

What's your sign? Relationship matching by numbers

Shared joy is a double joy; shared sorrow is half a sorrow.
~Swedish Proverb

Astrologers are often asked, "Which sun sign is best for me?" If only it were that simple; we're far too complicated to be divided neatly into 12 signs. There are many facets to a birth chart - not to mention social conditions such as culture, religion, family, education, status, etc.

Although the Sun sign is not the only factor, it gives astrologers a sneak peek into ego and individuality.

Astrologers also look at the element combination (fire, earth, air, water). Some elements naturally work well together, while others are more of a challenge (but not impossible).

No matter whom you've chosen - whether it's a case of an easy familiarity; or opposites attract - understanding and tolerance of your differences and habits is the secret for a satisfying relationship.

To use this table: find your sun sign on the left hand column, then your love interest's sun sign on the top column. Follow each column to the point where they meet. This is your Relationship Number, scroll down to read your sun sign match.

	Aries	Taurus	Gemini	Cancer	Leo	Virgo	Libra	Scorpio	Sagittarius	Capricorn	Aquarius	Pisces
Aries	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Taurus	2	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Gemini	3	14	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Cancer	4	15	25	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
Leo	5	16	26	35	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Virgo	6	17	27	36	44	51	52	53	54	55	56	57
Libra	7	18	28	37	45	52	58	59	60	61	62	63
Scorpio	8	19	29	38	46	53	59	64	65	66	67	68
Sagittarius	9	20	30	39	47	54	60	65	69	70	71	72
Capricorn	10	21	31	40	48	55	61	66	70	73	74	75
Aquarius	11	22	32	41	49	56	62	67	71	74	76	77
Pisces	12	23	33	42	50	57	63	68	72	75	77	78

1. Aries-Aries (Fire-Fire) "The Flamethrower"

Together you light up a room. Passionate clinches alternate with heated arguments. Could be you're both just here for the experience and this burns out almost as quickly as it starts. Impatient jostling to be in front is a problem, as you're both pretty self-absorbed. But if you think you've found the one and want it to last till you're old and grey, learn to compromise, and count to ten – slowly – before you react. Remember your partner has the same buttons that can be pushed; only use in an emergency!

2. Aries-Taurus (Fire-Earth) "The Steamroller"

Strong attraction (tantalising Taurus lures in ardent Aries) but long-term living needs adjustment. Aries is frustrated with Taurus' slow progress; Taurus thinks Aries is unreliable. In nature, earth puts out fire (Taurus can stifle Aries' drive), but with some care, fire and earth create delicate translucent glass. And a sturdy brick fireplace contains a steady fire that never goes out. If Aries utilises Taurus' practicality and Taurus harnesses Aries energy as a motivation to achieve, you can be a powerful couple.

3. Aries-Gemini (Fire-Air) “The Loud Hailer”

This is promising. For a start, Aries has oodles of energy to keep up with Gemini’s whims and sudden changes in direction. And Gemini is sufficiently distracted doing mental gymnastics to give Aries enough space. Trouble brews when Aries longs for more action while Gemini gabs on the phone. Gemini, in turn, would like Aries to listen more and think before leaping off on yet another venture. Gemini broadens Aries’ mind and Aries stokes up Gemini’s latent lustiness. There are very few dull moments, with lots of adventures in store.

4. Aries-Cancer (Fire-Water) “The Hot Tub”

A dynamic mix creating a bubbling cauldron of activity – or a damp mess. You both need to be the Boss of something. Aries wants to lead the way, carry heavy things; be the hero. Cancer needs domestic rule over a happy family and comfort food - often ordered in - contrary to popular myth, not every Crab can cook! The perfect recipe for continued contentment is Aries develops sensitivity and patience to avoid constant soakings by Cancer’s tears, and Cancer learns to release the pincers; letting Aries run on a longer leash.

5. Aries-Leo (Fire-Fire) “The Smoking Gun”

A flamboyant and showy kinda love. Aries hunts down and seduces Leo with vigour. Thrilled Leo acquiesces; then demands spectacular displays of passion. Exhausted yet? Aries’ raw energy and Leo’s strong-hearted enthusiasm re-ignite each other to greater heights. Of course there’s always the risk of runaway fires and total burnout. Which could be why you’re great lovers, but not always that good at long and lasting. If you’re passionately committed - and the timing’s right - let Leo provide the stamina and Aries the direction and you’re away!

6. Aries-Virgo (Fire-Earth) “The Hotplate”

There’s no earth-shattering initial attraction; it’s more like curiosity for an alien species! Self-assertive Aries meets modest Virgo. Not much in common on the surface. But a little application reveals the hidden pearl within the crusty oyster. Virgo’s shy exterior hides a sensual side that Aries adores. Aries learns from Virgo’s practicality to re-direct and control the wildfire. Aries frees Virgo from drudgery and details, while Virgo helps Aries to meet those dreaded deadlines. Best of all, Aries is not floored by Virgo’s nitpicking; your healthy ego just won’t absorb it!

7. Aries-Libra (Fire-Air) “The Flickering Flame”

Look in the mirror and you’ll see your reflection. Right? Well, everything that’s flattering. Imagine you see it all - your dark side, hidden habits. That’s kind of what happens when Aries and Libra hook up. Whatever irritates you about the other is that part of you that only comes out at night. It takes courage to bare all! After the lust dies down, it’s a tug-of-war. Libra’s diplomatic compromising for strategy’s sake vs. Aries’ impatient impulsive reactions. Seek balance between extremes of logic and passion for your love to burn true.

