trusting again. But you can't stay in a sad situation forever. Here's how we suggest you heal your wounds gently.



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BREAKUP BOOKSHELF: A FEW OF OUR GO-TO GUIDES

Mars & Venus Starting Over by John Gray

Radical Forgiveness by Colin Tipping

Making Sense of Men by Alison Armstrong and Roxana Villa

Why Wait? Create Your Soulmate Now! by Frank Polancic

Are You the One for Me? Knowing Who's Right and Avoiding Who's Wrong by Barbara DeAngelis

Calling In The One: Seven Weeks to Attract the Love of Your Life by Katherine Thomas

Heart Healing Tips for Cancer

Call Your Mom.

Cancer rules women and nurturing—the “sacred feminine,” as it were. You need a lot of comfort and emotional reassurance. Your mom, or a maternal person, is the perfect healing source when your heart’s on the mend. One Cancer friend flew her mom from L.A. to NYC every time her relationship hit the rocks. Cancer Jessica Simpson leaned on her family and sister Ashlee post-divorce from Nich Lachey. Spend time with women while you go through this time. Suggestions: volunteer at a women’s shelter, join a women’s support group, or go on an all-girl vacation.

Let go -- literally.

Cancers hold tight to sentimental objects, and this can become unhealthy. Oft in your clutches: jewelry, pictures, ticket stubs, his ratty old T-shirt. If it’s over, bag that stuff up and either trash it or stash it in cold storage. It’s okay to keep a few cherished reminders (or anything valuable enough to hock on eBay, you thrifty little Cancer). Summon the courage to put the rest out on the curb or donate it to charity. Releasing old stuff energetically makes way for the new. (We recommend the space-clearing exercise in the book *Why Wait? Create Your Soulmate Now!*)

Drop the tough-guy act.

Face it, you’re a sensitive soul and everyone knows it. Even if you hide behind a tough facade, you’re a mushball underneath. Self-protectiveness will block you from moving forward. Cry until those tear ducts are empty. Let people know you’re going through a rough time—they’ve been there, too!



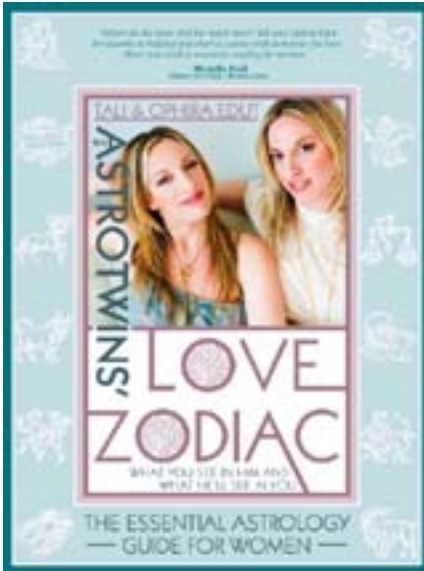
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WEDDING PLANNER

Sentimental Cancer needs a wedding that feels both festive and intimate.

THE SETTING.

Romance, sentiment and tons of meaning are the hallmarks of a Cancer wedding. Write your own vows, read a favorite poem or passage or, if you're shy, let your favorite songs express your true feelings. Big crowds give you the heebie-jeebies, so a well-edited guest list is essential for your comfort. Cancer is symbolized by the Crab, and a small, intimate wedding (family and a few close friends) creates the safety of "being in your shell." Don't worry about offending people—remember that it's your day! Pampering your guests in high style is easier when working with a smaller guest list, too.

You're a water sign, Cancer, so consider a wedding on the beach, in a seaside town, or even on a yacht or a houseboat. Since Cancer rules home and family, your parents' house, a nostalgic childhood vacation spot, or even an historic mansion stir up those homey, heart-warming vibes. Include your family as much as possible. Keep your decor romantic and feminine, using framed family photos as table centerpieces. Or, place generations of family wedding photos on your escort card table.

The Moon rules your sign, so take inspiration with opalescent bone china, decorative silver flatware, and pretty pastel floral arrangements that look like they were picked straight from your garden. You're a foodie, so serve a really special meal that your guests will savor. This is where you'll want to splurge if there's anything left over in the budget! Since you like to cut costs, you might do a buffet and pass lots of mouth-watering appetizers. For tomboyish Cancer girls who hide their sensitive sides, show how much you care by adding special



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touches, great favors, and thoughtful welcome baskets. You'll create an unforgettable experience that leaves your guests feeling totally nurtured in an extra-special way.

