

Lots of Luck

I've always been a big believer in luck and certain superstitions. I wear green (my "lucky" colour) on days when I need some extra mojo. I only pick up American pennies when they're "heads" up. And I never, ever reveal my birthday wish, lest it not come true.

Now that I'm in Asia – for my second Lunar, or Chinese New Year – I realise what an amateur I've been! Observant Singaporeans take their CNY traditions *seriously*, from not sweeping the house on New Year's Day (to keep in the luck) to gifting money in amounts ending in eight (the most auspicious number). But I'm catching on! I made sure to wear red for this photo, for instance (like my dress? Visit Robinsons for similar styles, www.robinsons.com.sg). We've actually been pumping out fresh CNY posts on www.thefinder.com.sg since early last month. Download the digital edition of this issue (see page 12 for details) then click on the icon below to check out all of our posts to date.

Speaking of dates, it's Valentine's Day month! We've got six awesome, non-traditional ideas for impressing your sweetie (page 74). And after you read our "Travel+Kids" story (page 27), you'll be scrambling to book the dates of your next family holiday – Singapore is close to *so* many bucket-list-y destinations.

What else is amazing in SG? *Food*. Don't miss the "Not-Your-Grandma's High Tea" and "Know Your Noodles" stories (pages 20 and 38, respectively). Here's to a fulfilling year for all!



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3 Genius Organising Tips

My family recently moved into a shophouse (left). The upside: more room for storing and displaying our stuff. The downside: too much stuff. With CNY upon us, I asked pro Nathalie Ricaud of Get Organised & Beyond (www.getorganisedandbeyond.com) for help. Her tips:

- 1 Imagine**
...there's no clutter. "To start, envision your space once it's organised," says Nathalie. "It's very powerful because it helps you decide what does and doesn't belong there – and keeps you motivated when the going gets tough."
- 2 Focus**
"Break down the project into manageable steps," she says. Want to declutter your entire home? "Start with one category of items or one room. If it's your clothes, begin with your T-shirts. If it's the kitchen, begin with the fridge."
- 3 Clear Out!**
"When the purge is over, get the items out of your home as soon as possible," she advises. "You don't want to create a new clutter pile or start rummaging in your castaways and putting things back in your closets."