

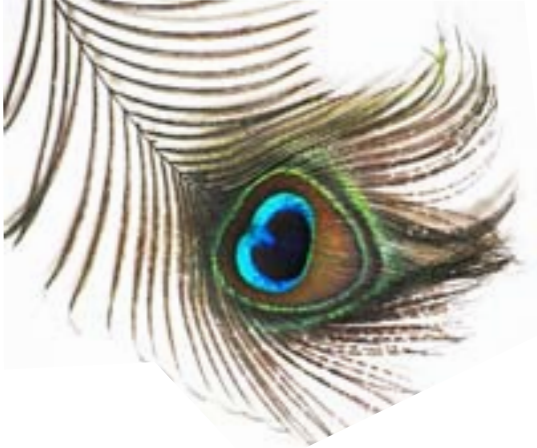


THE COMPLETE BOOK OF TAURUS



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

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DEAR TAURUS,

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 TAURUS

You're a creature of comfort with the eye of an artiste. Yes, this can get expensive.



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Like a bull, Taurus has two speeds: either totally relaxed, or charging headfirst towards its target. You prefer to keep the peace, but when you're pushed past your limit, watch out! Underneath it all you just want to be comfortable, surrounded by the best of everything: delicious food, beautiful music, and warmhearted, thoughtful people. You're both sensual and self-indulgent. You stick to your opinions, and won't change unless there's good reason. Stability, security and perseverance are extremely important to you. You can be stubborn, but you're also loyal, dependable and determined. Just be careful not to stay forever stuck in the safety zone. Take a chance occasionally, because change and risk can make life more interesting. Too much familiarity may severely limit your options. Branch out, but stay true to you!

TAURUS

Dates: April 20–May 20

Symbol: The Bull

Color: Green

Ruling Planet: Venus, the planet of beauty and love

Good Day: Patient, organized, loyal

Bad Day: Stubborn, lazy, stuck

CELEBRITY STARMATES

Jessica Alba

Renee Zelwegger

Adele

Janet Jackson

Penelope Cruz

Rosario Dawson

Uma Thurman

Kelly Clarkson

Donatella Versace

Cher

Cate Blanchett

Michelle Pfeiffer

Carmen Electra

Florence Nightingale

Audrey Hepburn

Lilly Allen

Miranda Cosgrove

Diana Agron

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THE TAURUS LOOK

Dress to express the best traits of your sign.

Classy Taurus is the picture of style and sophistication. Ruled by tasteful, beauty-conscious Venus, you think of your clothes as investments and may have an impressive collection of classic designer pieces hanging in your overstuffed closet.

Although you're willing to spend a pretty penny, you have your frugal moments too. Those cheap, synthetic fabrics won't last long among your racks of cashmere, wool, and silk. Use your thrifty instincts to treasure-hunt at sample sales, consignment shops and designer outlets. You love to shop in tasteful, one-of-a-kind boutiques.



Taurus rules the neck and throat, so accent yours with generous turtlenecks, shirts with unique necklines, chokers, scarves and a haircut that frames your jawline. You look great in black and white, and in rich, earthy colors like plum, teal, olive, chocolate brown and pumpkin orange.

You're business-oriented so you'll need to have a few feminine-cut powersuits in rotation. Stock up on wool and linen pants and skirts in various lengths. If you wear jeans, invest in designer denim and pair with colorful heels and a great sweater or strappy tank top. On a sporty day, tenniswear suits your style...and you'll keep yours crisp and white to the point of OCD fixation.

On days that you feel fierce, borrow styles from the biker babes. You look great in leather, or clothes embellished with buckles and intricate straps and studs. Learn how to do a smoky eye and experiment with darker shades of lipstick like plum and crimson. Red—the color that makes a Bull charge—is one of your favorite hues to accessorize with, from your Kate Spade wallet to the heels of your Loutoutins.

YOUR STYLE PROFILE

Colors: Black, chocolate brown, red

Focus areas: Neck, throat

Fabrics: Wool

Best Looks: Wool and linen suits, turtleneck sweaters, knee-high boots, colorful heels, spaghetti strap dresses and tanks, studded and red leather accessories, tennis whites

Stay Away From: Neon bright colors, wild patterns, synthetic fabrics, most sportswear, puffy or overly girly skirts and shirts

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HOME DECOR

The Taurus home is a perfectly elegant chillspace. Overstuffed bed a must.



Taurus is ruled by sensual Venus, which gives you a natural talent for decorating. You're deeply sensitive to your home environment and need to live in a comfortable, gorgeous space. Every detail counts for you, and you'll invest in the best of everything.

Taurus rules material objects and the arts. You love beautiful things, and your home is a canvas for expressing your natural flair. You're elegant without being too stuffy, though your tastes naturally have a formal or "bourgeois" flavor to them. You have a skilled eye when it comes to art and may even own a few original works. Persian rugs, paintings, deep leather sofas and artfully-framed photographs suit your liking. It's all about relaxing in elegance.

To Taurus, comfort is as important as style. For you, home is synonymous with lounging. Because you definitely need lots of rest, your bed is one of the most important fixtures in your pad. We're talking 600 thread-count sheets, down pillows and a solid mahogany frame—all crucial for indulging your ability to sleep soundly for thirteen hours straight.



