

THE SEASON'S TOP PICKS

Home & Decor's editor Young Lim rounds up some great home accessories to spruce up your home for Chinese New Year

IT'S THE YEAR OF THE RAT!

Ever wondered why it's the Year of the Rat and not mouse? According to experts, rats possess a bold spirit and are alert and resourceful in nature — qualities we can all aspire to achieve. The Double Fortune sculpture features a pair of lively-looking rats, in 24k gold, climbing up a tree to reach the amber-coloured Liu-li pomegranate. The scene symbolises adaptability, while the ruby-coloured fruits symbolise good fortune and bountiful happiness.

The Double Fortune is limited to 88 pieces worldwide, and retails for \$6,888 at all Risis outlets.



FLOWERS ALL YEAR ROUND

I'm constantly racking my brains for the right floral arrangements during the festive season, so I was relieved to hear that Wonderland Botanicals offers a floral subscription service that delivers floral arrangements, based on your home interiors and season, right to your door every week.

Floral subscriptions from Wonderland Botanicals range from \$35-\$75 per week (inclusive of delivery). Find out more at www.wonderland.com.sg



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UPLIFT TO THE EXISTING SOFA
AND BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO YOUR
HOME DECOR WITHOUT BUSTING
THE BUDGET. THESE QUAINT
CUSHIONS DEPICTING OUR LOCAL
ICONIC ARCHITECTURE IN ART
DECO STYLE MAKE FOR A GREAT
CONVERSATION STARTER.

The SceneShang Embrace Me cushion covers retail for \$26.90 each and is available from SceneShang Raffles Hotel Shopping Gallery.



PERSONALISED DECORATING

Ditch the standard CNY decorations and consider something customised instead, such as a personalised decorative plaque bearing your family name. Not only does it turn your wall into an Insta-worthy backdrop, it'll also bring a smile to your relatives when they drop by. Auspicious words in decorative border or pineapple-shaped cutouts are also available.

♦ The Urban Li'l Chinese New Year decorative plaques are available in laser-cut, 5mm-thick plywood or 3mm-thick acrylic. Prices start from \$55. Go to www.urbanlil.com/collections/chinese to order.

A FRAGRANT YEAR AHEAD

Home scents are important because they set the scene and create the mood in a space. It's always good to welcome your guests into a living room that is perfumed with a light and floral note. The Ginger flower scented candle from Shanghai Tang comes in a beautiful bone china vessel, so you can repurpose it for holding a small floral bouquet or fill it with other trinkets later on.

The Ginger flower scented candle retails for \$205, and is available from Shanghai Tang.



