Chinese New Year will usually be a very manic time leading up to the celebrations and festivities which is why we have made this comprehensive Chinese New Year Checklist for 2017, the year of the Yin Fire Rooster (Ding You). Chinese New Year brings so many jobs and tasks that need doing and every year around the home and office that I go through the home and office that I tend to forget things that need doing which is why I originally created a checklist to tick off as I go through all of the tedious tasks and I decided to share it on the website for others to add or change how they like and the feedback has been amazing and I am so thankful for all of your kind words.

The list below is the same list that I go through every year during Chinese New Year and this year, I have tailored it to the year of the Rooster and included where to place the <u>2017 Annual Cures and Enhancers</u> and colour suggestions for the year which will hopefully make it a bit easier when going through everything before the start of the year of the Rooster.

Please feel free to share this list with your friends and family.

Chinese New Year 2017 (lunar) date for celebrating – 28th January 2017 Chinese New Year 2017 (Solar) date for placing Cures – February 3rd 2017

2017 is the year of the Yin Fire Rooster (Ding You) 丁酉

Kitchen		Garden and driveway		
Wash floors and walls		Cut grass and lay seed or turf in dead patches		
Clean out fridge		Trim all trees and hedges and clear rubbish		
Clean out oven		Wash down patio or decking and paint if necessary		
Organise cabinets, drawers etc and throw out old food		Remove all weeds and rubbish from garden including		
and rubbish		broken furniture and pots		
Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth		Wash all outside windows in the home both top and		
Wipe down all cabinets, worktops etc		bottom		
Clean out microwave		Touch up any paint		
Bleach drains and sink		Clear drains and gutters		
Move out dishwasher, fridge and washing machine and		Wash out recycling bins		
clean behind		Clear out shed or outhouse		
Deep clean washing machine and dishwasher on empty		Clean swimming pool/sauna		
cycle		Clean pots		
Clean behind kickboards		Check security lighting and replace bulbs if necessary		
Check carbon monoxide alarm		Water plants if necessary		
Wash all windows and window frames		Tidy away tools and brushes		
Check smoke alarms		Clean chimney		
Throw away any broken crockery		Clean out barbecue		
Replace water filter		Clean doormats		
Open windows to air room out		Clear driveway and entrance to home to attract Sheng		
Spray space clearing Essential oil around room		Qi		
Clean filters in oven		Avoid knives and scissors on New Year day		
Place fresh fruit in bowl, especially oranges to attract				
wealth				
Place Kitchen God				
Hallway and landing		Bathrooms		

Deep clean bath, sink, bidet, toilet

Bleach drains and toilet

Wash floor or hoover carpet

Wash floors and walls or hoover

Wash windows and frames

Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth

Wipe down any cabinets or furniture		Open windows to air room out		
Open windows to air room out		Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth		
Check alarm system if present				
Wipe down doors with cloth				
Spray space clearing Essential oil around room		Spray space clearing Essential oil around room		
Garage		Loft		
Wash down garage door		Clear cobwebs and dust		
Sweep floor		Remove all clutter and throw away		
Wipe walls and ceiling down	☐ Check for holes or tears in lining			
Clear any clutter and throw away rubbish	☐ Check water tank			
Spray space clearing Essential oil around room	☐ Check lighting fixtures and replace broken bulbs			
Touch up any paint				
Open garage door to air out				
Check smoke detector				
Cars		Bedrooms		
Wash cars or take to car wash		Organise drawers		
Check tyre pressures		Throw away any clutter or old clothes		
Check oil level		Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth		
Clean inside of car		Check light bulbs and replace if needed		
Throw away any rubbish		Vacuum or wash curtains and blinds		
Check coolant level		Clean all furniture		
Replace air freshener		Flip or rotate mattress		
Clear air filter		Wash sheets		
Top up petrol or diesel		Wash windows and frames		
Fill washer fluid tank		Wash or hoover floor		
Check tyre tread depth		Dust all décor down		
, , ,		Steam clean carpets		
		Open windows to air room out		
		Hoover and dust under furniture and bed		
		Check smoke detectors		
		Spray space clearing Essential oil around room		
Dining room		Living Room		
Throw away any clutter		Throw away any clutter		
Organise drawers		Organise drawers		
Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth		Wipe cobwebs from ceiling and corners with cloth		
Check light bulbs and replace if needed		Check light bulbs and replace if needed		
Vacuum or wash curtains and blinds		Vacuum or wash curtains and blinds		
Clean all furniture		Clean all furniture		
Wash windows and frames		Wash or wipe sofa down		
Wash or hoover floor		Wash windows and frames		
Dust all décor down		Wash or hoover floor		
Steam clean carpets		Dust all décor down		
Hoover and dust under furniture and bed		Steam clean carpets		
Check smoke detectors		Hoover and dust under furniture and bed		
Spray space clearing Essential oil around room		Clean television		
Onen windows to air room out		Spray space clearing Essential oil around room		