8. Aries-Scorpio (Fire-Water) “The Nuclear Missile”

You’ve met your match in naked ambition. The entrepreneurial drive of Aries just loves Scorpio’s vast power resources. And vice-versa. Together you can build a glorious empire. Holding in anger is what paralyses Scorpio. Learn to wage battles quickly. Kiss and make up - then move on! Or you’ll be left behind choking on Aries’ dust. Aries must learn to share nicely - hooking up with a Scorpio is an all or nothing experience. Scorpio revels in the bright energy of Aries; Aries finds new depths while deliciously trapped in Scorpio’s web.

9. Aries-Sagittarius (Fire-Fire) “The Burning Arrow”

Passion sizzles at first sight as you recognise a kindred free spirit. You’re both notoriously loath to settle down until you’ve sown a whole plantation of wild oats. If it’s a brief heady interlude you’re after, it’s a red-hot experience. If you’re hoping to finally surrender your single-dom, it’ll work only if you’re equally committed. Aries drags Sagittarius off to the gym to work off the guzzled food and quaffed wine; Sagittarius inspires Aries with new philosophies. Holidays are action-packed; Sagittarius finds the amusing locals, Aries signs up for every adventure available.

10. Aries-Capricorn (Fire-Earth) “The Welding Torch”

A strong initial physical attraction can degenerate into a parent-child relationship all too quickly. Aries becomes the bratty child, Capricorn the bossy parent. It all started off so well, what went wrong? What attracted you (Aries' spontaneity, Capricorn's responsibility) becomes your greatest irritation. Yet there's much you can learn from - and give to - each other. To avoid spiralling in the same argument till you're blue in the face, meet each other half way – as adults. Communicate as equals; take responsibility for your actions. Not so hard after all!

11. Aries-Aquarius (Fire-Air) “The Electric Storm”

Nothing sugary about this romance! Home may be where the heart is, but you both need your space; Aquarius discovering, Aries conquering. Aries enjoys Aquarius' oddball approach, Aquarius admires Aries' courage. Aries is 'more action less thought'; Aquarius is the exact opposite. No wonder tempers flare when impatient Aries meets stubborn Aquarius! If Aquarius learns from Aries' heroism and takes a leap of faith, innovative ideas spout forth from vast mental reserves. Then, actively combining Aries' sheer grit and Aquarius' brainwaves creates exciting experiences.

12. Aries-Pisces (Fire-Water) “The Pressure Cooker”

How did you two meet? You're so different, you move in different galaxies, never mind circles. Pisces floats about dreamily; Aries tramples over illusions and wants results (what part of “NOW” didn't you understand?). Pisces feels personally wounded by the slings and arrows of the misfortunes of others, selflessly pouring soothing waters on troubled brows. Aries is probably the one that pissed them off in the first place with an impatient act. Why fight your diversity? Use your strengths to balance each other's weaknesses. Compromise.

13. Taurus-Taurus (Earth-Earth) “The Abacus”

Get comfortable, you both like to mate for life. And buy a house - you'll need the space - Taurus types need many possessions to feel secure. Eventually, making the 'mighty green buck' the centre of your couple universe gets to be heavy going (and boring). Re-discover the pleasures of all five senses. Eat, drink, make merry - your combined sensuality makes the earth move – often! You're both slow to change, so consciously keep motivated. Exploring fresh pastures keeps you contentedly chewing the sweeter cud together - well into old age.

14. Taurus-Gemini (Earth-Air) “The Big Wheel”

At first you're intrigued by your physical differences; Taurus lusty and strong, Gemini light-footed and quick. Gemini tickles Taurus into unusually giddy behaviour and belly laughs. Taurus introduces Gemini to undreamed of physical pleasures. When the headiness wanes you need negotiations to keep it working. Gemini's entertainment wears thin when Taurus needs something more solid. Taurus can't maintain the pace of the flitting Gemini social butterfly. Keep evoking what you fell in love with; accept they won't change (that much), and love them anyway!

15. Taurus-Cancer (Earth-Water) “The Water Lily”

The atmosphere reeks with fertile opportunity when you join forces. Taurus mirrors Cancer's need for solid security - and will bring home a whole side of bacon to build a cosy nest! Caring Cancer nurtures Taurus' earthy soul; taking care of every sensual need. You enjoy each other's company so much it's a struggle to leave the house at all; beware of getting bored and boring. Taurus' practicality is useful for dealing with Cancer's emotional wobbles, and Cancer can encourage Taurus to delve into other ideas not related to possessions.

16. Taurus-Leo (Earth-Fire) “The Tinder Box”

You need to be seriously in love (and light-pawed) to make it through to the last round of this strong-minded heavyweight bout. The spark of animal attraction becomes irritation when it dawns on you that this person is just as stubborn as you. Game, set and mismatch? Find the middle ground. For appearance sake, Leo needs to feel in charge. In actuality, Taurus consistently provides the muscles required for combined achievement. Having some rose-tinted glasses to gaze on your beloved and overlook the petty irritations is a great help.

17. Taurus-Virgo (Earth-Earth) “The China Doll”

Practical common sense in chunks! No problems filling out tax forms or home maintenance with this team. Taurus no-nonsense sensuality helps Virgo to relax the mental approach and live a little. Virgo introduces Taurus to the concept that change can be good. Taurus is sufficiently possessive to make Virgo feel wanted and Virgo loves to be of service to slightly slothful bulls. It's a perfect result of pleasurable – and profitable – partnership for you earth children.

