

Vastu And Zodiac Signs In Context With The Interior Of The House

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Abstract : Architecture is planning of a space in according to your functional needs and at the same time taking care of the aesthetics and complete exploitation of the spaces. Astrology(Zodiac Signs) is related to time and direction, Vastu is related to space and architecture. The 12 zodiac signs in Astrology(Zodiac Signs) are associated with the Panchtatvas or the five main elements composed in Vastu. All the planets ruling our horoscopes are associated with the eight directions. For e.g. Nav grah temple. A sincere effort has been made to unravel the relationship between zodiac signs ,vastu and architecture.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Living in the 21st century means living in the age of technological wonders, those wonders which people might have considered magic a century ago. Television , The Internet ,bullet trains , space flight , virtual reality , three dimensional images , are just several examples signifying the incredible technological progress humanity has made during decades. Similarly many people still believe that phenomenon like astrology, zodiac signs, are still just superstitions though these are the part of the data and calculations and a long history of survey of people's traits and behaviours in accordance of their relative planets and stars.

Jyotish describes the planetary patterns at the time of our birth and can give us valuable clues to understanding our life's journey. Through careful analysis of these cosmic influences, Jyotish can help us to realistically evaluate our strengths and challenges in order to optimize our full potential. By forecasting the changing trends and periods of our lives, Jyotish can also enable us to make more evolutionary choices. It offers practical remedial measures to lighten areas of difficulty, giving us the confidence to manifest our true destiny and create success, happiness, and harmony on all levels.

"VASTU SHASTRA" is a scattered Indian literature dealing with the knowledge of architecture, iconography and art relating to structures and buildings. It comprises of independent works which are classified under the general heading of Vastu Shastra. The word "VAASTU" is derived from the word 'VASTOPSHPATI' used in 'Rig Veda' and is meant to provide protection, happiness and prosperity in life as well as after death.

II. DETERMINATION OF DIRECTION

Direction continuously employs the influence on human life. The direction, the entrances of home faces is very crucial in Vastu as well as in zodiac signs/ Astrology.

i. Auspicious directions for the zodiac signs are :

- Aries, Sagittarius, Leo – North (mercury)
- Gemini, Virgo, Capricorn – South (Mars)
- Cancer, Scorpio, Pieces – East (Sun)
- Taurus, Libra, Aquarius – West (Saturn)

These mentioned directions are the auspicious directions for the respective zodiac signs. Regardless of their sun signs, however, people may keep the entrances to their homes in the East for better. Next to it, they may keep the entrance to their homes in the north. It is very essential to determine the directions correctly. As per Vastu Shastra, a building construction should be started only after making of the directions, east-west etc.

ii. THE EIGHT DIRECTIONS

Northeast is the direction governed by Guru / Brihaspati (Jupiter) and Ketu. Guru represents number 3 and governed by the colour Yellow, and Ketu represents number 7. Northeast is the place for the temple and the walls of your temple should be painted with yellow. Accordingly, the owner will be religiously inclined, talkative and scholar on some particular subjects. He is found of sweet items as well.

North is direction governed by Budh (Mercury); Mercury represents number 5 and colour governed by Mercury is Green. North is the direction of bathroom or water source and hence, the walls of the rooms in the north should be painted green. The owner will be intelligent, humorous and active. He relishes everything but in moderation.

East is direction governed by Sun that represents number 1 and the colour that governs this direction is Orange. Walls or curtains in east direction should be orange or red in colour. The sun makes the owner of the house abiding to the truth, ambitious, and courageous.

Southeast is the direction governed by Anjee Dev (Lord of Fire) / Venus and the colour associated with fire is Red whereas the colour associated with Venus is White/Blue. It is known that southeast zone belongs to the kitchen and hence, the walls of the kitchen should be painted with red or orange colour. But, in case it's a room, then it should be painted white. Owner would have a variety of taste and a special liking for luxuries.

South is governed by Mangal (Mars) that represents number 9 and is governed by colour Red. Hence, this is the colour that the southern walls of your house should be painted in red. The owner would be courageous, haughty, outrageous and stubborn. He will specially relish spicy, delicious food.

Southwest is governed by Rahu that represents number 4 and colour associated with Rahu is Blue. Southwest is the best for master bedroom with walls painted blue. The owner will be licentious, engaged in illegal activities. He will especially relish stale food.

West is governed by Shani (Saturn) which represents number 8. The colour associated with Shani is Black/Grey. Hence, the western walls of the house should be painted grey. The owner will be serious, prudent, tolerant and responsible. He relishes food cooked in oil and bitter and cold food.

Northwest is the direction governed by Vayu Dev (Moon) that represents number 2 and colour associated with Rahu is White. This direction is best to have a guest room/ drawing room. The walls of this room should be painted in white. The owner is of instable mind, sentimental, fond of travelling and soft spoken. He is also fond of eating vegetables cooked with excess of salt.

