



THE COMPLETE BOOK OF VIRGO



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

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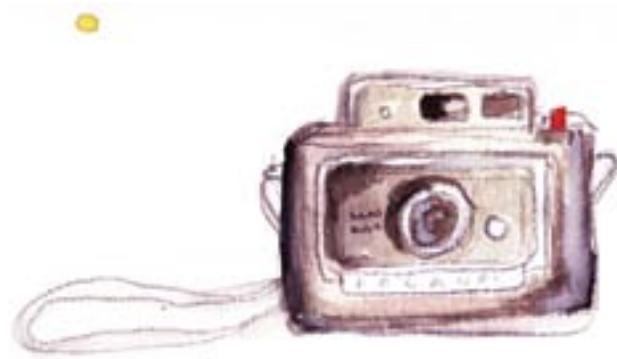
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DEAR VIRGO,

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 VIRGO

The zodiac's purist likes everything clean and natural, but never dull.



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VIRGO

Dates: August 23–September 22

Symbol: The Virgin

Color: White

Ruling Planet: Mercury, planet of the mind and communication

Good Day: Helpful, practical, real

Bad Day: Critical, worried, know-it-all

Virgo is the sign of the helper, and you're always there when needed. You're an awesome listener, and you give the best advice. On the outside, Virgos are sweet and innocent, but your quick mind never misses a detail. You love to analyze everything! In fact, you can drive yourself crazy, because you never stop thinking. Virgo is a perfectionist who sees every flaw, and at times, you're a little too critical. Behind that, you just want everything to be the best it can be. Your sign rules schedules and organization, and you love a good plan. Don't forget to be spontaneous, too! Relax your mind by channeling it into a project, like solving a crossword puzzle, renovating your home or DIY craft obsession.

Virgo also rules health and fitness, and you can be quite the natural woman. You love organic fibers, neutral colors and all things clean and fresh. Your sign loves the outdoors, so spend time in nature, or try a sport like Tae Kwan Do that relaxes both your body and mind. Remember, it's easy for helpful Virgo to give, but harder for you to receive. Let your friends pitch in and support you, too! Try opening up a little more. You don't have to be perfect to be lovable. Just be yourself.

CELEBRITY STARMATES

Beyonce	Jennifer Hudson
Blake Lively	Salma Hayek
Cameron Diaz	Mother Teresa
Amy Winehouse	Paz De La Huerta
Lea Michele	Pink
Shania Twain	Sophia Loren
Faith Hill	Rachel Zoe
Rachel Ray	Gloria Estefan
Nicole Richie	LeeAnn Rimes

The background features a repeating floral pattern. The design includes large, multi-petaled flowers in shades of brown and tan, interspersed with smaller, simpler flowers and clusters of buds. Green leaves and stems are also part of the pattern, creating a lush, garden-like appearance. The overall color palette is muted and earthy.

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THE VIRGO LOOK

Dress to express the best traits of your sign.

Earthy Virgo is a natural woman, but that doesn't mean you should wear dull, colorless clothes. Few signs can rock the bohemian style quite like you, so bring on the Indian tunic tops, the reworked vintage, batik dresses, and even a colorful scarf as a headwrap or band.



You tend towards the practical, as well as the frugal, but this can be a double-edged sword. It's not always best to shop on the sale rack or buy something just because it's comfortable. You can fall into a style rut if you don't push yourself to find pieces that are both well-cut AND fashionable. Virgos do like to save a buck, so designer discount stores were made for you, and so was eBay.

Your best look is a 80 percent class, 20 percent sass. Pair a sleek, cropped blazer in navy or brown with low-rise jeans. Add tortoiseshell glasses, a chunky belt, a camisole or a turtleneck, and low heels. Let your wild hair do its thing and throw on sexy chandelier earrings. Voila!

You're a purist with a strong sense of ethics. Conscious manufacturing processes are important for you, and you may spend a little extra on organic cotton, fabrics woven by international women earning money through a microfinance program, vegetarian leather, and vintage pieces chosen by consignment shop curators.

At heart, you're a no-fuss girl and you should shop with that fact in mind. If you're going for simple and natural, always add a bold detail: red lipstick, colorful stilettos, or intricate jewelry. On you, the little touches really pop.



YOUR STYLE PROFILE

Colors: Brown, cream, muted earth or jewel tones

Focus areas: Waist, midriff, hands

Fabrics: Cotton, wool

Best Looks: Belts, cardigans and tops in preppy cuts, delicate bracelets, wrap dresses, tortoiseshell glasses, wool suits, low-rise jeans, ball-gowns, chandelier earrings, yoga pants, flowing hair

Stay Away From: Synthetic fibers, baggy tops, heavy makeup, stuffy suits, clunky shoes, overly practical styles

HOME DECOR

Earthy Virgo thrives in a clean and subdued environment with pops of color.



As the Zodiac's perfectionist, your home décor is an eternal work in progress. Never satisfied, you'll tweak, rearrange and clean the house forever. Still, you hate to throw things away, worrying that you'll need those old newspaper clippings someday. Although you may have piles of unfinished collections, projects and books, your house is never dirty. Cleanliness is next to godliness for Virgo.

In the rare moments you're not scrubbing, redecorating, or designing a complex new organizational system, you're probably in the kitchen—the Virgo-ruled part of the home. You love recipes, cookbooks and a full refrigerator. If you haven't learned to cook, you'll be a natural when you do! And since you love nurturing people, it's the perfect way to express that.

