

TRADITIONAL CHINESE GIFT-GIVING CUSTOMS AND MEANINGS

1. Abacus算盤 “may you be wealthy; or coming into money”
2. Bamboo Bird Cage竹製的鳥籠 “may you appreciate life while relaxing”
3. Bamboo Wall Hanging竹吊飾 “good luck or congratulations”
4. Calligraphy Brushes毛筆..... “may you always be artistically relaxed”
5. Chinese Opera Mask國劇臉譜 “to value traditions”
6. Chinese Sword劍..... “to value history and culture”
7. Clock時鐘 “to see someone off” at their funeral!
8. Embroidered Silk Cushion刺繡的枕頭 “may you enjoy moments with a loved one”
9. Embroidered Silk Slippers刺繡絲質的鞋 “may you cherish your comforts”
10. Eunuch’s Cap太監的帽子 “an insult; you have something missing”
11. Fan扇子..... “farewell”
12. Ivory Name Chop象牙印章..... “congratulations for a new business”
13. Jade Bracelet玉鐲子..... “may you always be beautiful”
14. Jade Carving玉雕..... “congratulations for a promotion”
15. Jade Pendant on Gold Chain玉墜..... “may you be safe in your travels”
16. Jade Wall Hanging玉吊飾 “good luck”
17. Kite風箏 “may you always feel free”
18. Mahjong Set麻將..... “may you be relaxed with friends”
19. Miniature Folding Screen小屏風 “a secret gift”
20. Mounted Plate架上的玉雕..... “congratulations for a promotion”
21. Paper Lantern紙燈籠..... “may you always have a guiding light”
22. Polished Geode/Crystal Rock晶洞 “a powerful new position”; good luck
23. Porcelain vase陶瓷瓶..... “a gift of appreciation and friendship”
24. Scroll Painting捲圖 “congratulations” (wedding; new house; new business)
25. Silk Purse絲皮包..... “may you be rich”
26. Stone Radish百蘿蔔石雕 “good luck”
27. Tea set茶具組..... “may you be relaxed”
28. Watch手錶..... “may you always be on time”
29. Water Gourd葫蘆..... “do what you want; be relaxed (after Ji Gong)” (during ghost month, means to catch a ghost)