18. Taurus-Libra (Earth-Air) “The Lotus Flower”

A good mix of contrasting types, with more in common than you'd think. Both have a healthy appreciation of the need for love, beauty and harmony; it's the approach that differs. Taurus' sensual unsophisticated style ruffles Libra's prettily preened exterior. Libra charms and refines Taurus' bull in a china shop attitude. You'll be the Jones's that everyone wants to keep up with; Libra beautifying the interiors; Taurus' green-fingers growing luxurious exteriors. Adjustment is needed to temper Taurus' possessiveness and Libra's romanticised search for the ideal partner.

19. Taurus-Scorpio (Earth-Water) “The Rock Pool”

It's like falling in love with your reflection. The primal pull to get up close and personal is mouth-watering. Dive carefully into this bottomless pool; and you'll meet every skeleton in the cupboard you've managed to avoid until now! Magnetic Scorpio entices Taurus into a web of intensity; greedy Taurus wants to own Scorpio's secrets. Once committed, neither will let go (or forgive wrongs) easily – if ever! Forge an everlasting bond; rather than a vengeful power struggle over assets. Trust and openness generate steamy intimate encounters. Make love not war?

20. Taurus-Sagittarius (Earth-Fire) “The Picnic Basket”

If pigs could fly...this is not a traditional match! When Bull and Centaur link arms and walk off into the sunset together; it's quite an experience. If nothing else, you'll eat well; both have an abiding affection for good food – lots of it! Sagittarius' wandering gaze must be prepared for myopia; gazing only on Taurus' beauteous face. Or risk being painfully pronged on possessive Taurus' horns faster than you can say 'bullfighter'! Sagittarius broadens Taurus' horizons with far-flung travelling; loyal Taurus stoically bulldozes obstacles from the rocky path of true love.

21. Taurus-Capricorn (Earth-Earth) “The Sandcastle”

Don't you love it when a plan comes together? Capricorn structures the blueprint; Taurus makes it reality. Ambitious Capricorn turns on acquisitive Taurus; Taurus' clever asset-building captivates Capricorn. Very practical; so what about the romance? It's not a fireworks type of love; but you crave physical contact; keeping it smoulderingly intimate. Slight snags if Capricorn is a bossy old goat, wanting Taurus to move faster; when the obstinate Bull won't be budged. Sharing common goals and recognizing the value of your differences eases occasional tussles.

22. Taurus-Aquarius (Earth-Air) “The Earthquake”

There's exciting chemistry here. Nothing shakes up Taurus like Aquarius' unexpected lightning strikes of eccentricity. And Aquarius loves getting ruffled up in Taurus' lustiness. It's the classical marriage of heaven and earth, and all's rosy on the horizon. Until you disagree. You both have strong opinions! For peacekeeping: compromise in the areas of little importance that you always seem to get stuck on. Agree to disagree on the rest. You're not fly-by-night types; so it's worth working on getting it right if you're here for the whole enchilada.

23. Taurus-Pisces (Earth-Water) “The Enchanted Garden”

A strong dose of common sense meets sheer escapism. Pisces enchants and fertilises Taurus' latent abilities; Taurus provides stability to unlock Pisces' grandiose imaginings and bring them into the real world. There's an easy companionship and natural understanding that doesn't need words. You share a quiet love of nature; spend time in the bush and at the beach for ozone-filled, flowing harmony. Pisces should tap into Taurus' practicality to help you create lasting miracles; Taurus dives into Pisces' unstructured world to embrace new forms and a different perspective on making changes.

24. Gemini-Gemini (Air-Air) “The Wind Chimes”

Listen up! You both have a lot to say - but learn to exercise ears as well as vocal cords. Don't waste the jewels of mental insight that can feed inquisitive minds. Keep the two-way communication channel open and buzzing. Together you flit over responsibility-laden fields without a care. Get more serious – without losing your curiosity for life (eternal youth elixir). Envision your future - while taking care of present needs. Yes, dreaded suburbia. But wherever you are, it's never boring; and you throw the best parties in the neighbourhood!

25. Gemini-Cancer (Air-Water) “The Beach Party”

This relationship is a bit like a stand-up comedian who hasn't left home. Gemini's flippancy with romantic matters reads like irresponsible detachment to Cancer. And Cancer's sentimental links to the past are an eternal mystery to Gemini. Cancer tries to mother Gemini's (not-so) inner child. Gemini tries to see how much bad behaviour you can get away with before being punished. Defence mechanisms like sulking and detachment are not helpful for long-term adult stuff. Understand the triggers; approach this pairing as two equally grown-up individuals.

26. Gemini-Leo (Air-Fire) “The Flame Juggler”

Magical attraction becomes a mutual admiration society. Leo delights in Gemini's flirtatious humour and is intrigued by your multi-layered personality. Gemini enjoys Leo's generous, warm nature. Both adore socialising, silly jokes and fast cars. Your home is an impressive, yet welcoming playground. A good elemental mix; fire stirs up air; air feeds the flames of creativity. Balance between Leo's inflexibility and Gemini's inconsistency – you can learn from each other. A blend of mental agility and courageous passion, it's one of the grand old-fashioned romances.

27. Gemini-Virgo (Air-Earth) “The Microphone”

This is one of those that shouldn't really work, but can. Shared mercurial energy arouses a high-wire tension kind of attraction. You've got a lot to talk about; in fact it's difficult for anyone to get a word in with you two around! Gemini is an ideal sounding board for Virgo's nagging insecurities and criticism; Virgo brings skilful practicality to Gemini's myriad musings. Problems arise when Virgo wants more physical loving and Gemini's only talking dirty. Keep it tactile; you both find release from mental stress in full body contact.