Entering your home is like a religious experience. You love the quiet, Zenlike vibe of a meditation temple. A clean, natural look works best for Virgo. After all, there's enough going on in your busy mind! Your furniture should be comfortable and basic, in neutral colors like celadon green, dove gray or white. Steer clear of heavy antiques, doilies, overly plush carpet and anything too decorative. Try a flat woven rug, a few ethnic or spiritual pieces (wood sculptures, for example), plants and fresh flowers. Accessorize with small pops of color—like throw pillows and vases in plum or burnt orange. Your large book collection will supply plenty of color, too!



In the end, only your closest friends and family usually make it through the door. You're always promising to have them over "when the house is done." With your high standards, that day probably won't come. Our advice? Have a "front room" where you can host people. (Close the other doors when they come over!) Good company soothes your soul and keeps you from getting lost in your worries. If you have a big kitchen, set up a cozy nook with a nice table, where you can share long conversations or curl up with a great book and a cup of tea. Invest in nice towels and soaps for your bathroom. That way, you can continue your endless decorating adventures and satisfy your inner hostess!

FITNESS & HEALTH

Virgo loves routine. Embrace core-based exercises and digestion-enhancing foods.

Body Part

Abdomen, waist, digestive system

Health & Fitness Style

As the sign that rules health and well-being, a good fitness routine is vital for your easily-stressed sign. You should work out three days a week minimum and pay attention to your diet. Approach fitness like a spa (to unwind your busy brain) and a lab (for the scientific side of you).

Feeling in control is important to you, and you're a stickler for technique. Try a discipline like yoga or martial arts, in a Zenlike setting you love. Bonus if it includes meditation. Virgo rules the abdomen and waist, so Pilates and body sculpting let you wear those cropped shirts you adore. If you prefer the tried-and-true gym workout, be sure your routine includes well-defined goals, since Virgos like to measure everything. Create a six-month plan with checkpoints to mark your growth—physically, mentally and spiritually. You might even join a triathlon or marathon, especially one that benefits a worthy cause.



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Food & Eating Habits

Virgo rules the digestive system. It's important that you eat lots of fiber and foods that keep your systems movin' along. Cut down on meat, butter and heavy ingredients that your body can't easily process. Add whole grains, digestive teas and organic items. You're a "nervous nibbler," so minimize stress—or keep a bag of baby carrots handy instead of sweets. Since you're good with regimens, be sure to eat regular meals at approximately the same time every day. Don't let other people's drama

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throw you off schedule! You're an intuitive cook—you know exactly how much of each ingredient to add to your signature dishes. However, you rarely let anyone help you in the kitchen, so preparing meals can stress you out. Take a brisk walk after eating to unwind and help your digestion.

Keeping That Glow

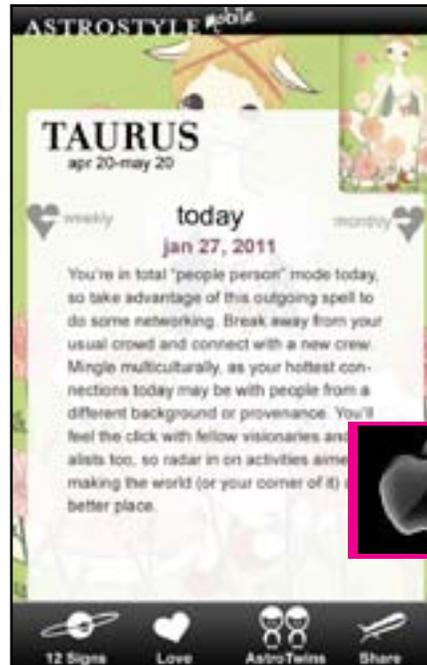
When it comes to staying radiant, don't shy away from Eastern or holistic treatments, which your body responds to readily. Acupuncture, Chinese herbs, or a unique body-oriented therapy could pique your interest—both as a patient and a student. You may discover you have a natural gift for holistic health, anatomy or biology studies. Vitamins crowd your cabinets, and you're always advising your friends on how to recoup from any ailment. The doctor is in!



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VIRGO IN LOVE

Can you hold out for perfection without missing your happily ever after?

Picky Virgo, love can be a challenge when your high standards get involved. As the zodiac's perfectionist, it's hard for anyone to measure up to your criteria. You'd rather be alone than settle—a great attitude, as long as you keep your expectations realistic.

When applied correctly, this weeding-out process chases away the losers and can even tame eternal bachelors. Many times, though, you barely give anyone a chance. One human slip-up can be a fatal flaw for your suitors. Since first dates are often filled with nervous moments, you may need to give people a tad more leeway. Analytical Virgos have a way of sizing people up, your eyes squinting as you assess the creature in front of you. You don't mean any harm—you just can't help noticing every detail! However, it can be quite intimidating for the person under the Virgo microscope. Underneath it all, is the fact that you're just incredibly hard on yourself. Thank your inner critic for sharing then tell it to shut up. It will give you a lot more tolerance for other people's "flaws."

Wise and worldly though you are, there's a certain childlike innocence about you as well. No matter how tough or wild you act, when it comes to romance, Virgos have an old-fashioned streak. You want the princess fantasy, complete with a dashing knight who sweeps you off your feet. Even if you run a physics lab or boast several PhDs, you'll revert to five years old at the thought of being a blushing bride. Amid the fantasies of veils and white dresses, your prince still has to pass a long, practical checklist. For starters, he has to be clean (Virgos are hygiene freaks), loyal, respectful and intelligent. No dummies make it past a first date with picky Virgo—not even the hot ones!



Bookish Virgos can be introverts, and many of you are reluctant to spill your secrets, which makes it hard for people to get close to you. Or, you may dump out all your baggage right away, assuming that the other person can already see all your so-called flaws. Both of these extreme attitudes can prevent you from forming lasting relationships. Although everyone appreciates a great listener, make sure you're not lending your ears in order to avoid opening up. And if you're tempted to spill your dirty laundry too quickly, take a deep breath and talk about the weather instead.

