

HOROSCOPE



ARIES
(MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Don't let anyone steal your thunder. Let others have a say. Your self-confidence will attract the opposite sex. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



TAURUS
(APR. 21-MAY 21)

Avoid fighting losing battles. Find ways to make extra cash. Focus on your domestic scene. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

You will enjoy socialising. New friends may not be trustworthy. Try to keep to yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Rally loved ones to your cause. Sort through any pending mess. Don't jump into investments too quickly. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



LEO
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Take the initiative at work. Purchase items that boost your look. Look into family outings. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Clear up legal matters. Join seminars for some enlightenment. Get your priorities in line. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



LIBRA
(SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Let your thoughts be known. Beware of difficulties while travelling. Think before you act. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



SCORPIO
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Real estate investments will be profitable. Visitors could drop by. Emotional deception is evident. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Be careful while travelling. Direct your energy into physical entertainment. Correspondence may not clear up issues. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Deceit around you is evident. Develop some of your good ideas. Difficulties with children are likely. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



AQUARIUS
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Be firm about what you want. Don't make unreasonable promises. Discuss your objectives with partners or peers. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



PISCES
(FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

Curb your dramatic nature a bit. Don't avoid responsibilities. Take care with joint financial ventures. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LS NOTE

ROOKIE MATTERS

Musings of first-time voters

In the whirlwind of campaigns and promises, and a whole nation looking forward to the upcoming elections, what are the first-time voters thinking about it all?

Riazul Islam, a university student, opined that the excitement is more for first-time voters like him.

"I am looking forward to vote, quite simply because I have never voted before," he said, and added —

"Voting sounds like an 'adult' thing to do, and this time I am eligible to take part!"

Riazul's polling centre is not in Dhaka, the city he now lives in.

"I am looking forward to meet my cousins and school friends back in my hometown from where I will vote. The overall feeling, due to the campaigns but also for the reunion with many of my loved ones, is therefore quite similar to Eid or any other major festival," he said.

Many of the campaigns have incorporated social media as a tool, from uploading promotional videos to

appearing live on Facebook.

"Whether you personally find these entertaining, useful, moving, or even distasteful is a separate matter. But it is interesting to see candidates embracing this media where the youth is so active," Naureen Chowdhury, another first-time voter, commented.

No matter what, they (the candidates) are getting their messages across."

Naomi, a 19-year-old, has a lot of faith in her generation. She said, "We are politically and socially aware, despite what many from the older generations think. The role of young people in the past few movements is proof enough," she said.

"I for one am actually eager on manifestos and scrutinising candidates --not just electoral symbols or political parties-- to make a final decision. It may sound obvious, but I am getting the chance to have someone represent me in the parliament."

She further said, "It is very personal but also larger than life at the same

time — and this time around, I am a part of it!"

On the other hand, many are still contemplating whether to actually vote or not. "None of the candidates from my area seem promising to me. And will the election really be free and fair?" Rajib Ahmed, a twenty-year-old and a small business owner, expressed his concerns.

"I assume it would be a nice experience to vote, but just the sake of experience itself doesn't count much" he said with an air of scepticism.

"I am not apolitical" — that's a general sentiment expressed by numerous first-time voters and the youth at large when asked about the upcoming elections. The statement may have been accompanied with a number of varying thoughts, from a mere 'meh' to the more enthusiastic debates, but there is one point which comes across clearly: politics and our future are very much in the minds of first-time voters.

By Zane

Note for the notebook hoarder!

Only one week left of this year, and already 2019 journals and notebooks are seen stacked up on shelves everywhere. It is time to do that annual cleaning once more. But what to clean? Your last year's (rather even before that) notebooks remain still untouched. If you are a journal hoarder, particularly the type who would buy one for the beautiful border or the excellent paper quality, you know what we mean!