You make a great cook once you learn your way around the kitchen, but you make an even better host. When people come to visit, your well-stocked cupboard, home theater, impressive cache of fine wines and comfy furniture, along with your gentle charm, will make them feel like staying for hours—if not for days. That's just how you like it. Your home is a showcase for your fine taste, and you love to entertain your guests in style.



FITNESS & HEALTH

Beauty loving Taurus, find a spa-like space to work out in. Steamroom a must.

Body Part

Neck, throat, shoulders

Health & Fitness Style

Tauruses are built to last. You're a rock-solid brick house, even when you're on the thin side. Your energy is heavy, like a sitting bull, and can get "stuck," so it's important to move around regularly and often. You get lazy fast, making it hard to motivate yourself once you've decided to unwind.

Because beauty appeals to you, join a spa-like gym with a steam room and expensive shampoo in the showers. Or, since you're an earth sign, try brisk exercise outdoors. Field hockey, soccer, volleyball or a ferocious, full-contact sport lets you release your fierce, athletic nature and pour out any pent-up energy.

Food & Eating Habits

Tauruses love rich, hearty meals that are comforting. You're a meat-and-potatoes kind of girl, unless you're vegetarian, of course—Tauruses have strong principles and live by them faithfully. With an acute sense of smell and taste, you're prone to putting on weight, but you actually make an excellent cook. Because your presentation skills are so savvy, food fares no different, and you serve attractive meals. If you avoid the kitchen altogether, you'll dine in the best restaurants, quickly befriending the waitstaff and the chef, and solidifying access to the best table in the house.



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Keeping That Glow

Your ruler Venus is the goddess of beauty, so you need no encouragement to pamper yourself. Try facials, manicures, massage or any bodywork that engages your five senses. Because you rule the throat, your tensions may pool there, so a good way to release the energy is by singing or shouting. Rent a private karaoke room, or blast your stereo and sing at the top of your lungs. If you live in the country, drive out to a remote place and try some primal screaming. Try yogic chanting too, to harmonize your chakras.

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TAURUS IN LOVE

You want love that lasts a lifetime, so how do you get through the dating game?

You're an old-fashioned type when it comes to love, a complex combo of toughness and sensitivity. To the outside world, you may appear completely composed, but inside, you're a hopeless romantic looking for that "love of a lifetime." Your needs are basic: you want a stable, loyal partner who's affectionate and classy. Why, then, does it seem so hard to find?

For one thing, Taurus hates change, and that's why you don't just throw yourself into relationships. Once you're in, you're in. Predictability may bore some, but for you, it simply provides a canvas on which you create a lovely twosome.

Taurus is not a "player" sign. When a possessive Taurus finds her match, she plays for keeps. Sure, you've got no shortage of dates and admirers.

Ruled by beauty-planet Venus, attractive Taurus is easy on the eyes. You love romantic trappings like fine restaurants, flowers, and gourmet chocolates, and will happily accept these gifts without falling in love. Nonetheless, it takes a long time for you to give away your heart--and only the strong will survive the wait!

Wise Tauruses learn to hold out for the very best. In your world, that means someone with class, taste, good manners and style: someone who keeps the peace, but won't get crushed by your natural strength. Although you hate drama, you also need a mate who brings his/her own spirit and flavor to the mix. Just because you like stability, doesn't mean you're boring. The right person for you will get this. Your public image is important to you, so your partner must never embarrass you in a social setting, or it's curtains for that relationship.



Although you've got a soft spot for your sweetie and offer great generosity, you've got your limits. Anyone who takes you for granted or crosses your boundaries will have a charging Bull to deal with! Your mates quickly learn that kindness does NOT equal weakness. Underneath that charm is a man or woman of steel!

The driving force of your sign is loyalty, comfort and persistence. For you, a relationship is like a project, and you'll remain attentive, self-sacrificing and caring toward your partner. There's no stopping you when it comes to getting—and keeping—what you want. Dependable and reliable, you need to be needed. You're quick to offer your help when your mate is behind on errands or needs a hand with a practical matter. Be careful, however, or you could go from queen to royal subject in his eyes. Being taken for granted is a common complaint among Tauruses. Sometimes, your helpful nature can just be too ever-present. You have to work at keeping the dynamic tension alive in relationships by remaining committed to and passionate about your own life. Abandonment issues are a Taurus Achilles heel, and you may fear that your partner will leave you if you say no to a request or aren't always around. You must test the waters or you will never feel secure. If someone is going to leave you for having your own life, then he's not "The One" for you anyway!

You have a strong nesting instinct, and creating a comfortable home with your mate tops your list of fantasies. Ruled by Venus, you're incredibly sensual. Touching, holding hands, and kissing are an all-night affair for you. Your sign loves to be pampered, so save your money for spa treatments that make you feel relaxed and beautiful. Couples massages are a big turn-on for you. Indulging in anything luxurious with your love by your side gives you a serious case of the warm-fuzzies.



