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Happy New Year 2026

January 2026 solution

Example solution for someone born on January 1, 2026

The instructions below require the birthday numbers, where:

A = birthday MONTH (1 to 12)

B = birth DAY (1 to 31)

C = 1st two digits of your birthday YEAR

D = 2nd two digits of your birthday YEAR

STEP ONE: find the 'magic' number, by adding the four birthday numbers (A + B + C + D).

STEP TWO: Complete the 4x4 blank matrix below, using the instructions on the left.

STEP THREE: The 'magical' results can now be enjoyed. The sum of the four numbers in each of the rows, columns, two main diagonals and the four corners will all be equal to the magic number. Also, the magic number will equal the four number sum of each of the five internal 2x2 squares (located at the four corners and center of the main 4x4 square) as well as the four corner sum of each of the four internal 3x3 squares (located at the four corners of the main 4x4 square).

Follow these instructions

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

Enter your numbers here

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

Note: Depending on the numbers chosen, there could be acceptable negative values when filling in your matrix. Now, you own it. Aren'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 and D (for example 1/1/20/26, 12/25/20/25, 4/-3/2/-1, 5/5/5/5, etc.) and enjoy more magical results.

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.