Open windows to air room out

2017 Annual Afflictions

Tai sui – west (262.5 – 277.5) Sui po – east (82.5 – 97.5) Three killings – east (52.5 – 127.5) Annual 5 yellow – south (157.5 – 202.5)

Annual Cures and Enhancers for 2017

Northwest	North	Northeast
Six Chinese i-ching coins In a row	Ba xian Ba Gua protection talisman	Xin Xiang Shi Cheng Wish and Romance
Salt water cure		<u>enhancer</u>
Shi Dong Wu protection amulet		Blue Kwan Yin
West	Centre	East
Yi Bai Fu Mian Qi Sheng Chi Talisman	Ru Yi golden wealth enhancer	Huo Zai Dragon and Ru Yi
Tang Jie Tai sui gold plated plaque for		Caiyuan Guang Jin Master Cure
<u>2017</u>		
Southwest	South	Southeast
Ba Bao eight treasure coins in circle	Six Chinese i-ching coins In a row	Fo Xiang four Buddhas of prosperity and
<u>Amulet</u>	Salt water cure	luck
San zhong three bell chime	6 Metal rod wind chime	
	Shou Hu Shen Metal lily	

Fun facts and advice for Chinese New Year

Ensure that house, flat, office or any other building is completely clean from top to bottom, to encourage good luck
in the coming year.
Open all the windows and doors in every single part of the home as this is said to bring in clean, new good luck for
the year.
Switch on all of the lights in the home inside and out as this is said to attract good luck from outside and if the
windows and doors are wide open it is easy for the luck to enter. The bright lights and open windows are also used
to scare away evil spirits.
Buy a new pair of slippers at New Year, apparently it is said to stop people gossiping about you, In China, face and
reputation is very important.
Avoid arguments, using knives, driving too far and they love to gamble on New Year's Day as they hope to create
good luck and wealth. You can read more on this below.
Do not punish or discipline the children. Otherwise, they will have more arguments in the New Year.
Refrain from using a knife or scissors in the kitchen.
You should not wash yourself on this day which mean do not take a bath, shower or wash your hair on Chinese New
Year's Day as this will wash away all good luck for you personally.
Refrain from wearing black or white colours when visiting friends on this day as these colours are associated with
funerals and death.
Visit recently deceased friends or family on New Year's Day
When you wake somebody up on this morning, do not use their name as it is said that this person will be dependent
on you all year long to motivate them.
Do not wash any clothes on this day as Chinese New Year Day is the birthday of the god of Water.
Do not cut your hair or nails on this day as it is believed that you will be bringing pain to your relations.
Keep everything positive and do not talk about anything negative on this day as you will be setting an example for
how the rest of your year is to be lived.

Notes

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Recommendations for 2017

Northwest

- Hang six Chinese coins tied in red ribbon.
- Place a salt water cure.
- You do not need to place dragons and bells all around your home or office; you can use any metal ornament as long as it is not sharp or aggressive looking, and believe it or not a good cure is a round metal dog bowl or weight lifters weights.
- A brass wealth ingot is good for protecting wealth
- Place a gold coloured three legged Toad with i-ching under.
- hang a <u>Shi Dong Wu protection</u> <u>amulet</u> in the northwest of your home or office
- Place a Wu Lou and/or other metal ornaments to dissipate the negative earth.
- A metal singing bowl is very good as is a stainless steel Dog bowl.
- Avoid using red colour in this room and refrain from displaying triangle shape or fiery pictures.

North

- If this is your bedroom, a shade of blue or black in your furnishing or décor may help with health. A blue painting (not water scene) may also do.
- Place a set six Chinese coins tied together with ribbon this year especially for the months of October and April 2017.
- Place a <u>Ba xian Ba Gua protection</u> <u>talisman</u> in the north of your home in 2017
- Real quartz crystal is very good in the north for 2017 as is faceted crystal spheres.

Northeast

- Use blue in your décor if this is your office or bedroom.
- For office and studies, place a task light and a crystal globe on the work desks. Blue items can be added on the desk e.g. blue paper, blue books etc
- Avoid displaying too many metal objects here, especially large heavy ornaments.
- Fresh flowers or small pots of green leafy or flowering plants can be displayed in this spot of the house to lift the qi. Blue or green flowers are a good choice.
- Place a <u>blue Kwan Yin</u> statue in the northeast to ensure and strengthen and protect romance/relationships, career and academics are protected and enhanced in 2017
- If you have mandarin Ducks this is a good area to have them and any other symbols of romance like hugging couples etc.
- Place photos of loved ones or images of love to enhance relationships or attract new love.
 This can done with photos, paintings or statues, make sure there is always a pair in the image.
- Place a <u>Xin Xiang Shi Cheng Wish</u> and Romance enhancer
- For romance a Dragon headed Tortoise or Mandarin Ducks is very good