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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. The Bull and the Ram make an energetic matchup. Lively, innovative Aries brings the creative vision, while practical Taurus creates a plan to make these wild ideas come true. You're both passionate people, although you express it in different ways. Aries likes to be in constant movement, while Taurus keeps a stable beat and makes sure the home fires are burning. Aries likes to be spoiled by a mate, while Taurus loves to spoil. There's a fairy tale quality to your union, which can quickly take off at a galloping pace that leads you both straight down the aisle.

The Bad. Temper, temper. You're both prone to bursts of anger. Aries' fuse is shorter and burns quicker, but when Taurus sees red, s/he can do serious damage. While Taurus is happy to help, Aries can take advantage of the Bull's kindness, shafting Taurus with the grunt work. Go-getter Aries may feel slowed by Taurus' plodding pace and adherence to structure, order, and rules. Taurus is family-oriented, while Aries is a true independent. Aries may run for the hills after one too many a Sunday dinner or cozy night by the fireplace—a couple of Taurus' favorite things.

You + Taurus



The Good. Taurus plus Taurus is a union that's built to last. You're both traditionalists at heart, who are looking to settle down and create a happy family together. Ruled by beauty-loving Venus, you're both pragmatic and creative, which a harmonious balance. You'll bring home the bacon, and use it to make a gourmet quiche. You both love the good life, easygoing vibes, and a relaxed environment. Your low-key connection is the safe harbor the Bull can rest peacefully in.

The Bad. The mellow vibes can turn this relationship into a total snoozefest. While it's great to be comfortable, you two can get downright indulgent and lazy together, which is a buzzkill to ambition. Although you won't provoke each other's tempers often, when you do, look out! Those bullhorns can do some major damage. You're both know-it-alls and your blunt observations can hurt one another's feelings. In your attempts to project manage each other's lives, the bossy vibes can get smothering.

You + Gemini



The Good. You have little in common, but that's what makes this relationship so intriguing. Serious, traditional Taurus stabilizes scattered, unconventional Gemini, while lighthearted Gemini brings fun and liveliness to Taurus's goal-oriented world. You'll work hard and play hard together and can turn any creative idea into a moneymaking venture. Gemini's active social style brings Taurus out of that introverted cave. Taurus' domestic streak creates a healthy home base for Gemini.

The Bad. Traditional Taurus is in for the long haul, and is looking for someone to put a ring on it. Flirty, indecisive Gemini wants to play the field for as long as possible. Taurus's consistency may bore Gemini, who needs constant variety. Gemini's ever-changing moods could throw Taurus way off center, never allowing the Bull to feel fully secure. Your family values may clash, as Taurus is an unconditional loyalist while Gemini tends to stir up gossip and in-fighting when s/he feels wronged by relatives.

You + Cancer



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 + Leo



The Good. Both signs adore romance, beauty and luxury, and your relationship may feel like a fairy tale come true. This whirlwind affair brings out your passionate natures and together you'll surely live it up. Your powerful energy blends into a magnetic attraction and the affection and chemistry will be off the charts. You're both generous with gifts and will spoil each other endlessly.

The Bad. Who's the boss? Answering that could turn into a battle of the wills. Steady Taurus could be a little too "normal" for fiery Leo. Leo's constant drama could upset the mellow Taurus flow. All that "eat, drink, and make merry" energy can hit you hard in the wallet, not to mention the gullet. As bank balances drop and weight goes up, you may struggle to bring healthy structures into your union.

You + Virgo



The Good. Romance happens easily and naturally between you two compatible Earth signs. Elegant Taurus brings pleasure and tasteful luxury to Virgo's practical world. Virgo tempers Taurus' hedonism and makes sure there's money left over in the bank to pay the bills. You're both family-oriented and value friendships that stand the test of time. As parents, you can provide a stable home to your kids.

The Bad. Yawn! You're both so steady and predictable that things might get a little dull. Both Taurus and Virgo are natural project managers, but when you try to play fixer-upper for each other's lives, you may both feel controlled and criticized. Money matters could cause tension, too: Frugal, fussy Virgo may clash with indulgent, luxury-loving Taurus. Virgo is passive-aggressive; Taurus is just plain aggressive so dealing with conflict can be trying.

You + Libra



The Good. It's a fairy-tale come true when you two Venus-ruled signs unite. Art, music, fashion, gourmet food—you'll spare no expense with the wining and dining. Practical Taurus will be the one to take off the rose-colored glasses from time to time and make sure all the bills are paid. Peacekeeping Libra will soothe the Bull's temper and can placate friends and family who may be offended by Taurus' bluntness. Libra lightens Taurus' stern mood, steady Taurus balances Libra's scales.

The Bad. Taurus wants to mate for life. Light-hearted Libra can be tough to pin down, which triggers Taurus' abandonment issues. Taurus charges after goals like a bull, which can offend gentle Libra's sensibilities. Taurus finds Libra's inability to make decisions endlessly frustrating. Libra feels controlled by Taurus' insistence on planning. Taurus arrives early, Libra fashionably late—your different sense of timing can cause major blowups.