Like a Virgin, you need to be wooed and courted. Flings bore you, and you rarely indulge in them. Virgos have their eye on the real thing. Your family must approve of your mate—and he will eventually be paraded in front of them before you decide if he's a keeper. You should be able to picture him as the father of your children. You may be sentimental, but you're far more practical. You choose with your head before your heart.

There's one exception to this trend. As the sign of the helper, Virgos need to be needed. This can tempt you to fall for a "fixer-upper" type who leaves you drained and unsupported. Remember, it's not your job to be someone's therapist or helpmate. There are people who charge \$150 an hour to do that—and chances are, you've got your own neuroses to deal with.

To keep yourself in check, make sure you're not falling in love with a person's potential. Just because you're capable of running the show doesn't mean that you should! Although it can be easier to give and receive, relationships are a two-way street. Virgos will do anything to avoid that vulnerable feeling of **DEPENDING** on someone. Yet, once you let down your walls and try it, you've just laid the groundwork for real love. Aim for mutuality and respect, a true balance of give and take.



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MEET YOUR MATCH

How do you gel with the other 12 zodiac signs?

OUR MINIATURE DACHSHUND RATES YOUR COMPATIBILITY

AstroTwins mascot and furry matchmaker

Wendell sticks his snout into your business to play Cupid for a day. Trust him; he's a dachshund!



 A cosmic challenge

 Pretty divine

 Takes work to harmonize

 The stars are aligned

You + Aries



The Good. Helpful Virgo is the best supporting castmate for superstar Aries. Those lofty visions the Ram dreams up could actually become a reality with Virgo's pragmatic, project management skills. Aries brings excitement into Virgo's universe, encouraging Virgo to take more chances and just go for it without deliberating endlessly. Virgo teaches Aries the power of protocol and process. While you operate at different speeds, you are both passionate about causes you believe in.

The Bad. Aries is self-focused, while Virgo is others-focused, and this can bring a serious clash. Virgo may find Aries to be narcissistic or diva-like. Aries may feel that Virgo has a messiah complex. Passionate Aries can overwhelm cool, measured Virgo with all that fire. Critical Virgo can wound Aries with the "helpful" remarks. While Virgo is generally happy to help, Aries must be sure to return the favor on a regular basis or the relationship could get lopsided.

You + Taurus



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 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 + Gemini



The Good. Both signs are ruled by brainiac Mercury, the planet of communication. You have a strong intellectual connection and can talk for hours without coming up for air. Both signs have an innate sense of rhythm and love to dance. It won't be hard to stay in step with each other socially either since you both enjoy parties that center around learning and connecting over new ideas. Virgo loves to play psychologist while Gemini is happy to be analyzed and dissected.

The Bad. Both signs are super detail-oriented and can get hung up on the small stuff. Critical Virgo may nitpick Gemini, especially when Gemini's somewhat embellished stories fail to line up. Gemini may feel smothered by Virgo's insistence on adhering to structure, rules, and tradition. Gemini's multiple personalities disrupt the order Virgo tries so hard to maintain. Things can get petty—you're both a little OCD and fighting over the placement of knick-knacks is a real possibility here.

You + Cancer



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 + Leo



The Good. Leo is the sign of the star, and Virgo is the sign of the helper. If you team up, Virgo happily runs the show behind the scenes while Leo puts on a grand performance. Leo loves to talk about Numero Uno while Virgo is happy to play therapist, analyzing and problem-solving for the lion. Loyal, outgoing Leo helps Virgo overcome social anxieties while patient Virgo keeps home and finances humming like a well-oiled machine.

The Bad. In your own ways, you can both be drama queens. Leo needs extravagant displays of love and affection—preferably while an envious audience watches on. Neurotic Virgo can harp on an offensive comment, unexpected sniffle, or bad service experience for days. Leo's fanciful imagination gets way too "woo woo" for logic-oriented Virgo. By the same token, Virgo's insistence on rules and pragmatism is a buzzkill to Leo's creativity.

You + Virgo



The Good. You're both pragmatic perfectionists, so you understand the other's need to have everything just so. Ruled by information planet Mercury, your communication will be intense and deep. Collecting trivia and conversation pieces from around the globe may be a shared hobby. Healthy living is a Virgo passion, and you'll take great care of each other. As the sign of the helper, you are one another's Best Supporting Castmates. Dancing together could be one of your favorite ways to bond.

The Bad. Since both of you are always striving for perfection, there isn't much room for play in this relationship. You're both critics who hate to be criticized, so when you turn the microscopes on each other, all hell can break loose. While the mental chemistry is strong, you are both analytical about your emotions. Who will bring the TLC when someone just needs a hug? Born advice-givers, there's a tendency to play life coach and therapist for each other, which may dull romance.

You + Libra



The Good. Earthbound Virgos help dreamy Libras develop a realistic outlook on life. Romantic Libras lighten up rigid Virgos and remind them that rules were made to be broken. Virgo's talents for planning and organization can help make lofty Libra's dreams a reality. Libra loves to talk, Virgo loves to listen and you both get off on learning about human behavior and interpersonal dynamics. There's a therapeutic energy to your relationship, which is warm and healing for both of you.

The Bad. Luxury-loving Libra spares no expense when it comes to life's finer things. Frugal Virgo abhors excess, showiness, and waste. As Libra races to keep up with the Joneses, Virgo starts a petition to kick them out of the neighborhood. Virgo is the sign of the critic, Libra is the sign of the judge; it's easy for both of you to fault-find in this relationship. Libra's constant need for affection can overwhelm Virgo who prefers to show love through helpful acts.