28. Gemini-Libra (Air-Air) “The Hummingbird”

A light and frothy affair on the surface, capable of developing into a lasting liaison. There's a love of debate, interaction and exchanging thoughts. Gemini conjures up the ideas; Libra strategizes and negotiates the deal. You both have the tendency to live with your head in the clouds. This is great for private blissful moments. But be aware of the need to get good financial advice and work hard to live your notions in reality. Or you'll leave a jet-stream trail of unfinished projects, what-if's and if-only's in your charming wake.

29. Gemini-Scorpio (Air-Water) “The Dragonfly”

Watch the flying insect near water. Mesmerised by the sparkling promise of what lies beneath the reflection, unsuspectingly close to total submersion - even death. That's the attraction of nimble Gemini to Scorpio's magnetic depth. Scorpio initially welcomes some light relief from life's intensity. Soon Scorpio feels unsettled by Gemini's short attention span; and stifled Gemini wants to break free from Scorpio's surveillance. Unless there's a concentrated effort to give each other space, with independent interests and plenty of trust; this relationship is intense but brief.

30. Gemini-Sagittarius (Air-Fire) “The Winged Horse”

Think enlightening entertainment! A mutual quest for knowledge spurs you on to greater flights of discovery. And looking at things from each other's perspective is a head rush. Gemini the original multi-tasker flits from flower to flower; Sagittarius sees the whole blooming garden in living colour. A word to the besotted: finish all roving, before settling down to connubial bliss. Or unresolved wanderlust presents tempting trysts, rocking the boat of 'happily ever after'. If you're both ready for loving domesticity; this home fire burns eternally bright and true.

31. Gemini-Capricorn (Air-Earth) “The School Lesson”

Are you two into pain or what? It's like naughty school kid takes on the entire school board. Capricorn finds Gemini's pranks tediously childish; Gemini thinks Capricorn is a fuddy-duddy authoritarian. Gemini lifts Capricorn's cape of respectability and pokes fun at knobby knees; Capricorn takes the wind out of Gemini's full-blown sails with doses of depression. What you do share, is a well-developed sense of humour. If you're determined to master; learn the gentle art of compromise..

32. Gemini-Aquarius (Air-Air) “The Wind Tunnel”

This could be the start of something close to genius. It's a meeting of two minds; the coming together of ingenuity and innovation. So much so, that it's extremely enticing to neglect the physical expression of attraction and focus on the mental turn-on. This is eventually cause for dissatisfaction; as all this living in the head is not the formula for a hands-on, solid relationship. Be aware of the danger of surrendering the physical connection; re-ignite passion with surprise gestures and getaways. The re-merging of physical and mental intimacy is intoxicating!

33. Gemini-Pisces (Air-Water) “The Smoke Machine”

Mutual mesmerising wears thin in the harsh light of day. The mix of volatile air and water brings multiple storms in teacups. With precious little getting done in the resulting chaos! To keep fascination alive, you're in dire need of structure. The blockbuster movie of a life you could live together - filled with fantasy and fun - has its glittering premiere only if you make the production more important than the acting, make-up and special effects. Re-write the relationship script with more practicality and then it's: Lights, Camera, and Action!

34. Cancer-Cancer (Water-Water) “The Family Heirloom”

Even if you've only been together for a while, there's already photo albums and mementos to prove it. A pair of sentimental souls! Oops...over-sensitive too! Two 'crabby' Crabs hiding in their shells holding grudges for past wrongs is a lonely existence. Don't be crusty old crustaceans; kiss and makeup! Family is important to you; and as the first romantic blush fades, they rush back into your picture. Sacrificing your bonding for others' needs dampens intimacy. Prioritise precious moonlit moments together – everyone else can wait (lame dogs included).

35. Cancer-Leo (Water-Fire) “The Ringmaster”

An unusual double act. It's like the lion and its tamer living together in one cage: mutual respect, caution and not always very comfortable co-habiting. Cancer is offended by Leo's tactless approach to sensitive matters; Leo suspects Cancer is taking over your rightful position of bossiness and doesn't pay nearly enough compliments. Be sensitive to differences and there are benefits to this pairing. Leo brightens Cancer's creative repertoire; Cancer directs Leo's performance to greater heights. A fabulous show or the worst flop? Depends on your approach!

36. Cancer-Virgo (Water-Earth) “The Cement Mixer”

This mix works well for lasting love and cosy companionship. Virgo feeds Cancer's emotional needs with lashings of physical contact and common sense (topped with whipped cream). Cancer patches up Virgo's cracks of insecurity with constant caring (imaginary warts and all). Virgo loves to be useful and works hard to build a cosy nest egg, so beloved Crab feels safe. With Virgo's mental acuity and Cancer's sensitive intuitiveness, what more could you need? Use them equally and the future is fertile. Go forth and multiply!

37. Cancer-Libra (Water-Air) “The Stately Home”

Your home could be featured in a magazine; your kids are beautifully dressed. Cancer wants to beat some emotional response out of Libra; Libra feels flooded by Cancer's soggy weeping sessions. Yes, there are contrasts. Because although you share a strong drive to achieve; you're the human embodiment of EQ and IQ. Emotional vs. Intellectual intelligence. Each one wants to win. Before your designer home becomes a war zone, some advice: Cancer, stop taking it all personally; Libra, be less of a spectator. Now you can get down to business!

38. Cancer-Scorpio (Water-Water) “The Secret Lagoon”

This has the potential to be a biggie. Get out of your shells and take the plunge naked of all defence mechanisms. That's both of you - Scorpion and Crab. Learn to trust each other and expose your soft inner core to make this swim in the lake of love worthwhile. OK, now that the painful part's over (and you've both survived) relax and enjoy the best part of togetherness; intense emotional intimacy. Cancer revels in Scorpio's magnetic pull – back for more; Scorpio's best secret side is uncovered for Cancer's private delight.