You + Scorpio



The Good. You two opposite signs are drawn to each other like magnets. Earthy Taurus calms those stormy Scorpio emotions, while Scorpio brings the passion that Taurus desires. You're both long-term commitment types and can create a beautiful home and family together. Taurus' communication style is honest and pure, which allows suspicious Scorpio to relax and trust. Scorpio knows how to stir up the intrigue, which can pull practical Taurus out of a dull rut.

The Bad. Jealousy alert! No two signs are more possessive than Taurus and Scorpio, and you both suffer from abandonment issues. It's great to make each other feel secure, but the rules could get too rigid for either of you. There's also a tendency to control one another in this match-up. Give each other some room to breathe, and explore your independent interests; otherwise, one of you may make a sudden jailbreak.

You + Sagittarius



The Good. You're both driven, goal-oriented go-getters, and when you team up, you can move mountains. The Bull brings the structure and practical planning; the visionary Archer makes sure you're aiming your arrows towards the highest possible goal. Whether you're throwing a party or starting a family, anything you do will be colorful and exciting—and no detail will be spared. While your approaches to life are different, freethinking Sagittarius lightens up old-fashioned Taurus, and the Bull refines Sag's taste and style.

The Bad. These know-it-all signs will clash on many issues. Sag's blunt remarks and lack of etiquette can offend the Taurus sense of propriety, but the Bull can be tactless too. Taurus's traditional values could stifle the bohemian Archer. Sagittarius is a world-traveler who doesn't like to stay in one place for too long. Grounded, homebody Taurus is prone to abandonment issues, which are triggered by Sagittarius' erratic journeys. Sag may feel pinned down by Taurus' possessiveness and rigid plans.

You + Capricorn



The Good. You're the envy of society, a picture perfect couple. Beauty-loving Taurus brings the chic glamour to your union, and will act as social planner and project manager. Ambitious, moneymaking Capricorn provides the budget for all that luxury. While you're both practical, you have a shared love of material things and status symbols. Family is important to both of you, and you bring out one another's traditional streaks.

The Bad. Capricorn always has the game face on, while Taurus can be coarse and abrupt in social situations. This embarrasses Capricorn—a big no-no for the zodiac's Goat. Taurus likes to vent emotions quickly and has a bit of a temper. Capricorn can repress feelings for an eternity, leaving Taurus in the dark. Taurus' blunt observations can wound perfectionist Capricorn who has a habit of beating him/herself up.

You + Aquarius 🐾

The Good. Earthy sensual Taurus and cool, logical Aquarius have a lot to learn from each other. If you were in a band, Taurus would keep the beat on bass or drums, while Aquarius would be the vibrant lead singer. Both signs love a good party. Social Aquarius will fill the guest list with a wild group of friends while Taurus makes sure everyone's plate is full and glass is refreshed. You're both excellent project managers.

The Bad. Rebel Aquarius bores easily, while traditional Taurus likes things to stay exactly as they are. Aquarius' popularity can stir up jealousy in the Bull who needs more coddling and one-on-one time. Taurus' slow-moving style can frustrate Aquarius. Both signs are family-oriented, although you define "family" differently. For Aquarius, sharing DNA is not a prerequisite, while Taurus likes a small, close-knit circle.

You + Pisces 🐾🐾🐾🐾

The Good. Poetic Pisces and luxury-loving Taurus can create a dreamy fantasy world together. You'll spoil each other with expensive or handmade gifts, love letters, and fantasy dates, making your romance feel like an extended fairy tale. Communication flows easily between you, making for spicy pillow talk. You are both lovers of the leisurely life, so chillaxing on the couch can become a favorite pastime.

The Bad. Taurus comes on strong while Pisces needs a certain amount of space and solitude. People-pleasing Pisces hates to say no and makes plenty of promises that s/he doesn't keep. This enrages straightforward Taurus who keeps a strict schedule and wants to make definitive plans. Taurus craves material security. With money, Pisces burns it as fast as s/he earns it. In conflicts, Taurus' aggressive style can send the tender Fish swimming to safety.

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DATE PLANNER



Low-rent players, step to the left. Taurus is the sign that appreciates life's finer things and sophisticated dates are the way to your heart. Bottom line: it's all about quality for you. You require a companion who can find his way around a wine cellar, cigar bar, and upscale steak house. You might be a meat and potatoes gal, but you need a dry-aged Porterhouse, not a brewpub burger.

A classic romantic, you love to dress up and be seen among The Beautiful People. Rushing through a date is something your sign hates. You'd rather linger for hours in an elegant restaurant discussing art, politics, business, music, any subject you feel passionate (and highly opinionated) about. A comfortable setting is a must. Even if you're more into dive bars than wine bars, you'll still want to kick back on a stool and pontificate.

Not that a little action should be ruled out. You'll do anything that makes you look good. If you're a dancer, meet at a posh tango club. Don't worry if your date doesn't know the steps. You're an excellent instructor and will be happy to teach you sweetie some moves. You love music, and scoring tickets to a hard-to-get-into show is a dream date come true. A walk through an art gallery will surely stimulate conversations.

Taurus is an earth sign, so an outdoor date is fine as long as it doesn't require anyone to get too dirty. A gourmet picnic or architectural tour of homes will do the trick. You love sensuality and affection. Strolling hand-in-hand through a food fair or gentle hiking trail can be pure bliss.