You + Scorpio



The Good. Both Virgo and Scorpio love to unravel a mystery, and you may become each other's favorite cases to crack. Virgo's matter-of-fact communication style puts suspicious Scorpio at ease. In turn, Virgo will appreciate Scorpio's keen and astute observations. You're caring friends as well as companions. This match brings you both the security and predictability you crave. Helpful Virgo is a great supporter for Scorpio's inventive ideas. Scorpio inspires Virgo to think outside the box.

You + Sagittarius



The Good. Conversation sparks your attraction in this sexy meeting of the minds. Virgo loves to analyze, and philosophical Sag will explore any topic. Even-keeled Virgo brings a grounding energy to the relationship, helping Sag to relax. Passionate, optimistic Sagittarius reminds Virgo to view the glass as half full. You'll motivate each other to work towards your goals. Sagittarius is the visionary, Virgo creates the plan and makes sure you both stick to it. You'll love sharing books and attending workshops and lectures together.

The Bad. Scorpio is the zodiac's sex symbol, Virgo is the virgin and your physical needs can be as different as night and day. When Scorpio gets to freaky, buttoned-up Virgo runs for cover. In turn, Scorpio may be irritated by how uptight Virgo can be. Obsessing over the details can turn into nitpicking, and you might tear each other to shreds trying to be helpful. You bring out each other's introverted sides, and you may lose touch with the rest of the world. If one of you feels attacked, you'll unleash a deadly verbal strike.

The Bad. Free-spirited Sagittarius hates when anything becomes predictable. Efficiency expert Virgo needs life to run according to a well-planned schedule. Sagittarius feels fenced in by Virgo's rules and rigid discipline. Virgo finds Sagittarius to be flaky and unreliable. You're both natural advice givers and the tone of your relationship can get a little preachy at times. Sagittarius is a gambler and Virgo squirrels away cash for a rainy day. Your different financial styles can cause major tension to erupt.

You + Capricorn



The Good. A dreamy matchup! As earth signs, you are both stable and goal-oriented people who want to live the purpose-driven life. Your relationship centers around building something tangible together, be it a business venture, a beautiful home, or a family. Helpful, analytical Virgo teaches Capricorn to think outside the box, while Capricorn can help Virgo overcome procrastination and modesty. You are the perfect society couple: you don't mind following the rules of etiquette. Dutiful and loyal, you know you can count on each other through thick and thin.

The Bad. While you look good together in public, it's hard for either of you to let your hair down behind closed doors. Both signs suffer from debilitating perfectionism and you may find yourselves striving towards impossible ideals that leave you both feeling disappointed. The relationship scores high on the practical scale, but the safe, predictable nature can also grow boring. Neither one of you likes to make a scene, but if you suppress your feelings for too long, the passion can fizzle out.

You + Aquarius 🐾

The Good. Intellectual stimulation runs high here. You'll have endless fun analyzing new ideas, sharing quotes from books, and attending consciousness-raising events together. Aquarius is the sign of the humanitarian, Virgo is the sign of service. Your union may revolve around making the world a better place, or creating a safe and comforting space for your 1,001 friends and pets.

The Bad. You're both unpredictable, but in different ways. Aquarius is always searching for the next big thing, while Virgo believes in tradition. Virgo's moods can change on a dime, especially when something "offensive" crops up—including comments, sights, and odors. Aquarius likes to experiment freely, and may feel nipped by perfectionist Virgo. Virgo is constantly terrified by Aquarius' daredevil antics.

You + Pisces 🐾🐾🐾

The Good. Virgo is the helper, Pisces is the healer: You're generous souls who have an uplifting effect on each other. Creative Pisces brings out the romantic in Virgo while Virgo can help Pisces deal more effectively in the reality zone. Since you are opposite signs, you can balance each other well. You both enjoy socializing and nesting in equal measure. With your combined charitable spirits, you will make your shared corner of the world a better place. Your romance is built to last.

The Bad. Virgo can be a martyr, Pisces is no stranger to sacrifice. Neither one of you likes conflict, so you both tend to hold your true feelings inside until you can't take it anymore. Pent-up resentments will turn into blowouts unless you speak your minds. Both of you can be packrats and your shared space may look like a subject for the "Hoarders" camera crew. You both have a bossy streak, and will clash if you start ordering each other around. Virgo can be neurotic, Pisces a fatalist, and if your dark moods arrive on the same day, the vibe can get downright depressing.

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DATE PLANNER



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You might be picky, but you're a fairly low-maintenance date. That's because you are a walking cultural guide. As the zodiac's trivia gatherer, you come equipped with a list of favorite ideas and places that you're dying to try. Your dates don't have to work hard to come up with a restaurant or movie suggestion. In fact, you are likely to take charge of the planning, eagerly mapping out an itinerary and dutifully booking reservations.

Intellectual and opinionated, you need a companion who can match your conversational repartee. You love haute culture events like art exhibits and controversial films. It doesn't matter if you love the chosen location or event of your date or not. You're a refined critic and want to banter about the nuances of each shared experience with a partner who is as keenly observant as you are. Bonus points to the well-read suitor. You love to chat about literature and current events. Just try not to turn the conversation into a competition.

Your sign rules the digestive system and you're always up for exploring a gastronomical adventure. Take a cooking class or a wine-pairing workshop. As an earth sign, you love all things natural. Enjoy a bountiful feast at a hip farm-to-table restaurant, go for a gourmet picnic and hike, or soak in a natural hot springs. Wander through a farmer's market and pick up the ingredients for a romantic, home-cooked meal. Cohosting intimate dinner parties is one of your favorite ways to bond as a relationship progresses.

WHAT TO DO ON A DATE

Do anything and everything outdoors, from hiking to biking to kayaking

Have dinner at the restaurant of celebrity chef. Come prepared to discuss the reviews

Rock out at a concert in the park

Sit in the studio audience of a daytime talk show

Go to a wine-tasting event at a vineyard

Rent scooters or motorcycles and go exploring

Snuggle up on the couch for a day of reality TV and making out

Wander into a music store and try the guitars and drums, or go to a pottery shop and paint plates and mugs.

