

The Best Calendars for 2018, Russian Style

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Vladimir Putin calendars might be [sold out](#) in Britain, but fret not — Russian bookstores, souvenir shops and newspaper kiosks still have plenty in stock.

So many, in fact, that deciding how to begin the year — or startle your relatives with an "original" gift from Russia — can be a fretful challenge. They're all the same and yet so different!

Let's be honest. There's no way of beating the New Year's classic: A Putin calendar. This year, the 65-year-old president gives the months of the year an additional twist. There's Putin on a horse in January, Putin holding a puppy in June. And August stands for Putin with a pistol.

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I hereby confess that the person buying all the Putin calendars was me
<https://t.co/1xyknSpMKP> [pic.twitter.com/uhMMhAvayh](https://t.co/1xyknSpMKP)

— max seddon (@maxseddon) [December 5, 2017](#)

Looking for something less generic? For the connoisseurs, there is Putin on a fishing trip — the highlight of 2017 — or Putin and the Year of the Dog. You can also simply go for "The entire year with the Russian president."

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A good Moscow magazine kiosk is measured by its assortment of Putin calendars. My favorite here is "Year of the dog with Russia's president"
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— Alec Luhn (@ASLuhn) [November 6, 2017](#)

Take a break from Putin with traditional Russian sights like the Kremlin — you know, that place where Putin hangs out?

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— IgorSobolev_com (@IgorSobolev_com) [December 1, 2017](#)

Just released last week, this calendar with Orthodox priests and motorcycles is a new contender for the top prize. Sorry, Putin.

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... and in the category of "you can't make this up" - a calendar of Orthodox biker-priests. (Actually, rural priests can't afford cars and so get around this way.)
<https://t.co/niowqPlSLl>

— Michele A. Berdy (@MicheleBerdy) [December 26, 2017](#)

A pocket-size Putin watching out for birds ... or fighter jets.

Looking to work less, relax more in 2018? Let Putin show you the way.

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2018 Wall Calendar: Vladimir Putin - the President of Russia. \$9.98

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— Karl E (@therussophile) [December 3, 2017](#)

Here's another Russian ruler to look over your home or office.

Cats, the Guards of St. Petersburg. Or: How to turn something cute into something intimidating.

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Received this Guards of St Petersburg cat calendar out of the blue from someone I've never met in Moscow... What is happening?! [@dennettl](#) are you the culprit?

pic.twitter.com/OIxbFTi2Po

— Suzy Rigdon (@SuzyRigdon) [November 30, 2017](#)

It's Matrix Putin, casually strolling ahead of an army of what can only be described as well-dressed zombies.

Can't decide? Go for the 2-in-1 combination of the Year of the Dog and the upcoming World Cup. Even Putin can't beat that one!

Happy New Year!

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The Chinese year of the dog and [@FIFAWorldCup](#) are coming beautifully together in [#Russian](#) 2018 calendars pic.twitter.com/C8dbEPwBQk

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