39. Cancer-Sagittarius (Water-Fire) “The Takeaway Menu”

The intention's honourable, but you come from different places ... separated by the Great Divide of Misunderstanding. Some fine-tuning required; pity someone hasn't written a manual! Cancer cuddles up cosily to feelings; Sagittarius strains for a round-the-world trip and no emotional bonds. Jealousy is a many-headed monster; Sagittarius playing free and easy, Cancer checking credit card slips. You have a chance if Cancer gets familiar with travelling with your home (and emotional security) on your back and Sagittarius gets some tact and monogamy.

40. Cancer-Capricorn (Water-Earth) “The Sandcastle”

The classical parents of the Zodiac - Big Daddy meets Big Mamma. When you get busy with each other, it awakens the eternal struggle between patriarch and matriarch. You're both driven; Capricorn by goals, Cancer by emotions. If you can each be the Boss of Something, you'll get along famously. Cancer brings emotional nourishment to the dried-up lonely Goat on the mountain peak (tough at the top of Achievement City). Capricorn re-structures the scuttling Crab, forcing you out of the hole to become a triumphant contender (then life's a beach).

41. Cancer-Aquarius (Water-Air) “The Manta Ray”

Curiosity attracts; then you alternate between excitement and infuriation. Expect the unexpected; discover a lot along the way. Find common ground in your shared pleasure in making people comfortable (Cancer at home; Aquarius everywhere else). Now make each other cosy too. Cancer must allow Aquarius' mental breakaways; Aquarius must wipe up Cancer's drenching tears. Then, Cancer provides a secure launching pad and direction for Aquarius' original schemes; and Aquarius brings rationale to Cancer's emotional whims.

42. Cancer-Pisces (Water-Water) “The Fish Bowl”

A reunion of kindred souls; with oceans of love and compassion. But this emotional deluge has its drawbacks. Like the risk of co-dependency. Cancer feeds the need to be needed and mothers Pisces weaknesses; Pisces feels free to play out all the victimised, addictive behaviour in your repertoire. The secret? Set sensible boundaries right from the start. Examine your motives honestly and take responsibility for your own actions. Then you can preserve this fairytale romance to a ripe old age, making each other's dreams come true on a daily basis.

43. Leo-Leo (Fire-Fire) “The Fireworks Display”

Hmmm ... two Royals, one Throne. Hot stuff! Before abdicating your need for recognition for the sake of flaming love, consider joint rule. Democracy works best in this survival of the strongest cat in the jungle. You're charismatic, generous and amorous. Now, be that to each other. Pacing the cage in ego-boosting rituals or imperious demands isn't the way to go. Fiery tempers fade just as quickly. But stubborn pride wastes recreation time – and who will apologise first? Take turns. It's much more fun purring together and fanning the flames of desire.

44. Leo-Virgo (Fire-Earth) “The Dormant Volcano”

The Star of the show and the Producer fall for each other ... sweet, but can it last? Leo's creativity craves an active outlet and adoring recognition; Virgo's perfectionism rehearses, re-writes, and does the practical part backstage. Gradually, Virgo resents Leo's need to be the centre of the universe; Virgo's nitpicking smothers Leo's self-confidence. The recipe to keep this fire alive includes lashings of love and loads of communication. Slack off and you're left with a pile of cold ashes. Focus on the goodness you initially saw in each other.

45. Leo-Libra (Fire-Air) “The Prima Donna”

Fabulous couple! Suave, sophisticated and oh-so charming. There's a natural easy, breezy flow, with bursts of creative passion. Your home is wondrous to behold; Leo glamour meets Libra taste. Your parties boast the most entertaining and intellectual guests. What's the catch? At times, Libra finds Leo childishly irreverent; and Leo finds Libra's dithering a bore. Leo needs a full-time adoration society; throwing tantrums if Libra has the elegant nose in a book (again). Magic formula? Keep intimacy smouldering; leaving enough space for independent interests too.

46. Leo-Scorpio (Fire-Water) “The Amber Fossil”

An irresistibly powerful attraction: Scorpio's magnetism; Leo's charisma. Scorpio feels secure in Leo's loyal passion; Leo adores Scorpio's intense attention. Until it turns into a power struggle. You both love having your own way, resulting in silent stalemates. Scorpio's terminal secrecy and need for revenge seems pointless to transparent Leo, who doesn't hold long-term grudges. Scorpio impales Leo with piercing eyes, exchanging intense intimacies; Leo skims the room for fun playmates. Neither of you are wimps; face your differences to build a lasting commitment.

47. Leo-Sagittarius (Fire-Fire) “The Bonfire”

There's blazing energy at this celebration! You're a happy, bouncy pair glowing with good health and humour. An extravagant lifestyle makes investing in a joint gym contract worthwhile - to work off the excess kilos from over-indulgence. The main difference between you is Leo's reliability vs. Sagittarius' inconsistency. This is not without its uses though. Sagittarius stirs up Leo's tendency to stay put; Leo brings organisation to Sagittarius' ideals. Use your inspiration wisely; wasted energy brings burnout. Glamorous holidays stoke it up to a glorious glow again.

48. Leo-Capricorn (Fire-Earth) “The Royal Residence”

Not always a barrel of laughs, thanks to periodic bouts of Capricorn melancholy and Leo tantrums. Initially, Leo's lustful for Capricorn's authority and material success; perfect for luxurious living! Capricorn's captivated by Leo's social skills and influential contacts. But there's a lot of virgin territory to cover before finding each other's lair. Leo lords it over lesser beasts in your jungle kingdom; Capricorn makes it all the way up to a solitary peak, perfect for issuing orders to minions. Meeting halfway and cutting down on bossiness sustains the initial attraction.