III. INTERIOR ELEMENTS OF ZODIAC SIGNS

➤ ARIES

A one-story house in the suburbs is the perfect happy medium. . You have a natural character for leadership, which is why you're more than willing to take risks with your interior design. Bold colours with brave patterns is the go to for aries. Take, for example, this palm leaf wallpaper, which increases up the energy in any monotonous living room. Turn it up even more by throwing splashes of yellow, one of the most vibrant primary colours. As a spirited fire sign, you lean toward cheerful complexions of vermilion and turquoise, highlighted with light-catching metals. . The most important area of the home is your back patio, where you and your friends can gather around your fire pit and toast marshmallows.

- Overall style: Contemporary
- Colors: coral, Turquoise, vermilion, gold(shades of yellow) and silver



- Favorite room: Porch or backyard
- Must-have furniture: Lounge chair
- Decor necessities: A bold wallpaper accent wall, blue tile
- Plant: Palms

➤ TAURUS

Beauty and comfort: You have those two things in life, and you have it all. Ruled by Venus, you are captivated by all things soft, luxurious, and attractive. You like being flooded by beauty, so it's no surprise indoor plants—tall leaf fig trees or plants, to name a few—work well for you. Because you are hyper aware of your senses, you can benefit from toying with different fabrics, textures and shapes. The wood flooring, softened by a thick, fluffy shag rug you'll want to sink your feet in. Trade in a more robust, stony floor-to-ceiling wall of a fireplace for a cushioned look.

Taurus are sure to blow through their earnings on an expensive dwelling, as the zodiac sign is known for having the finest taste. But they won't settle for just anywhere—as earth signs, Taurus will want to set up camp in nature, somewhere surrounded by green but not so far out that others can't admire their 20-bedroom home.



(TAURUS)

- Overall style: Mid-century modern meets boho
- Colours: Pink, cream, gold
- Favourite room: Bedroom
- Must-have furniture: Your cozy bed and teak chairs
- Decor necessities: The poshest rugs and pillows you can find, a candle for every season, hexagon mini-mirrors, and vivid vintage glassware
- Houseplant: English Ivy and fresh cut peonies

➤ GEMINI

Create a space that would accommodate guests for a good chit-chat strikes. You need an inviting space with a warm palette, a strategic arrangement of seating spots and a bookcase that shows off your attitude towards reading. You need a constant flow of fresh incentive. So while you fill your shelves with your endless book collection, inspirational artwork, and clear glass vases, the remainder of your home adopts a simplistic quality in an effort to bring zen to your insatiably curious mind. A hammock or a rocking chair is an essential in any Gemini's home. As a mutable air sign, versatility is an integral aspect of being. Open, light and airy qualities support the free flow of ideas and the ability to breeze from one area of the house to the next.

- Overall style: simplicity
- Colours: Light wood, white, glass
- Must-have furniture: Floor-to-ceiling bookshelves
- Decor necessities: Lots of natural light, a giant Oriental rug to match your book collection, simple glass vases, baskets, storage crates
- Houseplant: bamboo



➤ CANCER

A love for family gatherings calls for a comfortable and cozy residence. Comfort is a major necessity in your life, which is why you end up being a creature of habit. Comfort is a major necessity in your life, which is why you end up being a creature of habit. Ruled by the emotional Moon, you are especially sensitive to your environment. Therefore, your home needs to be a safe space. “Hygge” is your ideal decorating style, encouraging you to find luxury in life’s little pleasures and bring comfort to every room.

As a sentimental water sign, Cancers tend to remember everything, so you’ll want to create even more memories in your home. Be sure that you have a large kitchen table for when you invite family and friends over—and plenty of giant throw pillows for cozy fireside cider-sipping after dinner. Cancers are known to be some of the sweetest, friendliest people—you’re basically the cottages of the zodiac. Make your own cozy spot, invite your close friends, and live the true Cancer dream.

- Overall style: rustic
- colours: Ivory, charcoal, blues and natural woods
- Favourite room: Kitchen
- Must-have furniture: Fireplace
- Decor necessities: A chunky knit blanket, a bathtub tray, and fresh linen-scented candles
- Houseplant: Olive



➤ LEO

Powerful Leos are described as "kings of the jungle," or in this case, kings of their domain. So they would feel right at home in something that looks and feels like a castle. Leos have a penchant for the luxurious. You fall toward a retreat that stands out from the norm. Let a luxurious padded leather couch take on a starring role in your living room. Contrast a dramatically dark dining room table with an otherwise white-walled interior.

