

Our journey to the Luckiest Red

Every Lunar New Year, homes are decorated with lucky red symbols
But with thousands of shades of red
What is the luckiest red?
We worked with the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco
and had their priceless collection examined to find
All artwork is part of the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco's collection.
[THE LUCKIEST RED]

The color red is viewed as very powerful color. It comes with good meaning of luck and fortune. People typically want to use in their clothing, or in their decorations – in the New Year setting. So color red is very important.

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Circular box decorated with the character for spring and a bowl of treasures

Artist: Unknown (China)

Date: Qing dynasty (1644-1911), Reign of the Qianlong emperor (1736-1795)

The Avery Brundage Collection

Kameyama: Samurai Mansion Artist: Sekino Jun'ichiro (Japan)

Date: March 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence and Kimi Hisatsune

Enthroned Buddha

Artist: Unknown (Thailand)

Date: perhaps 1913

Gift from Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's Southeast Asian Art Collection

Manchu woman's robe with peonies and butterflies

Artist: Unknown (China) Date: approx. 1900

Gift of Dennis and Terry Tsu

One shade was most commonly found across 18,000 pieces The luckiest red is PANTONE 180 C We're sharing this red with Asian American artists to create the luckiest art in time for AAPI Heritage Month

[THE LUCKIEST RED] Hope you have a lucky year

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