BREAKUP RECOVERY

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

The Breakup Breakdown

Virgos are thinkers, and when a relationship ends, it's easy for you to get stuck in your head. You're ruled by Mercury, the planet of the mind, after all! You may spend hours, even years, analyzing the relationship, trying to figure out what went wrong. This "analysis paralysis" can prevent you from moving forward.

Introverted Virgos close themselves off after heartbreak, some going years without another relationship. While your sign doesn't mind a little alone time, you'll completely occupy yourself with books, household projects, and taking care of everyone else. Let yourself feel all the emotions, from anger and disappointment to genuine sadness. Only when you process the full range of feelings can you move on. Before you encase your heart in an igloo, remember that dating is a numbers game. We all have to suffer a few fools before we meet our prince. Come out of your thoughts and try again!



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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 Virgo

Put yourself first

Virgo is the sign of service, and you love to take care of people. But your charitable spirit can veer into unhealthy codependence when you use it to avoid your own life. One Virgo we know, after a five-year relationship, took care of her elderly father and played the mediator among her feuding siblings. This losing battle left her drained and loveless for five years before she wised up. Don't sentence yourself to early spinsterhood, Virgo. Help people by living a great life of your own and inspiring them by example!

Keep it real.

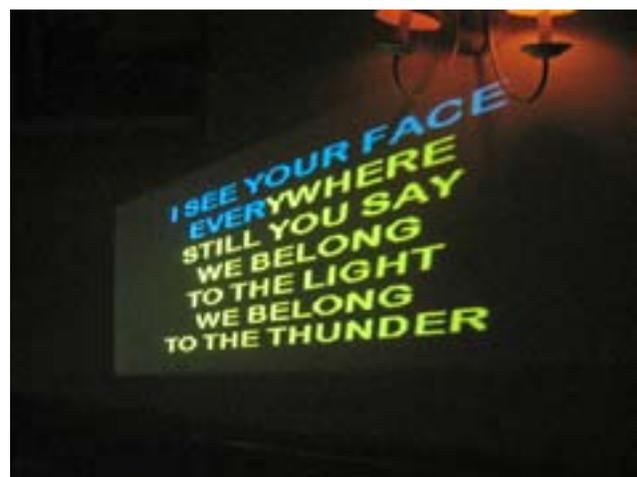
Virgos are awesome listeners, but when it comes to talking about yourself, you're a lot less eager. Because you're so hard on yourself, you may feel like a "failure" when a relationship doesn't work out. Although you may act warm and happy, your close friends know it's an act, and that inside you feel bitter, hurt and confused. Tell the truth and let them be there for you.

Remember, nobody's perfect.

(not even you). Virgos have sharp tongues, and you may bash your ex to anyone who will listen. You see every flaw, and you've cataloged them all. When you're hurt, you give yourself full range to announce these shortcomings and stupid mistakes to the world. Deep down, you're turning the same anger on yourself. Perfectionist Virgos see breakups as failures—and that can keep you stuck. Rather than sink to bitter lows, find a way to mourn the loss—and forgive yourself and your ex. We know it's hard. Vent your emotions through productive channels like therapy, self-help books and writing.

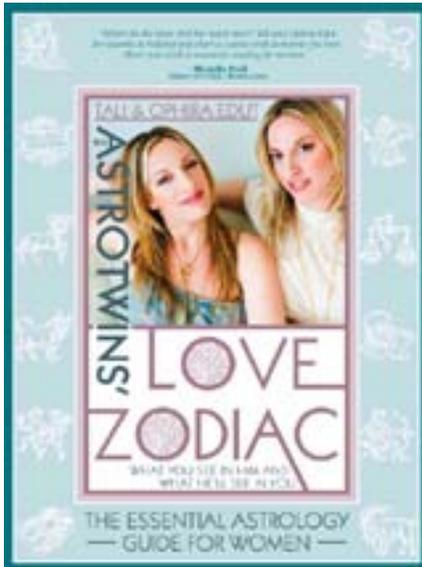


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THE SETTING.

Virgo is an earth sign, and with your practical nature, you'll want your wedding to be simple, elegant, and real. Seize any chance for some indoor-outdoor action—or at least a gorgeous view. If you're doing a destination wedding, try a beach ceremony with the sand in your toes, or marry on a gorgeous Southwestern rock formation. A botanical garden, orchard or national park are all great spots for a wedding in the wild, too. If that's too much for the neat-freak in you, create a wedding arch from greenery, and use potted annuals or flowerboxes full of daisies as centerpieces. River rocks, wheatgrass, and other Zen touches can appeal to your spiritual side, and they also look sophisticated in a natural way. That said, you may want to go all out for girliness with lots of pinks, whites and other pastels, savoring this day as a rare departure from your normally no-frills

approach. Virgos love music, and you'll want to have a guiding hand in designing the playlist—you want everyone up and dancing! You might even hire a live band that plays something for everyone, since you'll want to please your guests of every generation. As the “helper sign,” your biggest concern will be making sure everyone feels like a guest of honor. If possible, arrange your tables in a semi-circular configuration (“in the round”), which creates a heartwarming community feeling. Your guests, after all, will be the most important and moving part of the day for you. Set up the microphone for toasting and acknowledgments at the “heart” of your reception space—or at the very least, make sure you have ample time to breeze from table to table, welcoming and thanking everyone. Many Virgos are “foodies”—like Virgo chefs Rachael Ray and Mario Batali—so the menu is crucial. As the zodiac's health nut, create a delicious spread of fresh ingredients, locally-grown fare, even organic dishes to accompany the not-so-healthy indulgences. Appoint a great wedding planner, a wedding-day coordinator (a more budget-friendly option), or at least a devoted maid of honor to make sure you eat, mingle and stay on cue. You'll be picky about details and costs, but know when to let go and just enjoy yourself, Virgo.

