

Yellow Springs Toy Company's Lunar New Year Guide

# The Year of the Wood Dragon

February 10, 2024 - January 28, 2025



## 2024

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- Honor
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- Success



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# Happy Lunar New Year!

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## The Year of the Wood Dragon

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The Year of the Wood Dragon in the Chinese zodiac occurs once every 60 years, and its last occurrence was in 1964. Each animal sign is associated with one of the five elements (wood, fire, earth, metal, water), and this combination influences the characteristics and energies of the year.

In Chinese astrology, the Dragon is considered a powerful and auspicious sign associated with strength, energy, and good fortune. The Wood element is associated with growth, flexibility, and expansion. Therefore, the Year of the Wood Dragon is generally seen as a period of dynamic growth, positive change, and innovation.

## Lunar New Year

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Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, is a significant traditional Chinese holiday celebrated by East Asian communities around the world. It marks the beginning of the lunar calendar and is a time for family reunions, festive meals, and cultural celebrations. The festival usually lasts for 15 days, with the most important day being the first day of the lunar calendar.

The festivities include various customs, such as family gatherings, feasts, dragon and lion dances, fireworks, and the giving and receiving of red envelopes (hongbao) for good luck.



# Chinese Astrology:

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Chinese astrology is based on a twelve-year cycle, with each year associated with an animal sign: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit (or Cat), Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat (or Sheep), Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

Each animal sign is believed to have distinct personality traits, and the elements further influence the characteristics of each year.

Each sign is associated with the influences of Yin and Yang. Each year is also associated with one of the five elements (Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water).

# Yin & Yang

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In Chinese philosophy the concept of yin and yang: yin represents the passive, feminine, and receptive forces, while yang represents the active, masculine, and assertive forces. Each aspect is interconnected and complementary, forming a balance that underlies all aspects of existence.

Chinese astrology also considers the yin-yang polarity associated with each zodiac sign, further influencing personality traits. Each of the twelve zodiac signs is associated with either yin or yang energy, alternating in a pattern. This association contributes to the overall balance and harmony within the Chinese zodiac system, reflecting the interplay of yin and yang energies within individuals born under each sign.

