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Arnold & Son premiers highly advanced 'Water Rabbit' lunar watch

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Arnold & Son celebrates the upcoming Year of the Rabbit with its storytelling timepiece. Image courtesy of Arnold & Son

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Swiss watchmaker **Arnold & Son** has released a new timepiece honoring the Year of the Rabbit, beginning Jan. 22.

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The company's Perpetual Moon "Year of the Rabbit" collection includes eight limited-edition pieces, each one available only in stores and going for about \$62,000. Mirroring other Perpetual Moon models, each one in this capsule has an accurate moon phase function, aptly allowing fans of both Lunar New Year and luxury to connect with the satellite planet's cycles.

Holding water

Each of the brand's capsule items were developed and handcrafted entirely at Arnold & Son's La Chaux-de-Fonds manufacturing workshop in Switzerland.

Watches are fueled by a double barrel and feature a 3 Hz oscillation frequency with a reserve of 90 hours – its lunar display is so accurate that for the next 122 years, the watch will never stray from the sky's precise lunar arrangement.



Made with precision and craftsmanship, the model acts both as a highly advanced moon calendar and time piece. Image courtesy of Arnold & Son

Thus, "Year of the Rabbit" timepieces hold astrological and horological significance.

A handcrafted rabbit is sculpted into the face of each piece, glimmering in 18-karat rose gold against a blanketed swath of black aventurine. Stars dot the dark sky as the watch's face features splatters of glitter, a mother-of-pearl moon creeping out from its folds.

A luminescent moon is placed on a rotating disc that wanes and waxes in real time.

Behind the collection's main character, the Water Rabbit, also sits a line of trees and a traditional pagoda, perched atop the accessory's icy blue waterfall detailing. These hand-painted details are dusted in gold powder.

The strong marks of craftsmanship also denote various cultural beliefs and legends surrounding the Chinese Zodiac.

For one, per tradition, the rabbit is believed to live within a white moon made of jade, serving as its pet. The rabbit is also known for complimentary characteristics such as physical agility and good judgment.

When the rabbit rules over a year supposedly tied to the element of water, the rabbit becomes the Water Rabbit. This creature is not only prudent and swift but also attains additional representations of holding good luck for peace, long life and blessings.

For these reasons, the rabbit, waterfalls and the moon are all integrated into Arnold & Son's latest. Bringing the entire piece together is a black alligator watch strap, stitched in platinum and lined with red alligator leather.

This spring, the company will be featured at the Watches and Wonders exhibition in Geneva, having joined the Watches and Wonders portfolio back in 2020 ([see story](#)).