THE DRESS.

Virgo is an earth sign, and a gown that's feminine and simple brings out your natural beauty. There's no need to get too gaudy when a basic dress always looks so right on you. Classic silk, especially if the texture is a little raw, looks amazing on Virgo women. A touch of lace, ruffle or brocade goes far, so keep it minimal. Stay elegant and proper—but never frumpy. The waist is the Virgo-ruled



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body area, so accent yours with a sash in a neutral color, ruching, or clever details. A deep V-neck, even a kimono-style wrap, can all lead the eye to your waistline. Virgo, you can be a perfectionist, so make sure you shop early and leave plenty of time for tailoring. You'll want your dress to fit like a second skin, and might consider having yours custom made. Chances are, you'll research options thoroughly, and choose a dress based on well-considered data. Still, with your worrying streak, build in time for extra fretting, fittings, and "buyer's remorse." Virgo is the sign of the "virgin," but that doesn't mean you have to wear white. You also look great in taupe, ivory, or any cream hue. Earth-inspired accents look cool on you, too. Incorporate a few traditional touches, like a simple tulle veil.

THE RING.

Your practical nature draws you to simple, well-designed jewelry. However, there's a "blushing bride" in every Virgo, and you want to feel like an absolute girly-girl when you look down at your finger. You're the consummate researcher, so you'll want to know all the details about your ring, along with the ethics behind its creation. Consider the asscher-

cut diamond, which is very clear, step-cut, and old-fashioned on a halo setting, which features small diamonds and/or colored stones surrounding a larger center stone, and a filigree—lacy, patterned detailing in the band that will keep you fascinated for years

THE BRIDAL PARTY

Receiving is the biggest challenge for Virgo. As a result, you'll drag your feet about arranging bridesmaids, and may even skip this custom altogether. You're the sign of the giver, but you're deeply uncomfortable having others defer to you. It's a control thing, and also your way of hiding how neurotic you can be. Relax, Virgo—we already know.

THE HONEYMOON

You're an earth sign, so an outdoor trip to the Southwest could really appeal to you. Head to Santa Fe for hiking, savory food, margaritas and holistic spa treatments. Many Virgos feel a kinship with the Native American cultures there, too; you love the notion of living in harmony with the earth. Eco-tourism is a booming new industry, and perfect for your sign. Consider Costa Rica, where you can experience unspoiled rainforest, mountains, live volcanoes and gorgeous beaches. Or Belize for sporty, nature-loving Virgos. You can tour the jungles, swing through the trees, surf, bird-watch and visit ancient Mayan ruins. The dusty, earthy palette of Africa also appeals to you. Head to Tanzania, or tour a Kenyan safari. You'll likely balk at the idea, but consider a cruise, which one Virgo bride called "enforced relaxation." Anywhere that forces you to unwind is worth considering!

BRIDEZILLA ALERT: CONTROLLING EVERYTHING

You want everything just so, and that can spell "control freak." Sure, you've got a vision—and you're capable enough to carry it out alone. Let go of your perfectionism and empower a team of people to bring your plans to life. Take a little of your mom's advice. Let your future mother-in-law pick out the thank-you notes. You're masterful at creating a plan, so make one. But rather than execute it yourself, delegate! You don't have to lick every envelope. The bumps in the road will fade into fond memories one day anyhow.



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CAREER & LIFE PURPOSE

Organized and efficient, you help others stay on track.



The Virgo path

Busy-bee Virgo loves to work. Ruled by Mercury, the planet of communication, you're constantly thinking and strategizing. You always need something to do! Obsessed with organization, many Virgos end up as office managers, or running a bustling department. Your detail-oriented mind keeps track of every little item, and you're always planning ahead. Filing, labeling, managing data—what seems like a chore to others is a fun day at the office for you. You can't stand seeing things out of place! You'd be a great interior designer or clutter consultant, helping people organize their spaces and minimize junk. (Ironically, you hate throwing anything away yourself, but at least you organize it in neat, ever-growing piles.)

With your sharp mind and keen listening skills, you make an excellent journalist, Virgo. You know how to get the facts and put a great story together! You're not afraid to ask people tough questions and get to the bottom of a story. You're fascinated by what makes people tick, and love to learn about each person you meet. That also makes you a great therapist, social worker or human resources director. Many Virgos are also whizzes at accounting, and as an Earth sign, you excel in natural sciences like biology or botany. You love being outdoors, so why not make nature your virtual office? You have quite a green thumb, and are great with gardening, too.

As the ruler of the zodiac's sixth house of health and organization, a lot of Virgos end up in healing professions, working as yoga teachers, acupuncturists or nutritionists. Quite likely you have a cabinet full of vitamins and herbal remedies, so you'll always be the unofficial office doctor, no matter where you work.

BEST CAREERS FOR VIRGO

journalist
office manager
veterinarian
biologist
accountant
social worker
gardner
project manager
holistic healer
nutritionist
photographer
naturopath
agent
trainer
strategist

Pitfalls to avoid

Perfectionism. Controlling Virgo is a highly self-critical sign, and you may avoid going for your dream job because you think you aren't ready. Take a risk and try! Chances are, you're way more qualified than you think. Also, your ruler Mercury makes you an information magnet. You're always the first to hear office gossip, but avoid the temptation to spread it. Know when to chill. If you take your detail obsession overboard, you can turn into a workaholic and a control freak, intimidating co-workers. Remember, everyone has to go home sometime, and that includes you!