49. Leo-Aquarius (Fire-Air) “The Pacemaker”

Pastime for a dark and stormy night: Combine Aquarius' electric shock treatment with Leo's creative and passionate heart. Sit back and watch the sparks fly. You're opposites in the Zodiac, which means you'll bring your bad twin to the party and learn from your partner. It's not always the easiest pairing as you're both determined that your way is the only - and correct - way. But get it right and Leo opens Aquarius' heart to greater personal intimacies; Aquarius shows Leo how to share your shining gifts with the world.

50. Leo-Pisces (Fire-Water) “The Magic Show”

What a dazzling production! You're both theatrical; Leo the star performer, Pisces the illusionist actor. The mystical, creative partnership at its best. The trick is to be truthful, no matter how unattractive the truth is at times. Or else slide into a miasma of illusion - even deception. Pisces' elusive behaviour frustrates Loyal Leo; Leo's constant organising of everything (without letting it flow sometimes), irritates Pacifist Pisces. Leo loves Pisces' slavish devotion and compassion; Pisces loves Leo's strength and stability - use it, don't abuse it.

51. Virgo-Virgo (Earth-Earth) “The Hamster's Wheel”

Let's kill the myth - all Virgo's are not neat. If everything's in place; what's left to fret about and fix? There's no ego-struggle here; you're both happier in the background. The danger; you become such earthbound mice that the impetus to get out and be counted falters. And your self-esteem is whittled away by being with someone who's just as much of a perfectionist (now, not only must you live up to your exacting standards, but your partner's too)! Luckily you're very capable and can put in the effort required for happy co-habiting.

52. Virgo-Libra (Earth-Air) “The Marble Statue”

On the surface, it's suitably polite. Virgo likes to be of service, Libra doesn't want to cause an ugly scene. But truth is you don't really have much else in common. So what's the attraction? Virgo's readiness to get dirty and build things greatly assists Libra's tendency to just thinking about them. This helps Libra's strategies grow from castles in the sky to actual skyscrapers. And Virgo admires Libra's dispassionately intellectual grasp, a welcome distraction from the myriad small chores you create and recreate for yourself every day.

53. Virgo-Scorpio (Earth-Water) “The Analyst's Couch”

This is a goodie ... although the combination is probably the original blueprint for 'obsessive-compulsive' behaviour! You have a natural empathy for each other's needs, insecurities, desires, neuroses, phobias, (obsessions and compulsions). Virgo's not going to stray far; you love serving your beloved. Scorpio's intense craving for intimacy can be met over and over again. And the benefits multiple. Virgo snuggles into Scorpio's secure nest; Scorpio's emotional nurturing boosts Virgo's tattered self-image to previously unimagined heights.

54. Virgo-Sagittarius (Earth-Fire) “The White Knight”

This attraction cannot be denied. Virgo wants to wipe incorrigible and gauche Sagittarius' nose; Sagittarius wants to corrupt Virgo's puritanical side into excessive behaviour. But can the charm of these idiosyncrasies last; or will they become the things you ultimately despise about each other? Yes, if you can keep a healthy sense of humour going, but it's not easy. While Sagittarius is out fighting windmills of injustice, Virgo is doing the laundry. And when Virgo wants to analyse a situation, but gets timed out by Sagittarius' wandering mind ... you get the picture.

55. Virgo-Capricorn (Earth-Earth) “The Master Apprentice”

Perfection in motion, you build an idyllic pasture of contentment. You're both into the tangible. Joint effort produces amazing works of lasting endurance. Adding to the harmony, you're in equal agreement on the need for physical contact; lots of it. There's a tacit understanding that Capricorn leads; Virgo follows. Virgo is a great candidate to tolerate Capricorn's bossier moments; you'd help them out anyway. Capricorn's ruthless execution of plans and love of exposure and acclaim encourages Virgo to present your skills on a larger, public, scale.

56. Virgo-Aquarius (Earth-Air) “The Soup Kitchen”

You probably met at a charity event. You're both community-minded; just the method differs. Virgo earns brownie points with good deeds – radical Aquarius agitates for change. After the high-minded honeymoon ends, Virgo tires of Aquarius living in the ether when you need physical action. Aquarius meanwhile, wants Virgo to see the bigger picture of humanity, instead of what's right on your doorstep. Adjustment and sacrifice are necessary if you want to live together; agree to accept each other as your personal project to love and support.

57. Virgo-Pisces (Earth-Water) “The Crepe Bandage”

It's like finding the missing link you've searched for all your life. Someone who knows your gentle side and doesn't abuse it ... you can heal each other's wounds. Pisces thirstily laps up Virgo's selfless service. Virgo helps Pisces bring order to a previously chaotic existence of boundless compassion. Focus on health and fitness brings serenity; just be careful it doesn't slip over the boundary line into needless hypochondria. Virgo analyses Pisces's illusions, bringing clarity to the murkiest parts. Pisces inspires Virgo to imagine a perfect future.

58. Libra-Libra (Air-Air) “The Makeup Artist”

Not much confrontation here. You're too busy keeping up appearances. Cosmetic changes to body, home and lifestyle are pet projects. Also, much air-kissing and socialising with the public. What about love? Forget the social niceties for a minute, it's a priority for you both to have a partner ... love and be loved. That motivation gets lost sometimes in other activities. Along with other renovations, continual re-vamping of your intimacy is highly recommended. Re-decorate the bedroom, work up a sweat, have a minor design disagreement to get the passion flowing.