WHAT TO DO ON A DATE

Dress up and head to an elegant restaurant where you can show you off your date while spouting your opinions in an audible tone

Score tickets to an in-demand show. Make sure you get the best seats!

If you're a good dancer, teach your date some moves

Plan an elegant picnic with gourmet foods and a nice blanket to sit on

Stroll through a park

Go to brunch at a French restaurant

Meander through an art gallery, then discuss the exhibits over dessert and latte

Ride motorcycles through the countryside

BREAKUP RECOVERY

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

The Breakup Breakdown

Sweet, romantic Tauruses hate change, and you can't stand switching partners. You see every relationship as an investment, and you expect a return on yours. As a result, your sign takes breakups very hard, and you dwell on them even when you've moved on to a new mate.

Taking space to heal is one thing, but getting stuck is another. Taurus, you must be extremely careful not to end up spinning your wheels. When romance doesn't go according to your plan, it's easy for you to grow bitter, endlessly rehashing all the energy you "wasted" on your ex. Like an angry bull, you grow more and more agitated until you're a ticking timebomb, ready to explode with rage.

Not only can this be frightening, it's also unnecessary. We know that change is hard, especially for a creature of habit like you. Try these simple steps to introduce positive change gently, and get back on track.



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

Heart Healing Tips for Taurus

CHANGE YOUR DAILY ENVIRONMENT.

Taurus rules everyday life and material objects, so the things you surround yourself with are key to your healing. Repaint your walls, put new music on your iPod (stop replaying that mix tape your ex made!), buy a scented candle, remodel your bedroom. Your senses hold memory. To stop triggering painful thoughts, stimulate your senses with something new.

CREATE NEW HABITS.

Everything becomes a habit for Taurus if done enough times. Thus, it's hard to tell if you miss your ex, or if you were just "used to" him. While sameness bores others, you love to come home to a comforting routine. Taurus craves stability. Push yourself to create new routines and habits that provide the same security your ex did.

CHECK YOUR SELF-ESTEEM.

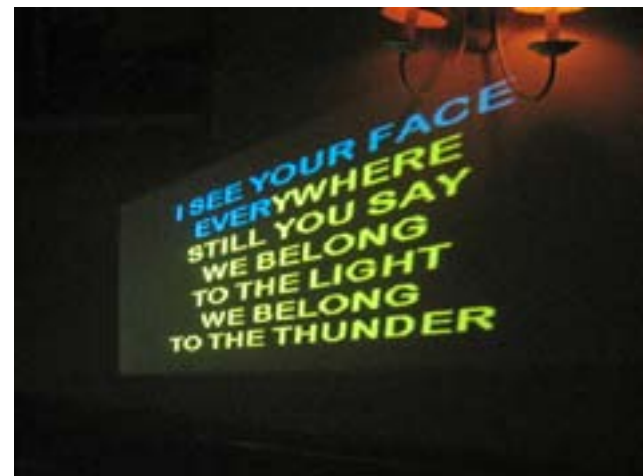
Taurus governs the zodiac's second house of self-worth. Yours is easily rattled by a breakup, despite your rock-solid appearance. Find support if you're struggling. Our Taurus friend repeated affirmations to himself for weeks—a good technique, since repetition can change your brain patterns.

MOVE--LITERALLY.

Admit it, Taurus, you can be lazy. You don't mean to be. A breakup knocks you on your butt, then you can't find the strength to get off the couch. Physical movement is vital for your recovery, Taurus. See your Fitness horoscope for great getting-started ideas, tailored to your sign!

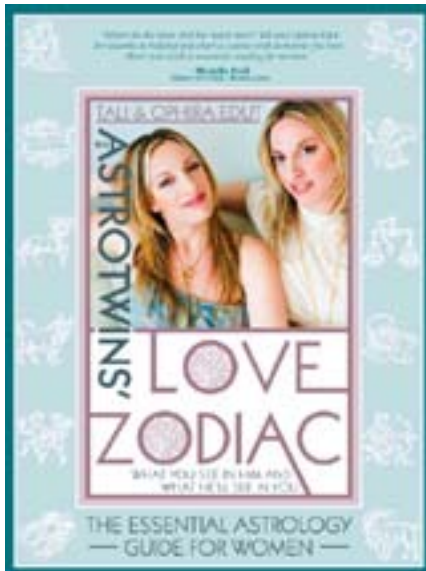


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WEDDING PLANNER

Traditional Taurus won't settle for anything less than a timeless affair.



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THE SETTING.

A first-class affair is a must for your tasteful, style-conscious sign. You love all things classic, so draw inspiration from the Art Deco era or a sophisticated standby—for example, the Peninsula Hotel in New York City, or the Delano in Miami. A stately hotel, Ivy Leaguers' club or an old mansion lends your wedding the aristocratic vibe you love. Or, get out of city limits and head into nature. A Spring wedding offers the perfect temperature for you (you can't stand being too hot), so why not get married near your birthday and when the wildflowers are in bloom? You're an earth sign, so you might also try a pastoral setting like an 18th-century farmhouse, a bed-and-breakfast, or an old Victorian mansion. Heck, why not make it a castle? The rustic touches should be left at the door, though. A five-star experience is essential, so pamper yourself and your guests in luxurious comfort (spa services,

anyone?). Your sensual sign adores food and wine, so concentrate your budget on a first-class feast. You want to treat your guests to the best of everything: grain-fed beef, the best Bordeaux, and of course, a gourmet dessert table. Keep the upscale tastiness going: give away individual, gourmet chocolate toffees as favors.