Speaking of home, you're in your element there. Operating a business out of your house or apartment is not uncommon. However, you are easily distracted by "cleanup projects" or other household chores that need to be done. When the phone rings, you'll drop your work to help a friend talk through her latest micro-drama. For this reason, you may be better off renting office space for your entrepreneurial ventures. Just be sure to decorate it with the cozy touches that make it feel like home.



YOUR ULTIMATE PURPOSE:

To create helpful, efficient systems that serve the world.

MONEY

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

Your money management style

When it comes to money, you've got a lot of pride. You hate asking for help! You'd rather toil away at a dead-end job than take a loan. Of course, you're the first one to dole out dollars to your cash-strapped friends and family—even when it leaves you in a bind. Boundaries are the key. Learn when it's appropriate to say “no,” and develop the courage to send the moochers elsewhere.

Your practical nature makes you an awesome money manager. You know how to save your pennies for a fantasy purchase. Consider starting a “Save for Your Dreams” club with a few trusted friends. You're a natural advice giver, so if you really want to dish out tips, get your accounting degree and get paid for it. We know a Virgo jazz singer who teaches an Accounting for Artists course, training fellow creative types to make budgets fun. Only a Virgo could pull that off!

YOUR SPENDING HABITS

You tend to be modest, though you'll splurge on a few high-quality items—as long as you can justify the purchase. Since you like to look like you've got it all together, you may overspend on clothes, shoes or hair care. Fortunately, your savvy instincts always scout out a good sale. Beware of guilt. When you go over budget, you can spend weeks fretting over whether you “deserved” the indulgence. Remember: it's great to be thrifty, but you only live once. Find a balance between practicality and pleasure.

Favorite splurges

Organic food, well-made clothes, cleaning supplies, fresh towels, fancy serving dishes and tea kettles, organizational gadgets or software, gifts for all your friends



How to Attract more wealth

As a nervous sign, you worry for the sake of worrying. But this habit has a price. Focusing on what you don't have can leave you feeling deprived, even desperate, about money. Daily affirmations, positive conversations and even a financial coach can keep you in a prosperous mindset and remind you of your value. Think: abundance!

READ IT & REAP: BOOKS ON PROSPERITY

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What can I talk about in a reading?

Pretty much anything. We're here to help you get clarity and understand what's really going on. Here are some of our clients' typical issues:

All About Me (or "who am I, anyway?")

Your chart is a snapshot of the stars at your birth—a blueprint, or road map, of your soul. We'll explain your chart's strengths and challenges. From there, we give specific advice about love, career, health, or any topic you like, and give you a personalized "astro-prescription" for manifesting the results you desire.

Life Purpose (or "Help! I'm lost!")

What am I meant to do with my life? Your chart contains a "destiny point" that reveals information about your true path.

Love & Relationship Stuff

Will I ever find "the One"? Am I in the right relationship? How can we get along better? We're going through changes—what should I do? We'll help you understand your needs and (if you're part of a couple), those of your partner.

Family, Babies, Kids...Oh My!

Will I ever have a baby? Am I meant to be a parent? How can I understand my kids? My mom is driving me nuts—help!

Relocation: Should I Move?

Are you moving to a new home? Each city has a sign. Find out how well your chart gels with your desired location. Unlock answers for a happy transition.

Couples Reading: Help Our Relationship!

Did you know that your relationship has a sign and a unique chart of its own? By combining your birth data along with your partner's, we reveal the destiny and purpose of your romantic union. Locate potential trouble spots and learn to navigate for long-lasting love.



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TRAVEL

As hard as you work, Virgo, consider it your duty to take a vacation.

Busy Virgos don't get away much, but when you do, head for peace and quiet! As an earth sign, you love the outdoors. Try a serene, natural setting with a high spiritual frequency—like Sedona, Arizona or a remote island in Hawaii. Yoga retreats, quiet lodges, and breathtaking natural wonders rejuvenate your soul. A Virgo friend of ours went on a silent meditation retreat where she couldn't talk for ten days! Quieting your mind is important. If you visit a city, find a clean, quiet hotel and don't pack the itinerary too tightly. Visit small clubs where you can get lost in the music you love, or check out cultural events that satisfy your intellect. You love to learn the local lore, but you don't have the patience for crowded tour buses. Consider hiring a private guide to walk you through the most memorable non-touristy destinations. You'll love to regale your friends with tales of these off-the-beaten-path detours when you arrive back home.

Picky Virgos should think twice before traveling with friends. Be sure your travel and leisure styles are compatible. High-maintenance friends will drive you crazy, and a trip with them could end a friendship. Virgos need quiet downtime to rest from taking care of everyone else.

When you're away from home, you get a little neurotic with things out of order. A kitchen and great dressers make a difference. If you're away for long, book an efficiency suite or a cabin, where you can prepare your own meals.

Since you're the sign of service, you might be fulfilled by traveling with an organization like Habitat for Humanity. You'll get to build houses and help people in need, while escaping the stress of your daily environment. Still, we recommend balancing this out with an indulgent trip that's all about relaxing. You give so much to others. Consider it your duty to refill your tank!



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ENTERTAINING

Your attention to detail makes your parties extra special. Pass the swag bags!



When it comes to parties, you're the hostess with the mostest! Forget about renting a lounge or hall for your gigs. When it's party time, you open your home and treat the guests like royalty. Wild bashes aren't your thing. You love to create an environment of joy, laughter and intimacy. As a modest sign, you're uncomfortable throwing a party for yourself. However, you're the first to volunteer your event-planning gifts for a baby shower, a friend's birthday or a holiday soiree.