THE DRESS.

Cancer is the sign that rules femininity, so choose a romantic, dress. Though there are tomboys aplenty in your ranks, it's all just a tough outer shell hiding your inner sensitivity. Surrender to your inner goddess today! While lace looks over-the-top on some brides, it's often just right on you. Ribbons, pearl buttons down the back, and brocade are also great touches that enhance your feminine side. (Just keep it in proportion so you don't look like a granny!) The body part associated with Cancer is the chest, so show a little décolletage, or go strapless. The bodice of your dress is the main



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feature, so look for something special. You may want to cover up in shy moments, Cancer. A short capelet in sheer lace, or a gown with cap sleeves, can keep you from feeling overexposed. Edgier Cancers may want to get a vintage gown updated, even shortened, by a talented seamstress. Don't feel that you have to wear white! You look great in oyster, ivory, even beige—anything with an antique feel.

THE RING.

You're feminine and romantic, and you look best in a ring that's princess-like but not too showy. Cancer rules antiques, so consider a ring designed in a vintage style. Cancer is the "mother sign," so a family heirloom passed through the generations truly belongs on your finger. Since you're an emotional sign, inscribe the band with favorite passage so you'll get all sentimental when you look at it. Maybe a cushion-cut stone, which features rounded corners and larger facets to increase brilliance on a band with pretty, vintage touches like knife-edge (thick at the base and tapering up to a point) or pavé (multiple small diamonds set close together and held in place by tiny prongs).

THE BRIDAL PARTY

Cancer women treasure their closest childhood friends, and chances are you'll want yours by your side today. You're more likely to want a small bridal party of only a trusted few. Somebody's got to hand you tissues when you ultimately get misty-eyed or weepy! With your Cancerian maternal instinct, you might want to create roles for children in your ceremony. An adorable ring bearer, a cherubic flower girl, even kids wearing angel wings—nothing's too sweet for you when it comes to the little ones. You could even invite young relatives to light a unity candle together.

THE HONEYMOON

For your culture and food-loving sign, there's no place like Paris, the city of romance (and patisseries!). You'll love the art, architecture, decadent desserts, and culture in the City of Lights. If you're on a tighter budget, a surprising alternative is the French-Canadian city of Montreal. The European-style architecture and food are amazing, the locals are friendly, and luxury hotels can be booked for an affordable rate. You're a water sign, so consider a beach vacation where you can sail, scuba dive, swim, and snorkel on your own private strip of beach. Set on the Indian Ocean, it's anything but a tourist trap. You can rent a villa on the beach, or one set above a lagoon. You can even go "under the sea" in a chartered submarine! Cancers also love history, maybe touring the castles of Scotland or Prague, or visiting the pastoral green hills of Ireland. The rainy streets of London might suit your melancholy soul, too. You can cozy up with a cup of tea and a book, or lounge at a friendly pub over beer and while enjoying intelligent, lively conversation with the locals.

BRIDEZILLA ALERT: Mood Swings

As visualist, you crave a picture-perfect wedding. And as an emotional sign, you're quickly sensitive and may take frustrations out on your friends and family. You could sulk when the pastry chef doesn't get the cake right, or if the invitations aren't printed just so. But you may snap so much that by the time the wedding arrives, everyone's cranky with you. Lean on your parents, or even a therapist, through the whole process to keep your stress reactions in check.



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CAREER & LIFE PURPOSE

The office is your home away from home.



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corporate executive
childcare worker
editor/writer
gallery owner
art director
interior designer
women's rights lawyer urban
planner
family therapist
bed and breakfast owner
home-based business owner
organizational strategist
financial planner
assets manager
mortgage broker
day tracker

The Cancer path

Security is Cancer's number-one career goal, and you need a job where you feel safe and at home. You nestle right into your career with the same spirit that you use to create a warm household. You'll cozy up your workspace with personal touches, like a candy bowl, funky artwork or a comfy pillow. For Cancer, what you're doing for a living is important; but WHO you're doing it with can be the real deciding factor. Getting along with your coworkers is essential, as they tend to become "extended family" for you. If you clash with coworkers, your best bet may be to cut and run. Otherwise, you can get mired in emotional drama, or worse yet, office gossip. Why poison your life with misery? Ignore the conventional wisdom that tells you to divide business and personal issues. Taking your heart out of your work would be a loss of your greatest asset. For this reason, Cancers should choose careers that you feel a deep inner connection with.