THE DRESS.

Taurus, you're the sign of the Bull, and you're built to last. Your sign rules the neck and shoulder area, so choose a well-proportioned dress that flatters your sturdy upper body. A bateau neckline, even a halter, balances your proportions perfectly, while still looking sweet and feminine. If your inner princess is crying out for something frilly, save it for your skirt. Your lower body won't compete with the dress like your torso does. Illusion-style tops, sleeves and shoulder straps give the right coverage without hiding your sexy silhouette. A little lace detailing, or Victorian touches like beads and embroidery, look elegant on you. A strapless dress can work, but it must be balanced with an A-line or slightly fuller skirt, even a wide sash at the waist (try attaching it with a vintage-style brooch). Skip the short dresses, deep V-necks and Jessica Rabbit-style mermaid silhouette. As with all you do, Taurus, keep it simple and stick to the tried and true. You dazzle in understated elegance, so accent your natural beauty with a romantic, classic gown.

THE RING.

You're a traditional girl, when it comes to jewelry, so go first-class. Practical though you may be, when it comes to your ring, you revert back to

love.



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the daddy's girl twirling around in a pink tutu and dressing up as a bride. Try an Asscher-cut diamond, which is very clear, step-cut, and old-fashioned. Adorn the ring with beautiful side stones—even sapphires. Taurus is the sign of status, and while you abhor flashiness, you'll gladly don a sizeable rock for all to admire. You justify the indulgence by calling it a good investment. After all, you'll wear it forever! You appreciate anything hand-crafted that stands the test of time. An heirloom ring with art-deco style filigree, for example, could suit your taste as well.

THE BRIDAL PARTY

This is a chance to flaunt your great taste, and with

your keen eye for style, you'll put together a memorable look for your bridal party. Classic movies can be a great inspiration. If you go that route, keep the dresses simple, neutral-toned and elegant, and dress the groomsmen in tuxedos or custom suits. Hats, pocket watches, and other dapper touches could be fun on your guys, and the bridesmaids can wear vintage-inspired gloves or Juliet caps. Aiming for something more artsy and rebellious? Tap into your gritty side and go totally rock-'n-roll. Put your bridesmaids in leather corsets or cuffs, and create leather ties and cummerbunds for your groomsmen. If you're vegan, like many Taureans (you're an earth sign), look into cruelty-free or natural fabrics that can be tailored into an old-fashioned pattern. So original!

THE HONEYMOON

Relaxation and sensual pleasure should be your honeymoon goals, Taurus. If you want to stay in the United States, San Francisco could steal your heart. Stay at a charming B&B or a luxe hotel, dine on some of the best food you'll ever eat, sip amazing coffee, and shop like only a Taurus can. You'll feel so peaceful on the winding streets and hills (and it will keep you from getting too lazy). Bonus: you can walk off the chocolate you gorge on at Ghirardelli Square. Taurus loves wine, so include some California vineyard tours in your stay. Visit an exclusive resort in Mauritius, on the African coast. Enjoy white-sand beaches and the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. What about Capetown, South Africa? It's known for its wineries and posh resorts.

BRIDEZILLA ALERT: PERFECTIONISM

You can get so caught up in showing off the best of everything to your guests and family that you might forget to enjoy your own wedding. Stop trying to control the show once the wedding starts and focus on the tenderness of the moment instead. Rather than force your tipsy uncle to sit still for the family portrait, bring him another champagne flute. Your artful eye will attend to every detail: napkin rings, flatware, stemware, place settings, as well as gifts for the guests. You definitely need a wedding planner to pull off your grand vision.



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CAREER & LIFE PURPOSE

Hardworking Taurus won't stop till' the job is done.



The Taurus path

Taurus is one of the zodiac's hardest working signs: loyal, organized and persistent. While you love to lounge once the work-day's over, nobody is more dedicated than you when there's a job to complete. You finish what you start, even if it means late hours and extra stress. This guarantees that you'll always succeed, simply because you don't quit until you do!

Taurus rules the zodiac's second house of daily income, so a steady paycheck is vital to your inner peace. Although you can prosper as a business owner, security is your top priority in life. The rollercoaster ride of entrepreneurship may just make you nauseous. As a result, many Tauruses end up in high-ranking management positions, often in large, stable organizations, or industries like banking and real estate. (Bonus if you get to wear the stylish, upscale clothes you love.)

Ruled by artistic Venus, Taurus is a highly creative sign. Be sure you don't neglect this part of yourself just to get a regular check. Many Tauruses thrive in the arts. Because Taurus rules the five senses, you've got a strong sense of color, gourmet tastebuds and a keen musical ear. At the very least, you'll improve any environment you join. You understand that a company's image is vital to its success, and you know just how to package a product or brand to give it that first-class touch.