Year	Lunar New Year Range	Animal	Element	Year	Lunar New Year Range	Animal	Element
2023	Jan 22, 2023 - Feb 09, 2024	Rabbit	Water	1978	Feb 18, 1978 - Feb 06, 1979	Horse	Earth
2022	Feb 01, 2022 - Jan 21, 2023	Tiger	Water	1977	Jan 31, 1977 - Feb 17, 1978	Snake	Fire
2021	Feb 12, 2021 - Jan 31, 2022	Ox	Metal	1976	Feb 11, 1976 - Jan 30, 1977	Dragon	Fire
2020	Jan 25, 2020 - Feb 11, 2021	Rat	Metal	1975	Jan 23, 1975 - Feb 10, 1976	Rabbit	Wood
2019	Feb 05, 2019 - Jan 24, 2020	Pig	Earth	1974	Feb 03, 1974 - Jan 22, 1975	Tiger	Wood
2018	Feb 16, 2018 - Feb 04, 2019	Dog	Earth	1973	Feb 15, 1973 - Feb 02, 1974	Ox	Water
2017	Jan 28, 2017 - Feb 15, 2018	Rooster	Fire	1972	Jan 27, 1972 - Feb 14, 1973	Rat	Water
2016	Feb 08, 2016 - Jan 27, 2017	Monkey	Fire	1971	Feb 06, 1971 - Jan 26, 1972	Pig	Metal
2015	Feb 19, 2015 - Feb 07, 2016	Goat	Wood	1970	Feb 17, 1970 - Feb 05, 1971	Dog	Metal
2014	Jan 31, 2014 - Feb 18, 2015	Horse	Wood	1969	Jan 29, 1969 - Feb 16, 1970	Rooster	Earth
2013	Feb 10, 2013 - Jan 30, 2014	Snake	Water	1968	Feb 10, 1968 - Jan 28, 1969	Monkey	Earth
2012	Jan 23, 2012 - Feb 09, 2013	Dragon	Water	1967	Jan 21, 1967 - Feb 09, 1968	Goat	Fire
2011	Feb 03, 2011 - Jan 22, 2012	Rabbit	Metal	1966	Feb 02, 1966 - Jan 20, 1967	Horse	Fire
2010	Feb 14, 2010 - Feb 02, 2011	Tiger	Metal	1965	Feb 13, 1965 - Feb 01, 1966	Snake	Wood
2009	Jan 26, 2009 - Feb 13, 2010	Ox	Earth	1964	Jan 25, 1964 - Feb 12, 1965	Dragon	Wood
2008	Feb 07, 2008 - Jan 25, 2009	Rat	Earth	1963	Feb 05, 1963 - Jan 24, 1964	Rabbit	Water
2007	Feb 18, 2007 - Feb 06, 2008	Pig	Fire	1962	Feb 15, 1962 - Feb 04, 1963	Tiger	Water
2006	Jan 29, 2006 - Feb 17, 2007	Dog	Fire	1961	Jan 28, 1961 - Feb 14, 1962	Ox	Metal
2005	Feb 09, 2005 - Jan 28, 2006	Rooster	Wood	1960	Feb 08, 1960 - Jan 27, 1961	Rat	Metal
2004	Jan 22, 2004 - Feb 08, 2005	Monkey	Wood	1959	Jan 22, 1959 - Feb 07, 1960	Pig	Earth
2003	Feb 01, 2003 - Jan 21, 2004	Goat	Water	1958	Feb 02, 1958 - Jan 21, 1959	Dog	Earth
2002	Feb 12, 2002 - Jan 31, 2003	Horse	Water	1957	Feb 13, 1957 - Feb 01, 1958	Rooster	Fire
2001	Jan 24, 2001 - Feb 11, 2002	Snake	Metal	1956	Jan 25, 1956 - Feb 12, 1957	Monkey	Fire
2000	Feb 05, 2000 - Jan 23, 2001	Dragon	Metal	1955	Feb 03, 1955 - Jan 24, 1956	Goat	Wood
1999	Jan 28, 1999 - Feb 15, 2000	Rabbit	Earth	1954	Feb 14, 1954 - Feb 02, 1955	Horse	Wood
1998	Feb 07, 1998 - Jan 27, 1999	Tiger	Earth	1953	Jan 27, 1953 - Feb 13, 1954	Snake	Water
1997	Feb 19, 1997 - Feb 06, 1998	Ox	Fire	1952	Feb 06, 1952 - Jan 26, 1953	Dragon	Water
1996	Jan 31, 1996 - Feb 18, 1997	Rat	Fire	1951	Feb 17, 1951 - Feb 05, 1952	Rabbit	Metal
1995	Feb 10, 1995 - Jan 30, 1996	Pig	Wood	1950	Jan 29, 1950 - Feb 16, 1951	Tiger	Metal
1994	Jan 23, 1994 - Feb 09, 1995	Dog	Wood	1949	Feb 10, 1949 - Jan 28, 1950	Ox	Earth
1993	Feb 04, 1993 - Jan 22, 1994	Rooster	Water	1948	Jan 23, 1948 - Feb 09, 1949	Rat	Earth
1992	Feb 15, 1992 - Feb 03, 1993	Monkey	Water	1947	Feb 03, 1947 - Jan 22, 1948	Pig	Fire
1991	Jan 27, 1991 - Feb 14, 1992	Goat	Metal	1946	Feb 14, 1946 - Feb 02, 1947	Dog	Fire
1990	Feb 06, 1990 - Jan 26, 1991	Horse	Metal	1945	Jan 26, 1945 - Feb 13, 1946	Rooster	Wood
1989	Feb 17, 1989 - Feb 05, 1990	Snake	Earth	1944	Feb 06, 1944 - Jan 25, 1945	Monkey	Wood
1988	Jan 29, 1988 - Feb 16, 1989	Dragon	Earth	1943	Feb 17, 1943 - Feb 05, 1944	Goat	Water
1987	Feb 10, 1987 - Jan 28, 1988	Rabbit	Fire	1942	Jan 30, 1942 - Feb 17, 1943	Horse	Water
1986	Jan 22, 1986 - Feb 09, 1987	Tiger	Fire	1941	Feb 10, 1941 - Jan 29, 1942	Snake	Metal
1985	Feb 02, 1985 - Jan 21, 1986	Ox	Wood	1940	Jan 22, 1940 - Feb 09, 1941	Dragon	Metal
1984	Feb 13, 1984 - Feb 01, 1985	Rat	Wood	1939	Feb 01, 1939 - Feb 19, 1940	Rabbit	Earth
1983	Jan 25, 1983 - Feb 12, 1984	Pig	Water	1938	Feb 12, 1938 - Jan 31, 1939	Tiger	Earth
1982	Feb 05, 1982 - Jan 24, 1983	Dog	Water	1937	Jan 25, 1937 - Feb 11, 1938	Ox	Fire
1981	Feb 16, 1981 - Feb 04, 1982	Rooster	Metal	1936	Feb 05, 1936 - Jan 24, 1937	Rat	Fire
1980	Jan 28, 1980 - Feb 15, 1981	Monkey	Metal	1935	Feb 15, 1935 - Feb 03, 1936	Pig	Wood
1979	Feb 07, 1979 - Jan 27, 1980	Goat	Earth	1934	Jan 28, 1934 - Feb 14, 1935	Dog	Wood

# The 5 Elements

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In Chinese astrology, each of the twelve animal signs is associated with one of the five elements: Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water. The combination of the zodiac sign and the element provides a more nuanced understanding of an individual's personality within the Chinese zodiac system. Each pairing of an animal sign with an element occurs once every 60 years.