As the ruler of the zodiac's fourth house of home, family and hospitality, Cancers do well working in the hotel, restaurant and childcare industries. You're the zodiac's mother sign, and you'll nurture everyone who crosses your path. That doesn't mean you're doomed to be Mother Earth for a living, though. You're just highly sensitive, and you'll bring that intuitive touch to everything, whether you work in the arts or at a strict corporate job (both sectors where Cancers thrive).

Penny-wise cancers have a knack for helping people manage their financial assets. Many crabs make excellent money advisors—or may set up a home office and make millions as a private day trader.

Pitfalls to avoid

Crabby crabs. A natural homebody, home-based work also appeals to you. Freelance writing, computer programming—anything you can do in flip-flops and your favorite comfy T-shirt is the perfect gig. Warning: don't isolate yourself so much that you lose touch with the world. Cancers can disappear into their cozy crab-shells, but too much time in there can make you seriously lose perspective. You could get moody and depressed. If that happens, get out and mingle with your fellow human beings! Renting a desk part-time in a coworking space can bring you back to your best.

That said, Cancer, you can just as easily fortress yourself in an office job, too. You may hide behind work or create a little office clique and shun everyone else. Should that happen, push yourself to embrace new opportunities and people outside your comfort zone. You'll always do best when you allow your horizons to expand. Remember, it's safer out there than you think!



YOUR ULTIMATE PURPOSE:

To create a nurturing space where people can relax and feel at home.

MONEY

How to embrace your inner rich girl and keep money in the bank.

Your money management style

Penny pinchers obsessed with security, Cancers can save money better than any other sign. You're always on the lookout for a bargain and although you occasionally indulge yourself on designer clothes and shoes, you're a conservative spender. Cancer can hold on too tightly to money, just like a crab that's unwilling to loosen its grasp, and you can deprive yourself of the comforts you crave. However, you're always prepared for an emergency and extremely resourceful with very little.

YOUR SPENDING HABITS

You're a social spender who enjoys splashing out on comfort, hosting dinner parties or squandering your cash on romantic vintage clothes. A sentimental sign, you're attached to your parents, and will either mirror their money habits or rely on their donations. Or, you may end up financially supporting them. Material security is important to you, and your most important life decisions are always made with monetary benefit in mind.

Favorite splurges

Organic and gourmet food, vintage clothes and furniture, music, art, entertainment, coffee and tea for long talks with friends, home items (great bed-sheets and duvet, dishware, cooking gear), books, journals, photos of your family and friends

How to Attract more Wealth

Conservative with money and obsessed with financial security, you may fail to take risks because you fear a crash. But you actually have incredible intuition. Trust that the world won't fall apart if your investment takes a temporary dip. Because home is so important to your sign, consider investing in real estate. Take a bigger risk than you're comfortable with, since staying in your comfort zone may limit your natural understanding of financial matters.



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TRAVEL

You can be found reading a book at a hole in the wall amongst the locals.

You're a water baby, so the beach is immediately where you head. Renting a cozy shack on the ocean, far from civilization, is your idea of bliss. You're ruled by the moon, which pulls the ocean's tides, so being near water heals and soothes your soul. No organized itinerary for you. You want to sleep in, relax and get lost in a great book.

You'll never step on a big tour bus with a bunch of strangers. You need to travel incognito. Group travel for you means taking a trip with a few close friends who won't make you look stupid, because you're not the "tourist" type. You take the time to learn about the culture wherever you're traveling, and prefer to go somewhere known for great food and culture.

Doing the research in advance helps you find those rare, out-of-the-way spots that are full of authenticity and character. Skip the resort hot spots and drive twenty extra miles to a tiny surf village. Camp under the stars by the ocean's edge, or splurge on a one-of-a-kind luxury hotel in Bali. You also appreciate a great shopping trip, especially when you load up on well-priced antiques and unusual treasures—the rarer the better. Don't stop in Paris or Milan. Instead, take a tour of the textile-maker's shops in India, or hit the open market in Senegal, bargaining your way into an incredible price.



ENTERTAINING

Your kind of party is in your shell with your closest friends.