59. Libra-Scorpio (Air-Water) “The Snowflake”

Are you absolutely sure you want this? Because it's not a breeze - more like nuclear fallout ... cold, dark, not much life out there. Cool-headed Libra ponders without always having to feel anything. Intense Scorpio needs the agony and ecstasy of every experience, even if it's just going to buy groceries. Discussions reach stalemates, as Libra stays neutral, while Scorpio stubbornly tries to get a reaction. Libra retreats into a cosy mental cave; frustrated Scorpio freezes and makes dastardly plans for revenge. Much love and forgiveness is required.

60. Libra-Sagittarius (Air-Fire) “The Foreign Diplomat”

A meeting of minds ... with dollops of enthusiasm! Libra's strategic theories merge with Sagittarius' philosophical vision. Together you crusade the path of truth and justice. Sitting still long enough to produce something concrete is not a forte. Brainstorm - then get a solid earthbound person to make it happen. Sagittarius' foot-in-mouth blurting embarrasses diplomatic Libra; Sagittarius' wandering hooves tap impatiently when Libra wants to tame you in legal matrimony. But overall there's an easy rapport; keep re-igniting the passion and it burns eternal.

61. Libra-Capricorn (Air-Earth) “The Sergeant Major”

Elegant social butterfly meets business executive. It's instant initial attraction. Together you make lucrative contacts, give impressive dinners and impress corporate giants. You're both leaders and this is the trouble spot. Libra won't confront Capricorn's bossiness, but just ignores it. Capricorn hates being disobeyed and resorts to becoming an autocrat. Negotiate an adult compromise with grace... allot areas where one leads, the other follows – and vice versa. It's a strong alliance; you can build intimacy while strategising your soar to the top floor!

62. Libra-Aquarius (Air-Air) “The Crucible”

You're at ease with mental activity. Libra falls for Aquarius' vast knowledge and innovative ideas; Aquarius is smitten by Libra's crystal-clear clarity and unbiased judgement. There's just a bit too much focus on the thought processes to have a really steamy time when the wooing ends. It's OK though. Neither of you can be bothered that much with it anyway, but you're really turned on by intellectual tussles. Libra brings new direction for Aquarius to break free from stuck ideologies; Aquarius is committed to making Libra's relationship expectations become reality.

63. Libra-Pisces (Air-Water) “The Dreamcatcher”

You share an idealised notion of love. Libra puts chosen mate on a pedestal and expects you'll live up to it. Pisces watches romantic movies, dreaming of being treasured. So when first you meet, it's recognition of a fellow starry-eyed romantic – and instant 'lurrrve'. Trouble is when that ideal fades, replaced by nastily practical issues of co-habiting. Libra battles to deal with Pisces' ditzy, disorganised moments; Pisces wants Libra to feel more, think less. The secret for happily ever after? Structure romancing with candle-lit dinners, love notes and regular trysts.

64. Scorpio-Scorpio (Water-Water) “The Kaleidoscope”

Pick up a kaleidoscope. Get comfortable with how it completely changes form with every little twist. Then get prepared to live a life together of constant transformation. It's like death, re-birth and death again - of ideas, feelings, sex, money, and values – whatever makes up your life. Scary ... but also well worth it as each image appears, more beautiful than the last. Keep that feeling of wonder alive to get you through dark moments and the intensity of emotional intimacy without a scratch. Then enjoy the perks of powerful physical intimacy.

65. Scorpio-Sagittarius (Water-Fire) “The International Spy”

You both have healthy libidos, but getting the rest right requires solid application. And there's the rub. Scorpio digs up the ugly stuff to be worked on ... only to find that Sagittarius has moved on to another place already. Fiery Sagittarius' wandering feet (and hands) infuriate possessive Scorpio. Scorpio's clingy need for more intimacy, more beating of the breast, more gut-wrenching revelations; is hard for Sagittarius to handle. If you recognise your differences, the bonus is that Sagittarius' vision backs Scorpio's constant self-reinvention.

66. Scorpio-Capricorn (Water-Earth) “The Bubbling Cauldron”

You're serious types, but can make magic together. Scorpio's magnetism mesmerises Capricorn; Capricorn's authority intrigues Scorpio. Put your combined ingredients in the pot; stir them into a potent brew. Capricorn works effectively with Scorpio's powerful resources; Scorpio understands Capricorn's secret spiritual side. Scorpio nurtures Capricorn's lonely, melancholic traits. Scorpio's emotional search for meaning is helped by Capricorn's hands-on approach. Together you can reach new insights and implicit trust.

67. Scorpio-Aquarius (Water-Air) “The Electric Eel”

A smooth surface conceals much from prying eyes. It's one of those relationships that if you split, everyone says “but you seemed so suited”. Aquarius starts up Scorpio's rocket of inner resources, sending your potential out into the stratosphere. Scorpio's depth (and depth, and depth) inspires Aquarius to focus countless, spiralling ideas into a few magnificent innovations. You're both stubborn as hell; Aquarius gets pig-headed ... Scorpio gets even. When the strong physical attraction settles down; be tolerant of your diversities; appreciate your strengths.

68. Scorpio-Pisces (Water-Water) “The Tidal Wave”

This wide expanse of touchy-feeliness has deep undercurrents of hidden potential. You're both driven by emotion, expressing it in different ways. Scorpio's voracious need for intimacy sucks love victims up whole; you're extremely possessive, wanting to feel every twitch. Pisces loves everyone and you're next; you want to heal the world, forgiving wrongs, presenting the other cheek for more punishment from much beloved ones. Scatty Pisces finds a haven in Scorpio's solid strength and certainty; soft-hearted Pisces' oceans of compassion comfort intense Scorpio.

