

To assure good luck for the New Year, one should sleep with a Horse shoe under his pillow on New Year's Eve. The crescent shape of the horse shoe can ward off the evil eye. Almost everyone who attributes power to a Horse shoe will say that nailing a Horse shoe to the threshold of one's home helps to bring good fortune to the family.

Horse shoe's Magical Powers

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THE Horseshoe is one of the good luck and good fortune symbols. The use of worn-out horse shoes as magically protective amulets (especially hung above or next to doorways) originated in Europe, where one can still find them nailed onto houses, barns, and stables from Italy through Germany and up into Britain and Scandinavia. Additionally, wall hangings made in the form of horseshoes are common. We are also reminded of the Horse Power, It is that arbitrary unit of measure that has made its way down through the Centuries and now appears in our talk about our machines, motors, vehicles etc.

It is believed that the good luck powers of the Horse shoe originate with the story of a Blacksmith named Dunstan. The Devil came to Dunstan and requested that he fit him with new horseshoes. Dunstan



recognized the devil and nailed a horse shoe onto his hoof. This caused great pain to the Devil. While he was in agony, Dunstan chained him and released him, only after the devil promised never to enter a place that had a horse shoe hung over the door. Dunstan became the Archbishop of Canterbury in 959 AD and is known as St. Dunstan.

Some believe that if guests come to a house where a Horseshoe is above the door, they must leave by the same door, through which they entered or they will take the luck from the horse shoe with them from the house. In olden days, house-doors were fixed with Horse shoe handle. In some villages, if any body found sick, the elders nailed the horse shoes in their bedding cot. Touching with horse, shoe the Water kettle and medicines will have great healing powers.

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Putting the Horse shoes in book shelves will increase the reading ability, writing ability and memory power. In Hinduism, Hayagriva is also considered an avatar of Vishnu. He is worshipped as the Lord of knowledge and wisdom, with a human body and a Horse's head.

Finding a Horse shoe is very lucky, if the open space is facing toward you.

If you dream of finding a Horse shoe, good luck will come to you.

Toss the Horse shoe over the left shoulder and spit after it to increase the good luck that will soon arrive. Sailors used to nail a Horse shoe to the Foremast of their vessels to keep witches and wizards from cursing the voyage or damaging the ship.

Should the Horse shoe's Opening face Up or Down?

Almost everyone who attributes power to a Horse shoe will say that nailing a Horse shoe to the threshold of one's home helps to bring good fortune to the family. The best position and direction varies with various sections of people. Some say the horse shoe, tacked in place with three nails and the open end down, wards off evil.

Some believe that hanging the Horse shoe with the opening pointing upward like a "U" holds in all the good luck and the powers it brings. Hanging it upside down would allow the powers to spill out. Others think that hanging it with the opening pointing down allows all of the good luck, protective powers and good fortune to shower upon you and surround the home.

A common belief says a Horse shoe hung in the bedroom will keep nightmares away. If the horse shoe is hung with the opening pointing up, the sleeper's masculine powers will be increased. If the sleeper is female, her latent powers will be awakened, if the opening points down.

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