For you, a party often means gourmet popcorn, your closest friends and the latest DVD—in so many words, a girls' night in. You love to entertain at your place (Cancer rules the home), to create a cozy, intimate vibe and feed everyone treats fresh out of the oven or from your favorite takeout place. You can be thrifty, so you'll probably ask

pals to bring a dish or drink for a potluck dinner. Summertime barbecues are right up your street. Board games, a round of Truth or Dare, even a slumber party at a rented beach house also appeal to you. As the party wears on, you gradually open up so that by the end of the fiesta, you're finally in your element, toasting and hugging everyone, wishing it wasn't over so soon.

You'll go to any party, but you always roll with the same trusted crew of friends. Like a Crab, you like to be encased within the protective shell of your posse—otherwise you tend to be shy, insecure and slow to engage with strangers. Once

you get comfortable, of course, you'll gab their ears off—but first people have to earn your trust, which doesn't happen overnight. When in the safe proximity of a close friend, you're a graceful party guest who shows genuine interest in others and listens with compassion. As the caretaker sign, you love to support a friend who's hosting her own party, and you'll happily help in the kitchen or hang people's coats. Anything that gives you a role helps ease your shyness.



FAMILY DYNAMICS

Warm-fuzzy Cancer is chicken soup for a family's soul.



A warm-fuzzy nurturer, you are chicken soup for your family's soul. Few things make you happier than spending time with your beloved relatives, bonding as a close-knit unit. You count the days between each festive gathering, especially holidays that center around one of your sign's passions: cooking. You may be the family matriarch, your home the central location for all get togethers.

Cancer is the zodiac's "mother sign," and you can be as protective as a mama bear when it comes to your brood. If you have kids, you will be a hands-on mom with PTA creds. You want the best education and opportunities for your kids. Period. It's important, however, that your mothering doesn't turn to smothering. Give them space to develop their own identities, even if their values diverge from your own (which can be hard on you).

As a child, you need your own share of coddling and special attention, or your shell can become hardened. The relationship between a Cancer girl and her mom can affect her deeply. If you didn't get the TLC you needed, finding a mother figure to "adopt" you can help to heal your heart.



Issue to manage: MOODY MARTYRDOM

With your heart of gold, your relatives are no strangers to your acts of generosity. Yet you often exhaust yourself showing how much you care. Then, look out! When you veer into martyr terrain, your mood can crash and swing. The sudden shift can be shocking for your family. One minute you're smiling the next, you're raging. Yikes! To keep those crab claws from pinching, give yourself permission to say no when you're too tired to do your family members yet another favor.





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FRIENDSHIP

On a good day, friendships with Cancers can be warm, healing, and comforting. Sensitive to moods and feelings, Cancers naturally tune in to people's emotions. You like to nurture your loved ones and feel guilty turning your backs on people in pain. In spite of your giving nature, you are quite private when it comes to yourself. In the beginning, you'll know your friends better than they you. However, your sign is not looking for superficial relationships. You want real friends that you can connect with on a deep level. Once you've opened up, Cancers will gather your closest friends into cozy little families.

Don't judge a book by its cover, though. No matter what Cancers show on the surface, there's a lot going on behind the scenes. Ruled by the ever-changing moon, you can be quite moody. Crabbiness will come up and can confuse friends. Usually, these downswings are a result of Cancers holding too many feelings inside. By learning how to be more open and self-accepting, Cancers can create a consistent vibe within your friendships.

Sentimental Cancers like to surround yourselves with photo of loved ones. Whoever makes it to your inner circle will have a constant flashbulb popping in her eyes. It's getting into the picture that's the hard part. Self-protective Cancers do not let people in very easily—and you don't let go easily either.



GIFT GUIDE: THE PERFECT PRESENTS FOR CANCER

High-end kitchen equipment, like a Le Creuset pot or bread maker

Scuba or sailing lessons

iPod with a personalized playlist

Gift certificate to a high-end boutique

Kindle or e-reader

French perfume or chocolate

Dinner at a four star restaurant



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PLANETS & THEIR MEANINGS



How do the planets affect you? Every planet orbits the sun at a different speed, going slower and slower the farther they are from the sun. Each one is said to affect a different part of your personality.

The “inner planets”— the sun, moon, Mercury, Mars and Venus—move quickly through the zodiac. As a result, they affect your day-to-day life, moods and habits.

The “outer planets” — Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Uranus, and Pluto — move slowly, changing signs every 1-12 years. As a result, they shape the bigger trends in your life. In fact, Neptune, Uranus and Pluto orbit the sun so slowly that they’re said to shape entire generations.