Wood (木):

**Traits:** Flexibility, Growth, Generosity, Optimism, and Nurturing

**Compatible with:** Water and Earth

**Challenged by:** Metal and Fire



Fire (火):

**Traits:** Passion, Dynamism, Energy, Enthusiasm, and Leadership

**Compatible with:** Wood and Metal

**Challenged by:** Water and Earth

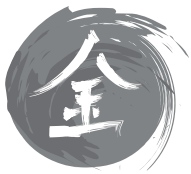


Earth (土):

**Traits:** Stability, Practicality, Nurturing, Responsibility, and Reliability

**Compatible with:** Water and Metal

**Challenged by:** Wood and Fire



Metal (金):

**Traits:** Strength, Precision, Independence, Discipline, Determination, and Organization

**Compatible with:** Earth and Water

**Challenged by:** Wood and Fire



Water (水):

**Traits:** Adaptability, Wisdom, Fluidity, Intuition, **Flexibility, and Sensitivity**

**Compatible with:** Wood and Fire

**Challenged by:** Metal and Earth

# The 12 Signs: 2024 Horoscope

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**Rat:** 鼠 (Shu) - Yang

1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020

**Intelligent, resourceful, charming, and quick-witted.**

Focus on networking and building strong connections to seize new opportunities—especially in career and finance, but beware of overconfidence and impulsiveness.



**Ox:** 牛 (Niú) - Yin

1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021

**Diligent, dependable, strong, and determined.**

Embrace flexibility and adaptability while staying committed to long-term goals. Focus on stability and consistency in all aspects of life, with potential for significant progress through hard work and determination.



**Tiger:** 虎 (Hù) - Yang

1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022

**Brave, confident, competitive, and unpredictable.**

Channel your energy into constructive pursuits and practice patience in all endeavors. A dynamic year with opportunities for personal growth and success, but be cautious of impulsive decisions and conflicts in relationships.



**Rabbit (or Cat):** 兔 (Tù) - Yin

1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023

**Gentle, sensitive, intuitive, and diplomatic.**

Trust your intuition and maintain harmony in relationships for personal and professional success. A year for nurturing relationships and pursuing creative endeavors, but beware of over-sensitivity and indecisiveness.

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**Dragon:** 龍 (Lóng) – Yang

1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024

**Energetic, confident, ambitious, and charismatic.**

Step into leadership roles with confidence and use your charisma to inspire others. A year of empowerment and achievement, with opportunities to shine in leadership roles and make significant strides towards personal and professional goals.



**Snake:** 蛇 (Shé) – Yin

1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025

**Wise, mysterious, intuitive, and determined.**

Embrace change and be open to new opportunities for personal growth and transformation. A year for deep introspection and strategic planning, with potential for transformation and success in long-term endeavors.



**Horse:** 马 (Ma) – Yang

1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026

**Independent, energetic, adventurous, and impatient.**

Set clear goals and prioritize self-discipline to turn dreams into reality. A year of adventure and new experiences, but beware of recklessness and impatience that could lead to instability.



**Goat (or Sheep):** 羊 (Yáng) – Yin

1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027

**Calm, gentle, compassionate, and creative.**

Embrace creativity and express yourself authentically in all endeavors. A year for cultivating inner peace and emotional well-being, with opportunities for artistic expression and spiritual growth.

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## Monkey: 猴 (Hóu) – Yang

1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028

**Witty, intelligent, curious, and mischievous.**

Stay focused on your goals and harness your intelligence to overcome challenges. A year for innovation and intellectual pursuits, with potential for success in new ventures but beware of distractions and conflicts.



## Rooster: 鸡 (Jī) – Yin

1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029

**Practical, resourceful, observant, and outspoken.**

Pay attention to details and practice effective communication for success in all areas. A year for practicality and organization, with potential for career advancement and financial stability through diligent effort and attention to detail.

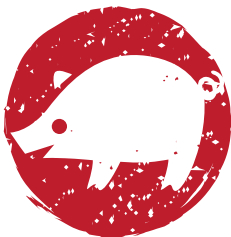


## Dog: 狗 (Gǒu) – Yang

1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030

**Loyal, honest, faithful, and protective.**

A year for loyalty and protection of loved ones, with potential for personal growth through pursuing your ambitions, overcoming challenges, and staying true to your principles.



## Pig: 猪 (Zhū) – Yin

1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031

**Diligent, compassionate, generous, and optimistic.**

A year for gratitude, generosity and compassion, with opportunities for abundance and fulfillment in both personal and professional life. Stay mindful of financial decisions for abundance and prosperity. Beware of over-indulgence and extravagance.

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