West

- Place a light in the west. If you have the option, a lamp with a wooden stand and a peach/red shade is better.
- Do not hang wind chimes of any material in this area of the house, especially metal wind chimes as it will worsen matters.
- Place a <u>Yi Bai Fu Mian Qi Sheng Chi</u> <u>Talisman</u> in the west for the year
- During hot summer months, make sure the fan is not located in the west.
- Take extra security measures for the whole home or business during 2017 and check smoke alarms.
- Place a <u>Tang Jie Tai sui gold plated</u> <u>plaque</u> to appease Tai Sui for the year
- Check through everything before signing documents if office is in the west.
- Try and keep this area quiet and do not disturb with loud noises.
- Try not to let children or noisy animals play in the west.

Centre

- Place a <u>Ru Yi golden wealth</u>
 <u>enhancer</u> in the centre to protect
 and enhance wealth and
 relationships
- Try to introduce some blue, black, grey or charcoal colours.
- A brass Wu-Lou would be good for a bedroom that falls into the centre
- Place creative enhancements like displaying an abacus, calligraphy set, artist tools like canvas, brushes
- Place a gold Tsai Shen Yeh statue in the centre to protect wealth in 2017

East

- Hang a faceted crystal sphere in this area of the house near the window or door. Hang it above head height and twist now and again.
- The red three-legged toad can be placed here. Make sure the toad is facing into the house and not towards the door and the coin is never taken out of his mouth.
- Place a <u>Huo Zai Dragon and Ru Yi</u> for wealth, career and luck this year in the east
- Introduce some fire colours into the east to balance the energies, a quick and easy way is using bed covers, rugs, table covers, sofa throws etc.
- Place a <u>Caiyuan Guang Jin Master</u>
 <u>Cure</u> for overall protection in 2017
- If your bedroom is here, you can also place an amethyst or any crystal items in the east of the bedroom to further strengthen the earth element of the benevolent 8.
- A good romance enhancer is a pair of rose quartz Mandarin Ducks in the east this year.

 Beware of backstabbing, as sometimes it is unseen and behind your back and also from someone you thought you knew quite well.

- Keep area active with open windows and doors (yang energy) although please be aware of noise levels.
- Keep the area outside and inside the east, north and northeast as clear clutter free and open as possible, you need to let the auspicious Qi collect here and distribute inside and outside when this happens it is known as Ming Tang, this is a collection of Sheng Chi (auspicious energy)

Southwest

- You should try to introduce some blue colours in your decoration. You can introduce the colour by using cushions, rugs, bed covers, doormats or anything else you can think of.
- Do not use anything that is associated to the fire element or colours such as red to control it as this may aggravate it.
- Place a <u>Ba Bao eight treasure coins</u> <u>in circle Amulet</u> for protection in 2017.
- Avoid candles at all costs.
- Install or service smoke alarms and security systems.
- Place a <u>San zhong three bell</u> <u>chime</u> in the southwest in 2017
- Do not hang metal wind chimes here.

South

- Avoid playing loud music in the south of the home or room in 2017.
- Do not decorate your room with red or earth colours this year. Grey, blue or white beddings and curtains are good colours to use temporarily.
- Place a salt water cure in the south of the building along with six Chinese coins tied in a row with red ribbon and six hollow metal rod wind chime.
- Place a Brass Wu-Lou in the south corner of the room if this is your bedroom.
- Place a <u>Shou Hu Shen Metal lily</u> in the south of your home or office for the year
- Do not place red objects, burning candles or triangular shaped furnishing in this sector.
- Most of all, avoid disturbing the south at all costs. Any form of renovations that needs to be done, plan it for another year. It is worth keeping this in mind.
- Tsai Shen Yeh (God of wealth) in a gold colour is very effective at not only reducing the bad earth but by also protecting your wealth for the year in the south.
- Replace or at the very least cleanse your Ba Gua mirror in the south especially if you have a door here.
- If you have a main door in the south make sure you oil the hinges and try not to let it bang shut.
- If you use a fan or other machines that creates noise or vibration try and avoid placing it in the south part of a room, get yourself a good compass

Southeast

- Healthy green leafy plants or blue flowering plants such as violets are good for this area.
- Fresh flowers displayed here will bring positive qi too.
- Place the Fo Xiang four Buddhas of prosperity and luck to enhance the annual #9 stars effects this year.
- Symbolic objects such as a gold abacus or six Chinese coins can be placed here all year round to enhance benevolent influence and at the same time dissipate the malevolent influence by the visiting monthly #2 and #5.