Each planet is associated with a zodiac sign, and that sign will exhibit traits of the planet. For example, turbo-charged Aries is ruled by warrior planet Mars. Cheerful Sagittarius is ruled by optimistic Jupiter. If you want to learn more about your sign, look no further than its ruling planet! (P.S. We still look at Pluto as a “real” planet, even though astronomers have diminished its status to “dwarf planet.” Its impact is undeniable in astrology.)

PLANET	AFFECTS	SIGN IT RULES	CHANGES SIGNS
Sun	your basic personality	Leo	every month
Moon	moods & emotions	Cancer	every 2-3 days
Mercury	mind & communication	Gemini, Virgo	every month
Mars	drive & energy	Aries	every 1-2 months (varies)
Venus	love & attraction	Taurus, Libra	every 1-2 months (varies)
Jupiter	luck, growth & wisdom	Sagittarius	every year
Saturn	discipline & challenges	Capricorn	every 3 years
Uranus	change & originality	Aquarius	every 7 years
Neptune	dreams & healing	Pisces	every 10 years
Pluto	power & transformation	Scorpio	every 12+ years

THE 12 HOUSES OF THE ZODIAC



Like a clock, the zodiac is divided into 12 segments, or houses, each one ruled by a different sign. The zodiac begins with the first house, and goes counterclockwise around. Each house is associated with a set of traits, beginning from the self, and expanding outward into society and beyond. At the moment you were born, the planets were all in specific signs and houses. When an astrologer interprets your chart, she blends the meaning of each planet, the house it's in, and the sign it's in, to map the obstacles or gifts you'll face in this lifetime.

When planets visit a house, they light up that part of your chart, and energize that house's traits. Astrologers use the houses to predict which parts of your life will come into focus, and where you can take the best possible action. To learn more about a house, read about the sign that's associated with it.

1ST HOUSE

The first house begins the zodiac, and covers the all “firsts”: first impressions, the self and appearance, leadership, new initiatives, fresh starts and beginnings. The sign on the cusp, or starting edge, of this house, is referred to as your rising sign or ascendant. (Ruled by Aries)

2ND HOUSE

The second house covers all matters related to your immediate material and physical environment—taste, smells, sound, touch, sights. The second house also rules income, money, and self-esteem. (Ruled by Taurus)

3RD HOUSE

The third house rules all forms of communication—talking, thinking, gadgets and devices (cell phones, pagers, Instant Messenger, etc.). The third house also covers siblings, neighborhoods, local travel, libraries, schools, teachers and community affairs. (Ruled by Gemini)

4TH HOUSE

The Cancer-ruled fourth house sits at the very bottom of the zodiac wheel, and thus, rules the “foundation” of all things. This includes your home, privacy, your basic security, your parents (particularly your mother), children, your own mothering abilities, nurturing, and TLC. (Ruled by Cancer)

5TH HOUSE

The fifth house is ruled by dramatic Leo, and it governs self-expression, drama, creativity, color, attention, romance, fun and play. (Ruled by Leo)

6TH HOUSE

The sixth house is the domain of health and service. It rules schedules, organization, routines, fitness, diet and exercise, natural and healthy living, helpfulness and being of service to others. (Ruled by Virgo)

7TH HOUSE

The seventh house is the sector of relationships and other people. It governs all partnerships, both business and personal, and relationship-associated matters, like contracts, marriage, and business deals. (Ruled by Libra)

8TH HOUSE

The eighth house is a mysterious sector that rules birth, death, sex, transformation, mysteries, merged energies, and bonding at the deepest level. The eighth house also rules other people's property and money: real estate, inheritances, investments, et. al. (Ruled by Scorpio)

9TH HOUSE

The ninth house covers the higher mind, expansion, international and long-distance travel, foreign languages, inspiration, optimism, publishing, broadcasting, universities and higher education, luck, risk, adventure, gambling, religion, philosophy, morals and ethics. (Ruled by Sagittarius)

10TH HOUSE

The tenth house is at the very top and most public part of the chart. The tenth house governs structures, corporations, tradition, public image, fame, honors, achievements, awards, boundaries, rules, discipline, authority, fathers and fatherhood. The cusp, or border, of the tenth house is also called the midheaven, and it clues astrologers into your career path. (Ruled by Capricorn)

