

# Happy New Year - 2026

## Let's try something new (somewhat mathematical)!

How would you like to create 'your very own' 4x4 Magic Square?  
If yes, let's begin and create one for your birthday. The instructions below require your birthday numbers, where:

**A** = birthday MONTH (1 to 12),

**B** = birth-DAY (1 to 31),

**C** = 1<sup>st</sup> two digits of your birthday YEAR, and

**D** = 2<sup>nd</sup> two digits of your birthday YEAR.

Instructions for:

A	B	C	D
D+1	C-1	B-3	A+3
B-2	A+2	D+2	C-2
C+1	D-1	A+1	B-1

4x4 matrix example for  
date January 1, 2026

	1	1	20	26	48
	27	19	-2	4	48
	-1	3	28	18	48
	21	25	2	0	48
48	48	48	48	48	48

Note: Magic squares are called "magic" because they combine a long cultural mystique with a simple, surprising arithmetic symmetry: every row, column and main diagonal adds to the same fixed number, producing patterns and properties that feel unexpectedly ordered and elegant.

First, lets find your 'fixed magic number'. Your fixed magic number will be equal to the sum of your 4 birthday numbers (or 1<sup>st</sup> row).

Second, upon 'successful' completion of your 4x4 blank matrix above, the following magical results can now be verified: The sum of the 4 numbers in each of the rows, columns, two main diagonals and the 4 corners will all be equal to your magic number. Also, your magic number will equal the 4 number sum of each of the 5 internal 2x2 squares (located at the 4 corners and center of the main 4x4 square) as well as the 4 corner sum of each of the 4 internal 3x3 squares (located at the 4 corners of the main 4x4 square).

Note: Depending on the numbers chosen, there could be negative values when filling in your matrix.

Now, you own it!.....Isn't the results interesting, mystical and magical? You may like to continue and create additional 4x4 Magic Squares for other birthdays or just try 'ANY' four numbers for A, B, C & D (i.e., 1/1/20/26, 12/25/20/25, 4/-3/2/-1, 5/5/5/5, etc.) and enjoy more magical results.