



DIY Bookmark

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The Chinese character 福 "Fú" means "fortune" or "good luck." When displayed as a Chinese ideograph, Fú is often displayed upside-down on diagonal red squares. The reasoning is based on a wordplay: in nearly all varieties of Chinese: the words for "upside-down" (倒, Pinyin: dào) and "to arrive" (到, Pinyin: dào) are homophonous. Therefore, the phrase an "upside-down Fú" sounds nearly identical to the phrase "Good luck arrives". Pasting the character upside-down on a door or doorpost thus translates into a wish for prosperity to descend upon a dwelling.

In the Lunar calendar, 2019 is the Year of the Earth Pig, starting from Feb. 5, 2019 and lasting until Jan. 24, 2020. The pig is the twelfth in the 12-year cycle of Chinese zodiac signs. The years of the Pig include 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019. In the Chinese culture, each year is also associated with one of five elements - wood, fire, earth, metal, and water. The year 2019 is associated with earth, which is how we get the Year of the Earth Pig. In Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth. Their chubby faces and big ears are signs of fortune as well.



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- 2) Cut along the edge of the border of the Fú illustration.
- 3) Tape it in your space.

HAPPY YEAR of The Pig!!