11TH HOUSE

The eleventh house rules teams, friendships, groups, society, networking, social justice, rebellion, and humanitarian causes. It also rules originality, eccentricity, sudden events, surprises, invention, astronomy, science fiction and all things futuristic. (Ruled by Aquarius)

12TH HOUSE

The zodiac completes with the twelfth and final house, which rules endings. This house covers the final stages of a project, tying up loose ends, completions, the afterlife, old age, and surrender. It's also associated with separation from society, institutions, hospitals, jails, hidden agendas, and secret enemies. And it rules the imagination, creativity, arts, film, dance, poetry, journals, and the subconscious mind. (Ruled by Pisces)

THE ELEMENTS: FIRE, EARTH, AIR & WATER

The twelve zodiac signs are grouped into four “elements”—fire, earth, air and water. Each of these elementary groups has distinct traits. Together, they form the natural world, so each is in some way dependent on the other.

Fire Signs: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

Air Signs: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

Earth Signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

Water Signs: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces

FIRE SIGNS

Like fire itself, fire signs tend to be passionate, dynamic, and temperamental. Fire can keep you warm, or it can do great destruction. While fire burns out quickly without fuel to keep it going, it can also regenerate its power from the ashes. A single spark can set off a forest fire. As a result, fire signs need to be nurtured and managed carefully.

AIR SIGNS

Air signs are all about action, ideas, and motion—they are the “winds of change.” When a strong gust hits you, you can’t help but move. While some within their ranks may be true-life “airheads,” others are as powerful as a gravity-defying G-force. Air signs bring everyone a breath of fresh air when things start to get stale. Like the breeze, you can’t quite catch them, and you never know where they’ll drop you once they sweep you up. It will almost always be an adventure, though.

EARTH SIGNS

Earth signs keep it real. They are the “grounded” people on the planet, the ones who bring us down to earth and remind us to start with a solid foundation. Slow and steady, these “builders” are loyal and stable, and stick by their people through hard times. On good days, they’re practical; at worst, they can be materialistic or too focused on the surface of things to dig into the depths.

WATER SIGNS

Intuitive, emotional and ultra-sensitive, water signs can be as mysterious as the ocean itself. Like water, they can be refreshing, or they can drown you in their depths. These signs often have intense dreams and borderline-psychic intuition. Security is important to them—after all, water needs a container, or it dries up and disappears.

MOON & RISING SIGNS

There's more to your chart than your Sun sign—much more. At the moment you were born, each planet was in a specific sign at a specific degree. Your moon and rising sign are two of your chart's key features. Along with your sun sign, these two star players can tell a lot about your personality.

YOUR MOON SIGN

Your moon sign (where the moon was when you were born) shapes your emotions and your soul. It colors all the subconscious stuff going on below the surface—your deepest needs, and what helps you feel emotionally secure. Your moon sign can also influence how strongly your sun sign is expressed. For example, if you're a fiery Aries with a mellow Taurus moon, your aggressive nature may be toned down by the steady Taurus influence. Or, if you're a watery Scorpio with a watery Pisces moon, you could be extra emotional and intuitive, since these are the traits of water signs. Want to find your true soulmates? Check out your moon sign and theirs. Chances are, your moons are in compatible signs, or your sun and moon are in similar signs.

YOUR RISING SIGN

Your rising sign, also called your ascendant, is the sign that was rising over the eastern horizon when you were born. It can affect your appearance, your attitude, and the way you come across to others. For example, a conservative Capricorn with a Leo rising can appear to have some Leo-like features—s/he may have wild hair, an outgoing personality, and a more expressive style than the average Capricorn. If people always peg you for a sign other than your own, don't be surprised to discover that it's actually your rising sign.

How do you calculate your moon and rising signs? The moon moves into a different sign every 2-3 days, and the rising sign changes every two hours. You'll need to check moon sign and rising sign tables to determine yours. Visit our site at www.astrostyle.com, where you can do a free natal chart.

COSMIC EVENTS TO WATCH

NEW MOONS & FULL MOONS

Following moon cycles can be a great way to set goals and reap their benefits. Astrologers believe that our energy begins to build at the new moon, then peaks two weeks later at the full moon. New moons mark beginnings, and are the perfect time to kick off any new project or idea. Full moons are times for completions, creative outpourings, and harvesting. They're also your cue to cash in on anything you started at the new moon. Wrap up your success over the next two weeks as the moon dwindles, then begin the cycle all over again. In many cultures, farmers have planted by the new moon and harvested by the full moon.