SORT IT ALL OUT

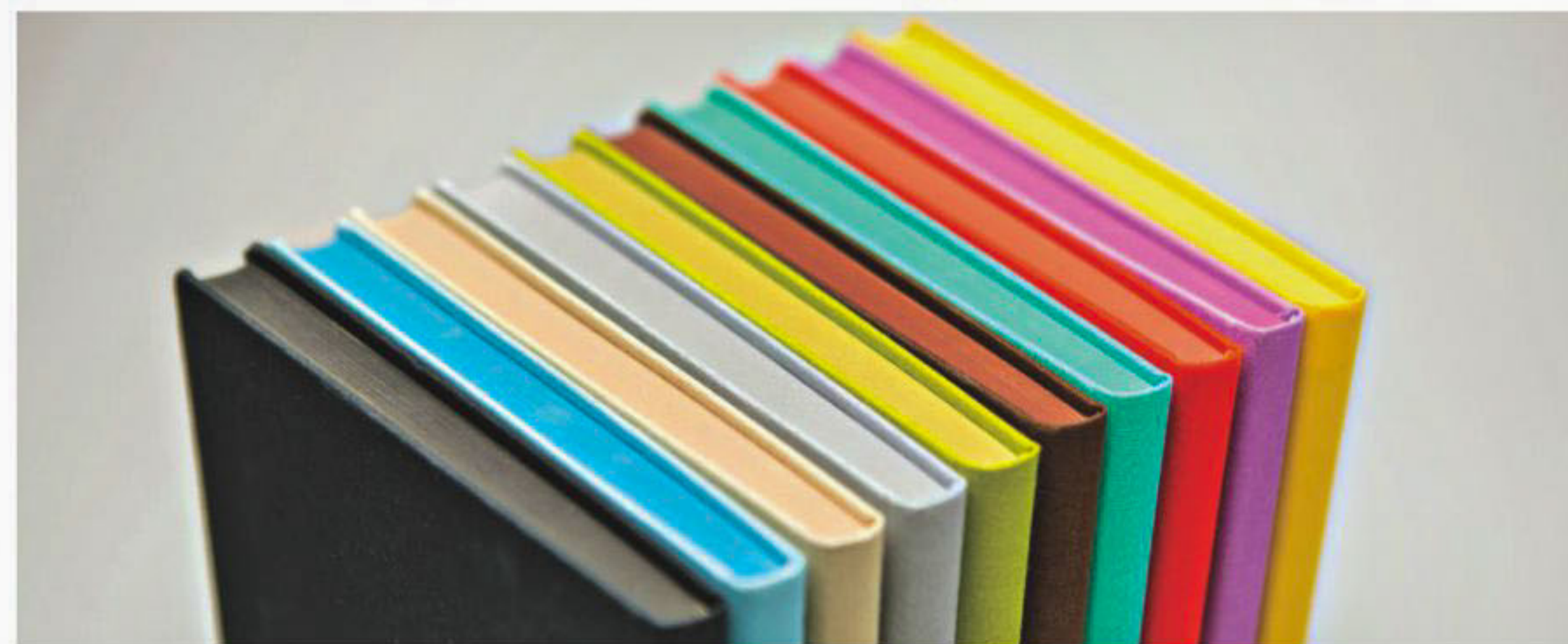
Not just basic sorting by size and ruled or blank paper, but actual sorting to figure out if the paper is usable or not. Your ten-year-old little diary with the cute cover may need to be sacrificed because the paper is crumbling. Sort first on paper usability, and then on the covers.

ON THE GO ORIGAMI

If you have a long cherished desire to master at least the basics of Origami, your semi-used notebooks can help you. Here's an inspiration: learn to fold the origami crane, and get into the vibe of Senbazuru — where you fold one thousand origami cranes to be granted a wish.

YOUR DAILY GO-TO LIST

While your latest apps already have all your reminders, trust us when we say nothing replaces writing by hand. Nothing gets a notebook finished faster than your daily to-do lists and reminders.



FEARLESS DOODLING

For the hibernating soul of the artist in you, traverse the daily traffic with any and all scribbles that come into your mind, and pours through your pen onto paper. Notebooks with unlined, blank pages are best suited for this purpose.

CALLIGRAPHY UNLEASHED

Think you spend way too much time in front of calligraphy videos? Don't worry, you are not alone. In fact, we say do not just limit yourself to watching, try it! Your favourite words or quotes all make for excellent calligraphy elements. Lined or lightly lined notebooks are perfect for initial practising. Even if you do not achieve the picture perfect letters and additional flourishes, you will still have a whole notebook filled with your favourite words and quotes!

CUT OUT ART

You can also reach for the next step in paper art with cut out stencilling directly done in your notebooks, especially if you have the larger, thicker ones. While some extra skills and supplies are required for this, you are at least set with a sizeable piece of stationery!

We are pretty sure you are painfully aware of the one or two lines that grace a one hundred page notebook, and that your drawers are nearly at bursting point with the stacks of still untouched diaries and what-nots. While your gathering habits still need a lot of working around, you can still make the best use of what you have around without going into elaborate plans for bullet journaling!

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