

# Lucky Bamboo



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**B**amboo has been the symbol of good fortune in Asian culture for more than 4,000 years. It symbolizes longevity, durability and endurance because it can adapt and grow in minimal or poor light conditions and still be strong. Since it grows so rapidly, it is well known for prosperity too. Because lucky bamboo is green and has a tall, vertical shape, it is a perfect example of the Wood element. Wood influences our life energy, vitality and physical activity.

## Uses for lucky bamboo

Lucky bamboo can bring luck and good fortune to business owners and luck and happiness to homes. Adding one to an office cubicle can bring a jump on the corporate ladder. Placing lucky bamboo in a corner will enliven any stagnant ch'i there. In a bathroom, lucky bamboo can help keep the ch'i of the room lifted.

## Ancient symbolism

The number of stalks holds special symbolism dating back thousands of years.

- 3 – Brings the 3 components of life together- happiness, wealth, longevity**
- 5 – Attracts wealth**
- 6 – Brings prosperity and favorable conditions**
- 7 – Brings good health**
- 8 – Perpetuates growth and prosperity**
- 10 – Means complete and perfect**
- 21 – Offers a very powerful, all-purpose blessing**

Asians buy lucky bamboo when the Chinese New Year is approaching, to celebrate a business grand opening, a new home, or just for good luck. Guests at a wedding are given three stalks of bamboo to bless the marriage with everlasting happiness and success.

## Spiritual meanings

- Career – Climb up the ladder (advancement)**
- Business – Success in business ventures (prosperity)**
- Health – Harmony and peaceful life (longevity)**
- Religious – Gracious, honorable, and virtuous (Zen)**
- Relationship – Energize your love life**
- Feng Shui – Creation of positive energy in your environment (Chi)**

## Care of lucky bamboo

All lucky bamboo needs to grow is a container, clean water and polished stones to keep the stalks upright. It doesn't do well with fluoride, so tap water is not preferable. If you must use tap water, let it sit out overnight before using. This will cause the chloride to evaporate, but won't get rid of the fluoride. Change the water once a month adding a drop of fertilizer if you want rapid growth. It doesn't like to be over-fertilized though. Don't wash the stones as the nutrients are stored in the rocks. Also don't fill the container too full (especially a tall vase) as they will cause the bamboo to sprout roots higher on the stalk. The roots need to be totally submerged in water though.

Place the bamboo in an area with bright filtered light. It will also do well in a room with no natural light. Exposure to sunlight, treated water, roots that aren't in the water, or sudden temperature changes can cause problems for lucky bamboo. If the leaves start to turn yellow, check the lighting, change the water using only filtered or distilled water, and/or move it out of drafts or away from furnace registers. Trim yellow leaves with a sharp clean scissors. This should bring it back to health. High salt levels can also burn the tips of leaves. Salt buildup can come from city water or fertilizer. Fertilize with care.

By following just a few simple rules, your lucky bamboo will give you years of health, wealth and longevity.

Wishing you abundant joy,

*Joy*

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