Since you're a meticulous detail queen, reserve a good few weeks to prepare. For you, that means lots of lists: guests, shopping, budgets, music, even gift bags. And let's not forget your intense cleaning routine! You have a vision of exactly how it should be: flowers, little dishes of hors d'oeuvres, a multi-course buffet. And once you get started with the preparations, few people can keep up with your incredible pace! You're like a tornado that whirls into town and leaves behind a masterpiece.

Virgo rules the kitchen, so you'll want to serve plenty of home-baked fare. You probably have a few signature dishes that will wow your guests. Remember, though, that people are coming to spend time with you! If you're too consumed with catering duties, they'll miss your fabulous company. Consider linking up with a team of co-hosts to execute your master plan, and take turns on various duties.

A small warning: you have a habit of overspending to please others. Be the budget gourmet. If you're going to buy Kobe beef and imported chocolate, serve it on fun, colorful plates. This will keep the vibe from getting too stuffy or formal, anyway. Leave a couple days for rest and recovery afterward. Your sign has a hard time accepting help, so chances are, you'll have done most of the work by yourself. With the right planning and coordination (your specialty), it will look effortless to the guests, and everyone will leave satisfied.



FAMILY DYNAMICS

Virgo is the happy helper of the family, always there to lend a hand.



Virgo is the sign of service, which may explain why you're the Happy Helper of your family. Babysitting, yardwork, a ride to the doctor's office: you never say no when a relative needs you to pinch hit. While this sometimes verges on martyrdom, you wouldn't have it any other way. Simply being there for your loved ones brings you great joy—and besides, you'd feel too guilty if you bailed.

A strong sense of heritage is important to you. You uphold family traditions through retelling stories, preparing dishes, and educating younger generations on customs. Taking a vacation to your family's country of origin can be a life-changing experience. You might even document it on a blog to share with relatives around the globe.

As a parent, you believe in giving your kids a great education, both when it comes to school and common sense street smarts. You are protective and hands-on in your parenting style, and may run the risk of being overly involved in your kids' lives. You can't help it: you want them to be their best. If that means giving them an extra push, you'll do so in a heartbeat.

Issue to Manage: NITPICKING

You say tomato, they say tomahto. Shouldn't be a big deal, but you, Virgo, are a stickler for the details. Your habit of harping on the little things can cause major family feuds. Try to be more forgiving of your relatives' smaller quirks and hangups. It's not your job to correct your niece's table manners or to school your brother on how to raise his kids. You can hold a grudge for years over one backhanded comment, but what a price you pay for icing people out! Missing the important milestones and occasions in your relatives' lives is not worth being "right." Let. It. Go.





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FRIENDSHIP

Generous Virgos make helpful and supportive friends. You like order and you'll happily come in and organize other people's lives. In your own world however, you prefer to be in total control. You don't believe in asking for help in return; in fact, you get nervous when other people move things around in your living spaces or schedules. A handmade or sentimental gift is a better way to show appreciation to a supportive Virgo.

Nothing turns Virgos on quite like a deep conversation. You love to analyze every little detail, and will stay up half the night gossiping or helping friends iron out their issues. You expect results, however, and can be quite critical of people who don't live up to your standards. You've sent enough people on guilt trips to open a travel agency! The truth is, Virgos tend to give too much and as a result wind up resentful when people don't immediately return the favor. Learning to speak up for your own needs can help you relax and get the support you need to make friendships work.

Virgos are worriers and friends who can calm you down will be highly valued. Soothing words won't do the trick. Virgos need facts, and those facts had better be backed up by statistics. If you're not the type who likes to read, you won't get far with this sign. Knowledge ranks high on your lists of respectable qualities. If you can't hold your own in a conversation, your chances are slim to none.

While Virgos are willing to make sacrifices for the ones you love, friends should be sensitive enough not to take advantage of your kindness. One too many favor asked can provoke a tirade from tapped-out Virgos. Relaxing is not something this sign knows how to do naturally and friends who are able to put your minds at ease will enjoy the fun-loving and hilarious personalities hidden inside every Virgo.



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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 hay-wire, 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	flirting
february	get in shape
march	relationships
april	get married
may	vacation
june	career & achievement

july	friends & networking
august	finish everything
september	start something new
october	money
november	communicate
december	family

1 january 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.

2 february 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.

3 march 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!"



4 april 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!

5 may 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.

6 june 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!

7 july 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!

8 august 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.

9 september 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!

10 october 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.



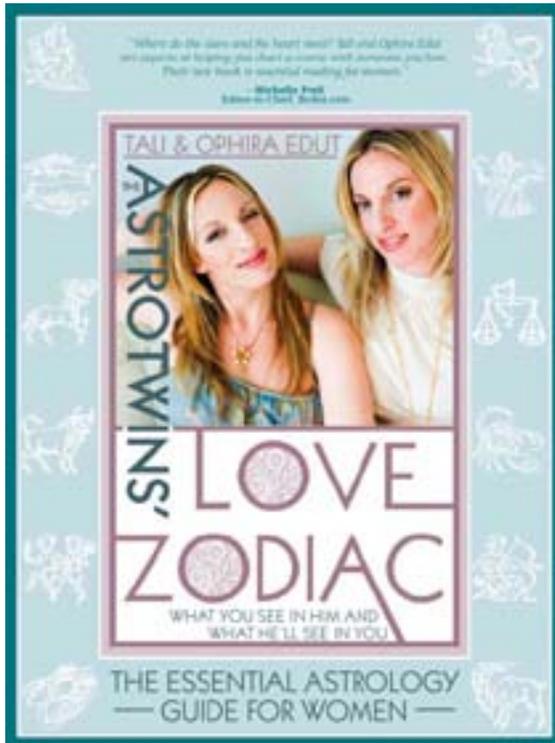
11 november communicate

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.

12 december 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!

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