ECLIPSES

Eclipses happen 2-3 times a year, bringing sudden changes and turning points to our lives. If you've been sitting on the fence about an issue, the eclipse will knock you off and force you to face the facts. Truths and secrets will rise to the surface. Things that aren't "meant to be" will be taken away. There are two types of eclipses—solar and lunar. Lunar eclipses happen when the earth passes directly between the sun and moon, cutting off their communication. A solar eclipse takes place when the new moon passes between the sun and the earth, shadowing the sun. The effect is similar to a spiritual power outage—it either makes you feel a little off-center, or makes your mind crystal clear. Expect the unexpected, and wait for the dust to settle before you act on any eclipse-fueled impulses.

RETROGRADES

You know those times when everything goes haywire, and you can't figure out why? A planet could be retrograde—meaning that from earth, it appears to be spinning backward. While this is just an optical illusion, it feels like an astrological reality! The areas that a retrograde planet rules may become weak or out of wack, causing chaos to erupt during this backspin.

Two major retrogrades to watch are Mercury and Venus. Mercury, planet of communication, transportation and technology, goes retrograde for three weeks about three times a year. Arguments and misunderstandings rage, plans fall apart, cars break down, and computers crash suddenly. Back up your digital files beforehand, postpone any deals, and plan to be explain yourself a few extra times. Love-planet Venus goes retrograde about once a year, and causes relationship craziness. Astrologers advise against proposals, weddings, and any major relationship moves during this 4-6 week period.

So what's good about retrogrades? The prefix re-means to go back—and retrogrades are a time to polish up projects already in the works, or to dig up ones you've set aside. Old friends and past issues can resurface, giving you a chance to reconnect or revise. This can be a useful time to resolve any arguments, revisit old ideas, research an idea or renew a commitment. Tighten up your routine during these periods, and you'll be ready to rock when the retrograde planet returns to "direct" (or forward) motion.



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12-MONTH PLANETARY PLANNER



january	relationships
february	get married
march	vacation
april	career & achievement
may	friends & networking
june	finish everything

july	start something new
august	money
september	communicate
october	family
november	flirting
december	get in shape

1 january relationships get serious

Happy half-birthday! You're midway through your astrological year now, and the planets shift your focus to relationships and other people. Committed partnerships, both personal and professional, are highlighted. If you've longed to get serious with that special someone, now is a great time. If you and a close person have been having trouble understanding each other's perspectives, you may finally see the light. Contract signings go well. If you're getting married, this is the month to say "I do!"

2 february it's in the details

How deep are your bonds with people? You'll find out this month, as the planets bring out your most intimate side. You feel passionate, driven, even mystical—your life could feel like a spicy novel! At times, you or someone around you may

seem a bit secretive. Solve the mystery. The stars also focus on joint resources and large amounts of money. Real estate, income taxes, investments, inheritances, and credit cards are all highlighted. Pay off debts, write a living will, invest in property. Research everything thoroughly, as your mind is sharp. Pay attention to every detail!

3 march vacation & inspiration

After an intense month, you're ready for a vacation! The stars light up your sector of long-distance travel now, beckoning you to pack your bags and head for distant shores. Book a getaway outside city limits, even if it's just a long weekend. If you can't leave town, expand your horizons by attending an inspiring class, lecture or workshop. Higher education is featured now, so apply to schools or for scholarships. Step outside your comfort zone at every opportunity. Explore another culture. Avoid petty squabbles. Enjoy inspiring, soul-searching conversations.





4 april career

Career, achievement and ambition are all featured now. Keep your eye on your goals and aim for them! People relate to you as a natural leader now, so take charge and step boldly into what you want. If you haven't commanded the respect you deserve, ask for it. If you're looking for fame, this is the month to put yourself directly in the spotlight. You could be honored and noticed for all your hard work. Acknowledge yourself for how far you've come!

5 may networking

There's strength in numbers, and the planets urge you to team up now. What better way to get your message out there than with a fun and lively crew? If career is your passion, join a networking group or attend a professional group meeting. If you're looking to expand your circle of friends, try a book club, co-ed singles group, or an intramural sports team. Reconnect with old friends by hosting a party or reunion. Humanitarian efforts are also featured this month, so volunteer for a worthy cause. Get out and mingle!