With your knack for creating beautiful spaces, the hospitality industry has your name written all over it. Consider investing in a bed and breakfast, even if your partners run the place while you work your 9-5. With your gourmet tastes, you'd be make an excellent restaurateur or owner of a wine bar. You know how to make everyone feel at home, and provide a classy and gorgeous setting for the world to enjoy. Positions that allow you to wine and dine clients are also fruitful. You don't mind making small talk in order to get the sale—you are highly strategic when it comes to your social encounters.

BEST CAREERS FOR TAURUS

banker
financial manager
real estate agent
producer
decorator
interior designer
sales rep
musician
art dealer
restaurant owner
makeup artist
singer
insurance broker

Pitfalls to avoid

Fixed. Because Taurus hates change, you should thoroughly research any company or project before taking a job. Chances are, you'll be there for a long time, so you want to be sure it's a great fit.

Pent-up rage. Another self-defeating habit to break? Being polite at your own expense. You tend to be proper and well-mannered, showing great respect to the higher-ups. Little do they know there's a raging bull within you! If you've got an issue with a superior, you may hold back from telling her. Instead, you'll gossip and complain to co-workers, driving them crazy. Eventually you explode, damaging your own reputation and burning valuable bridges. Better to have a calm, direct conversation when a problem first starts, before it gets out of hand.



YOUR ULTIMATE PURPOSE:

To create a structure and solid foundation for people to stand on.

MONEY

How to embrace your inner Rich Girl and keep money in the bank.

Your money management style

You're so money, baby! Taurus rules the zodiac's second house of earned income. You're a hard worker who seldom wants for cash. You have two sides—one is a deep lounge, the other a workhorse—but once you get into action, the job always gets done and your business builds profitably. Taurus rules the material world and needs to be surrounded by beautiful possessions. You're great at saving, though you frequently "invest" in nice things, rather than opting for stocks and bonds.



YOUR SPENDING HABITS

Ruled by sensual Venus, you love beauty and tend toward excess. Taurus governs the senses and you prefer to indulge all five, spending money on room fragrances, mouth-watering food, expensive bed sheets, delightful music and pricey clothing meant to impress. Despite your extravagant taste, you're also down-to-earth. Before you max out the plastic, your practical side usually stages an intervention. You can follow a budget, and when focused on a goal, you'll diligently stash your cash until you can afford it. You're great at saving for a rainy day.

Favorite splurges

Designer clothes (from sample sales), great bedding, gourmet desserts and groceries, movie tickets, top-of-the-line stereo systems, nice furniture, flowers, jewelry, hair care, or concert tickets.

How to Attract more wealth

You've got beautiful taste, but most material objects depreciate over time. Don't let your desires to be surrounded by beauty surpass the need for long-term investments. Tauruses are great at financial planning, so take it on—create a budget and savings plan that puts away solid resources for your future security, while leaving room for comforts. If your Rolex costs more than your rent, get real. More than any other sign, you must learn the art of delayed gratification.

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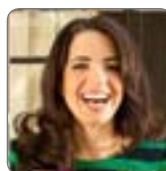
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TRAVEL

Luxe loving Taurus likes the comforts of home, even when on the road.

Although you're an earth sign, there's a diva in you, and you're drawn to luxurious vacations. You prefer a relaxing destination, where you can sleep all day, be served and have nothing expected of you. A cruise, a resort or a five-star hotel is right up your street. You'll travel to any country to sample the local classics and even better, to have something to brag about. The music, art or film scene will be tops on your itinerary, as you love culture and beauty—the more exotic the better. Drive up the California coast and take a tour of the vineyards. Unlike others, you don't mind traveling to colder climates. An Alaskan cruise to see the glaciers would dazzle you. You love spa vacations, too. Try an unusual location like Iceland.

If you do travel to a city or a developing country, you'll want to follow a loose schedule with very little pressure or demand. As a beauty-loving sign, a gorgeous natural setting soothes your soul. Rustic but tasteful log cabins, historic farmhouses near fresh local markets and roadside antique dealers, or a mountaintop ski lodge can put you right at ease. Some Taurus girls are willing to get down and dirty and camp out—with comfy pillows and a snug sleeping bag, of course. The best campout situation would involve staking out a site, planting yourself there for the next few days, then wandering nearby for a swim or a short nature hike. You also make a great foreign exchange student—you can stay for at least a semester, follow an easy pace and enjoy the comforts of a family who will feed and care for you.



ENTERTAINING

Create an elegant vibe for your motley crew of friends and acquaintances.



You live to host parties but prefer staying in your comfort zone, so playing hostess puts you right in your element. That way, it can all be on your terms, according to your taste. You could host a party at home, at an exclusive lounge with tasteful décor or even at an art gallery. The vibe will be ambient, allowing you to show off your fine taste, and you'll attempt to impress guests with gourmet treats or an elaborate, three-course dinner party. When it comes to your guest list, you're highly selective and will make sure a few VIPs sit on it. While there's a bit of a snob in you, you're also down-to-earth. Your chi-chi guests will likely rub elbows with street performers, the deli clerk and the neighborhood psychic.