Allow for a towering sculpture to elevate your digs to show-stopper levels. It is a sure-fire way to impress any guest that enters your royal lair. Ruled by the luminous, life-giving Sun, your decorating style is overtly creative, lively, and unique. As a fire sign, you exude a genuine joie de vivre, made obvious by your vivid colour choices. They love their homes to be showpieces inside and out.

- Overall style: Modern maximalist
- colours: Vivid, textures, and patterns
- Favourite room: gallery
- Must-have furniture: Your beloved sofa
- Decor necessities: Unique, one-of-a-kind artwork, a giant well-placed mirror
- Houseplant: Patterned snake plants



(LEO)

➤ VIRGO

Simplicity is key. You need a space that win through because of its functional appeal. Think: clean lines and a clutter-free living area. But just because you value function, doesn't mean you're an absolutely-no-frills kind of person. In fact, a little frill here and there, like showing off, instead of hiding, your ceiling pipes, can add a bit of industrial personality to your quarters. Opt for a quiet palette—shades of grey, taupe and white. Ruled by the luminous, life-giving Sun, your decorating style is overtly creative, lively, and unique. Big windows and all-white exteriors are perfect for you, Virgo. You're always super clean and organized, so you'll want to show of just how tidy your home is to the rest of the neighbourhood with a modern home. Plus, this style is chic and futuristic, just like the true Virgo reputation: you're classy, smart, and always a little ahead of the trend. Turn the kitchen table into a multipurpose crafting area, as your hands are certainly never idle.

Ruled by analytical Mercury, organization is key for you. When the pantry shelves are lined with glass mason jars, take to the ceiling! Decoratively hang herbs amongst your pots and pans.



- Overall style: Clean, yet rustic
- colours: Espresso to light wood, earthy tones with an abundance of greenery, pops of indigo and marigold
- Favourite room: The kitchen
- Must-have furniture: your antique hutch

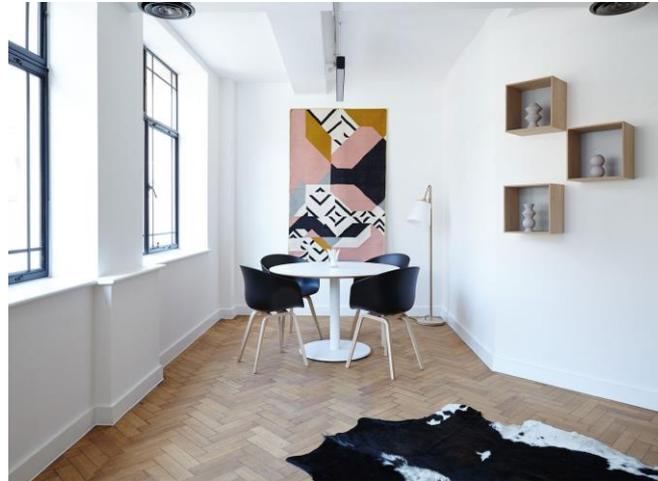
- Decor necessities: Edison light bulbs and white subway tiles
- Houseplant: Lacy tree philodendron (but for real, ALL OF THEM)

➤ LIBRA

With you, it's all about balance. You like a space where everything sort of, well, *fits*. Create a satisfying harmony by plucking kinds from a large painting and curating your furniture pieces around that colour scheme. As a Libra, there's a special place for aesthetics in your heart. Since trend-spotting is your forte, go for carefully curated wares and fashion-forward finishes and furnishings.

As a social air sign, you are always happy to entertain guests, and you jump at any excuse to bust out your cake tiers and arrange fresh flowers. Plus, when your guests marvel at your modern floral wallpaper, you are more than happy to recount the story of how it came to be. Ruled by Venus, you appreciate all things lush and glamorous. You tend to have finer taste, leading you to seek out fine vintage pieces and items built to last. If you're a Libra, there's a good chance you're looking for plenty of space to spread out and express your creative side. That's why a large home straight out of the French countryside could make you feel complete.

- Overall style: Art Deco
- colours: Pink, grey, and white, accented with metals and wood
- Favourite room: Dining room
- Must-have furniture: Your vintage Art-Deco vanity and your beloved chandeliers
- Decor necessities: Distressed abstract rug, mosaic tiles, accent wallpaper
- Houseplant: Eucalyptus and fresh cut flowers



(LIBRA)

➤ SCORPIO

You are an intense person who doesn't do superficial. Accordingly, your home adopts a modern take on time-tested styles. As a water sign ruled by Mars, you are driven, sensual, and mysterious. With an all-or-nothing attitude, you might opt for opulence or a darker motif that arouses deep introspection. Regardless, you have a love of the unusual—made obvious by your collection of vintage oddities. You are a thoughtful person, who needs private time to be with your thoughts and contemplate life's mysteries.