6 june handle your business

Yawn! The Sun completes the last leg of its journey around your zodiac wheel, making you a little sleepy. Hold off on anything new and instead, think completion. Finish any lingering loose ends. You'll

want a clean slate next month, when your personal New Year begins! Return phone calls, donate old clothes to charity, and resolve any conflicts. Get plenty of rest, and pour out your feelings in a journal or creative work. Your dreams are full of vivid messages, and your healing powers are strong. Consider volunteering at a hospital or with the elderly.

7 july it's all about you

Make a fresh start! As the Sun enters your sign, you kick off your personal New Year. Think new! This is the time to launch projects, debut a new image, and take on a leading role. It's all about you now. Don't let demanding types take away from your "me" time. Say yes only to offers that take your dreams to the next level. Express yourself in a big way—be bold and fearless. You have the stage and the world is listening!

8 august money & makeovers

Last month was all about getting in touch with the person you've become. Now, it's time to build an environment—and an income—that reflect the new you. Treat yourself to a makeover. Stock your fridge with gourmet groceries. Add a few fabulous pieces to your wardrobe, or pick up a beautiful vase or bed cover. Money is highlighted now. Are you earning what you're worth? Is it time for a new job or a raise? Does your budget allow you to both splurge and save for your dreams? A financial advisor or smart money manager can help now.

9 september communicate

Communication is this month's theme. If you haven't expressed what's on your mind, do it now! Send off emails, return calls, write letters, reach out to old friends. It's a great month for writers, too. Your mind bubbles with ideas, so jot them down in a notebook. This month rules siblings and friends, so make time to connect with yours. Short trips and your neighborhood are also featured. Organize a block party. Explore your favorite local haunts or discover new ones. Grab a pal for a bike ride or power-walk, and enjoy an inspiring talk.

10 october family matters

Home and family are where it's at now. Cozy up your household—add fluffy towels, scented soaps, soft sheets and fresh flowers. Don't overdo on parties. Instead, opt for home-cooked meals, a good book and your favorite DVD. Your energy is low-key now, so book some private time. Spend quality time with your parents and cherished family members, or send them a thoughtful card. Female energy and femininity are strong now. Surround yourself with comforting, inspiring women. Get in touch with the powerful woman that you are!



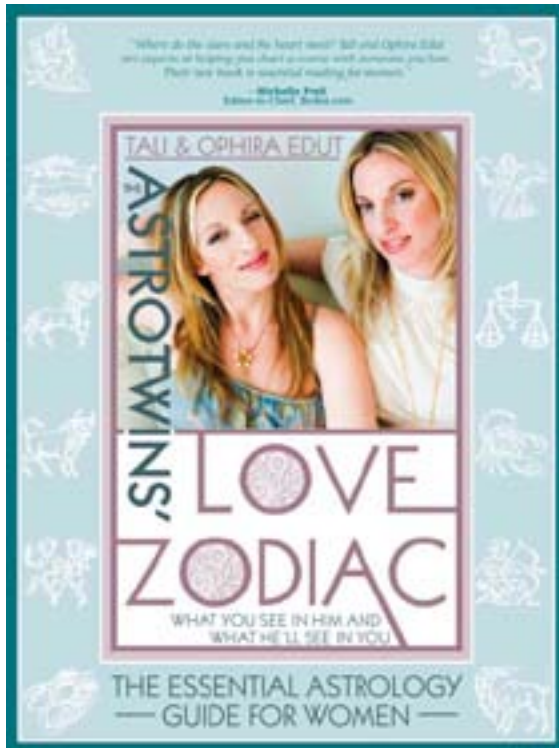
11 november romance & fun

Fun, fun, fun! Your energy turns light and playful now. The planets favor romance, and creativity this month. If you're single, this is your month to get out and flirt! If you're in a relationship, bring the magic back with lighthearted dates. Grab your sweetie and head to a fiesta. Dive into a creative project, and let your inner artist emerge. Children are highlighted. If you want to get pregnant, the stars are on your side. Spending time with young people can restore your own childlike wonder.

12 december get fit & organized

After an indulgent month, it's time to get organized. The planets morph you from party girl into the Queen of Clean. Sort out your calendar, projects and workspace. Attack the clutter and get your life back on track. This month's energy also sends you on a health kick. Hit the gym, walk around the neighborhood, buy a yoga or Pilates DVD. Pick up some fresh, organic groceries and prepare a healthy meal. Bring your eating and life back into balance.

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