69. Sagittarius-Sagittarius (Fire-Fire) “The Frequent Flyer”

Pity you don't sit down more often for fireside chats and snuggles. Try it, and you're reminded how much you inspire each other - and renewed passion fans flames of desire. Mostly you fly past each other in the passage, preparing for your next venture, trip, crusade, expedition; whatever your personal quest is now. Your house is usually a mess, but the fridge and wine cellar bulge with fattening treats. Luckily you have that athletic energy to burn it up again. Exercise together to reduce waistlines ... and stay connected.

70. Sagittarius-Capricorn (Fire-Earth) “The Commuter”

Dedicated yuppie meets social reformer! The Capricorn Goat's main interest is climbing up the lofty peak of financial success, constructing impressive corporate headquarters. The Sagittarius Centaur's passion is traversing the globe, broadening the mind (and hips) and dispensing wise philosophies. Capricorn structured tradition is too conservative for Sagittarius' freer modus operandi. Capricorn finds Sagittarius is unreliable when it comes down to punctuality or getting things done. You can't change the basics; only unwavering love and tolerance save the day.

71. Sagittarius-Aquarius (Fire-Air) “The Heat Wave”

Together you can create lofty ideals, bright ideas, stimulating moments. You're not traditional partnership material, but having met another free-spirited individual who tickles your brain, it's surprisingly tempting to settle. You can handle each other's erratic behaviour; enjoying the excitement it generates. Sagittarius is determined to drag reluctant Aquarius from a mental comfort zone to new philosophies, which can cause temporary stand-offs. But once you reach your destination Sagittarius' wanderlust is satisfied and Aquarius' originality shines.

72. Sagittarius-Pisces (Fire-Water) “The Tropical Fish”

Sagittarius calls a spade a shovel in the search for truth, wounding Pisces with each sharply aimed arrow. Pisces interweaves reality and fantasy, embellishes it with baubles, so it's no longer recognisable to blunt Sagittarius. How on earth are the two of you going to have a conversation, never mind a relationship? With careful planning (take a course in time management). Then Sagittarius can sweep Pisces off to exotic destinations, while Pisces wipes your fevered, over-travelled brow at the end of another exciting day.

73. Capricorn-Capricorn (Earth-Earth) “The Bank Manager”

Giggling isn't allowed; we're all adults here? More about that later. First, negotiate who's the boss of what, or you'll constantly lock horns over authority issues. Next, get yourself a nice big house and investment portfolio. No problem with budget, you're both ambitious and know how to handle money once it's earned. Right - the big people stuff is dealt with – it's time to lighten things up. Indulge your satirical sense of humour before you join depressives anonymous. You need to laugh and tease each other's naughty side – a lot.

74. Capricorn-Aquarius (Earth-Air) “The Sand Storm”

It's like planning a military manoeuvre in the desert. Dry and dusty; but if you make it, you're have the medal to prove it. Still game? Here's how to be a survivor. You don't really need a hearts and flowers type of love - Capricorn's too sensible to spend on frivolities; Aquarius is too detached from those little physical details. So what do you need? Capricorn needs to lead and organise; Aquarius needs freedom to search out new knowledge. Not so hard after all - just strike the deal and ensure that you keep on loving - in your own style.

75. Capricorn-Pisces (Earth-Water) “The Kingfisher”

There's a lot to gain from this pairing. Your strong points complement each other's weaknesses. Goal-setting Capricorn learns to relax and smell the flowers; dreamy Pisces learns to structure fantasies into workable projects. Earthy Capricorn safely contains Pisces' flow; liquid Pisces quenches parched Capricorn. Pisces welcomes Capricorn's dominance in practical matters, preferring to rule the realm of subconscious urges. Capricorn protects Pisces from being duped by devious people and Pisces teaches Capricorn that you can learn from the humble.

76. Aquarius-Aquarius (Air-Air) “The Hurricane”

Great gales of knowledge blow through this relationship. You're walking computers, scientific marvels. But there's precious little feeling (on the surface anyway). You do have feelings; it's just hard to convince the Aquarius angel lurking within you that random acts of kindness count as much as the great humanitarian acts. Naturally freedom-loving, you have to work hard on expressing your emotions so you can build an intimate sanctuary. Make it a special space where you can abdicate your mental throne, submitting to raw, uninhibited emotion.

77. Aquarius-Pisces (Air-Water) “The Science Experiment”

Lab coats on, you're about to discover a new life form! When quirky Aquarius meets daydreamer Pisces, the possibilities are endless. You're very different, but share great vision and a fondness for all humanity. Aquarius dives into the soup of Pisces' unstructured dreams and makes sense of them; Pisces unravels the grid of Aquarius' thoughts, opening you to revolutionary discoveries. Your home fills up with stray animals and clothing collected for the less fortunate. Your challenge is finding the middle ground between Aquarius' detachment and Pisces' over-sentimentalism.

78. Pisces-Pisces (Water-Water) “The Daisy Chain”

Hey man, it's like the hippies and never-ending love of the '60's all over again. Everything's rose-tinted and it's tempting to increase the foggy feeling; but stay off booze and pills, you're potentially addictive personalities. You struggle to structure daily routine and finances are a continuing mystery. While it's a heavenly place to hang in your little cocoon, practicality must be encouraged for modern survival. Your elusive traits make honesty a must, otherwise you're prone to swim about wandering – and wondering – in murky waters.

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