- Overall style: Modern Victorian
- colours: Cool greys, blues, blacks, brass, and signature pops of colour
- Favourite room: Bathroom (where no one can disturb you)

- Must-have furniture: Refurbished turn-of-the-century armoire
- Decor necessities: Ornately framed mirror, cirque chandelier, vases with white flowers
- Houseplant: Heart-shaped anthuriums



(SCORPIO)

➤ **SAGITTARIUS**

Ruled by expansive Jupiter, space is really important for you. You need tall ceilings and lots of natural lighting, if possible. And while your office might be doomed to clutter (you procrastinator, you), the bedroom should remain sacred. You are constantly finding new inspiration, which lends to your eclectic knack for mix-and-match. Play up your quirky side with a playful Moroccan tile floor that'll help with all your Instagram shoe photography needs. Life is an adventure for you, Sag! You are enamored by a big world full of possibility, and always eager to explore. Your home demonstrates your appreciation for world culture, artistry, and pleasure—as well as your laid-back vibe.

Sagittarians were born with the travel bug, so fulfil your wanderlust with a small home that you can easily abandon for a week or two (or six.) As a Sag, you also LOVE change and challenging yourself, so a tiny home makes it easy to pack up your life and move so you're never stuck in one spot.

- Overall style: Boho
- Colours: Vivid, balanced with neutrals
- Favourite room: Bedroom
- Must-have furniture: Slab wood coffee table
- Decor necessities: Dream catcher, a driftwood sculpture, and an excellent Southwestern rug
- Houseplant: Ponytail palm



(SAGITTARIUS)

➤ CAPRICORN

Organized, classy, and ambitious, you work hard so that you can play hard. Your refined taste is showcased by your quality furniture and lack of clutter. . Everything has its place and purpose—and sometimes that purpose is purely because it enhances the room's aesthetic. You are also skilled and bound to earth. Therefore, go for interesting over-the-bed or above-the-couch minimalist statements that you won't get bored of quite so easily. Let large windows decorate your room with a view of an ever-changing foliage.

- Overall style: Scandinavian
- colours: Earthy palettes of light wood, grey, or charcoals
- Favourite room: The study
- Must-have furniture: Mini-bar cart with a decanter
- Decor necessities: Exposed brick; Blooming table lamps, large woven rug, sturdy wood pieces.
- Houseplant: Orchid

➤ AQUARIUS

Aquarius is very much the element of air that's attached to your zodiac sign. You gravitate toward higher spheres—the bright, free-flowing and even thought-provoking. Because of your constantly wandering mind, you need a design plan that's both calming and reflective of your forward-thinking personality. A modular sectional covered in soft blue linen, warm yellow hardwood floors, a fireplace that says cozy, but not too cozy. Large-leafed plants can also be sculptural while adding a dash of life to the space. An open concept space is just the thing for you.

As an original and freethinking air sign, you require large, open spaces to encourage your creative mind. Co-ruled by Saturn, and Uranus, you are always finding inventive ways to push boundaries and innovate current trends—which is why you can't get enough of repurposed piping.

- Overall style: Industrial
- colours: Steel, brick, distressed wood
- Favourite room: It's all one multipurpose room, but okay, the lounging area
- Must-have furniture: Your locally made cast iron and oak height-adjustable table
- Decor necessities: Industrial cage lamps, piped shelving, abstract bathroom tiles
- Houseplant: Air plants or a living wall



➤ PISCES

As a water sign, you often want to feel uninhibited, like a fish in a vast, vast ocean. Although we're far from building dwellings underwater, you can recreate the openness of the sea with floor-to-ceiling windows sans drapes that blur the lines between the indoor and out. White or brown flooring always creates the illusion of space. Opt for pastel colours when you're picking wall

paint. Since Pisces' are also a creative bunch, section off cozy corners for your creative quests. you create a serene space which allows life's stresses to melt away, while supporting the flow of your imaginative mind. Setting a chill mood naturally begins with mood lighting, a turntable and a ton of plants. We highly recommend a salt lamp to neutralize stress, and bonus points for a meditative water fountain.

- Overall style: Bohemian
- colours: ice blue, greys, and vivacious greens against warm wood tones.
- Favourite room: Bedroom
- Must-have furniture: Rattan swing chair
- Decor necessities: Natural glass mosaic tile, an epic candle arrangement on a unique tray, complete with geodes and smudge sticks, floor lighting, and a salt lamp
- Houseplant: String of pearl



IV. CONCLUSION

Your Zodiac Sign not only reveal about your personality but also your tendency to get cranky or an emotional switch, or your ability to face danger. It also speaks volumes about your aesthetic. Your Zodiac Sign is almost like a newspaper written on your life. Vastu and Astrology can affect your day to day life and Architecture around you. The directions associated with the signs provides a great sense about the individual interests .

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