You're the consummate hostess and like to make it look like you've pulled everything off effortlessly. But secretly, you'll plan for weeks. No detail will be overlooked—you'll polish your silver, break out the china and linen tablecloths, make a CD mix and add some fancy touch that will leave the crowd oohing and ahing. You certainly won't be resting at your party. Because you like to run the show, you'll play the mistress of ceremonies, greeting your guests, refreshing their drinks and only crashing after the last visitor has left. Plan for an all-day sleep marathon the following day to make up for the massive energy you expended. You may even invite guests to spend the night, since once you get warmed up, the party won't stop!



FAMILY DYNAMICS

Traditional Taurus is a pillar of strength for family.



Stable, loyal, hardworking Taurus, you are the mighty roots of your family tree. Simply put, your relatives know they can count on you to be there as an unwavering force in their lives. Many Bulls marry young because the desire to start a family is so innately woven into your emotional being. A moneymaker, you bring home the bacon from an early age. You might even contribute to the family bills before you graduate from high school.

You are a lover of traditions, so holidays are a big deal at Chez Taurus. You keep the sense of heritage strong by sharing family recipes, stories, and legacies with the younger generations and even the older ones. A great social organizer, you know how to get everyone talking, dancing, and generally relaxing at family gatherings.



As a parent, you believe in structure. You'll create routines that your kids can depend on. This gives them a sense of safety, which they might rebel against but will later thank you for. You can be a firm-yet-loving disciplinarian too. Kids know better than to act up around you! Education is huge for you and you'll work extra hours to pay for private school tuition or extracurricular activities that nurture their individual interests.

Issue to Manage: MORALIZING

Morality is a big issue for Tauruses. You have a clear cut sense of right and wrong and can be rattled when anyone in your family veers from your values. This can be tough for anyone living under your roof who has different ideologies than you. Learning the art of "agreeing to disagree" can do wonders to help you keep the peace with your clan.





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FRIENDSHIP

Hardworking Taurus, you approach friendships in much the same way that you approach everything else in life—as a serious task that must be attended to with consistency. You're basically down to earth and thus, like to find out who people really are and what they believe in.

Little things mean a lot to you and as a result, you don't easily forget or forgive an oversight. You also have a tendency to turn a minor issue into a major ordeal—at the first sign of trouble, you may press the panic button, blowing things out of proportion and driving people away. Perspective is an important thing for Tauruses to gain. Learning to stop and breathe before charging at a so-called red cape can help you enjoy a peaceful coexistence with others in the ring.

While Tauruses are generally willing to help those in need, you form lasting bonds with people who are responsible, reliable and straight up. Your sign is represented by the bull, so it should come as little surprise that you can recognize bullcrap from a mile away. Essentially, Tauruses are looking for friends who bring some peace, love, and harmony to your life. The Beautiful People will dazzle you too, but your best friends are often low-key types who have plenty going on below the surface. The expression “still waters run deep” is one that Tauruses know well. People who know the art of keeping it real are the ones with whom Tauruses will form genuine and lasting connections.



GIFT GUIDE: THE PERFECT PRESENTS FOR TAURUS

- Luxe scented candles
- Classic, but expensive, jewelry
- Serving dishes for elegant parties
- Spa treatments, especially massages
- Framed art, prints and photographs



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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 recently 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 been 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	vacation
february	career & achievement
march	friends & networking
april	finish everything
may	start something new
june	money

july	communicate
august	family
september	flirting
october	get in shape
november	relationships
december	get married

1 january 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.

2 february 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!

3 march 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!





4 april 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.

5 may 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!

6 june 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.

7 july 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.

8 august 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!

9 september 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.

10 october 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.



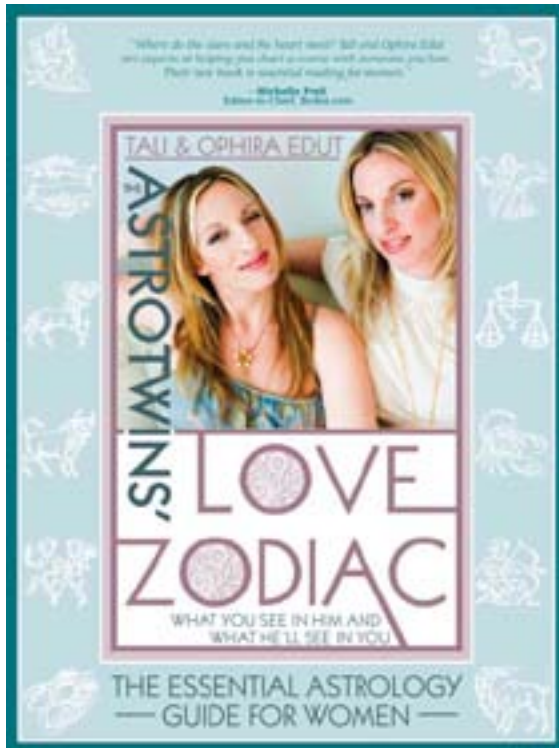
11 november relationships get serious

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!"

12 december 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!

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