

## A Beginner's Guide to Reciting Little Houses

**Note:** You should perform Daily Recitations as well. It is recommended that you start with the Great Compassion Mantra (Da Bei Zhou) so that you will have more energy before reciting other sutras, mantras, or Little Houses. The order of reciting other sutras and mantras in Daily Recitations or in Little Houses can be determined at your discretion.

1. Before reciting, write down the name of the recipient on the right-hand side under "**Offer To**". The recipient can be your Karmic Creditor (write "Karmic Creditor of <full name>"), an aborted or miscarried child (write "Child of <full name of the mother>"), a deceased person (write "<full name of the deceased>"), or a Karmic Creditor of the house (write "Karmic Creditor of the house of <full name of the occupant>"). If you want to use Little Houses to resolve karmic conflicts with someone, then simply write "<your full name> resolves karmic conflicts".

2. Write down the full name of the reciter on the left-hand side under "**Offered By**".

### Say the following prayer before reciting Little Houses:

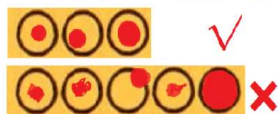
"Namo the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva Mo He Sa" (3 times).

"May Namo the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva Mo He Sa help me, <full name>, give this Little House that I am about to recite to <name of the recipient> (which can be 'Karmic Creditor of <full name>', 'Child of <full name>', '<full name of the deceased>', or 'Karmic Creditor of the house of <full name of occupant>')."

### The following order of reciting Little Houses is highly recommended:

1. Da Bei Zhou 9 times
2. Da Bei Zhou 3 times+ Heart Sutra 49 times
3. Da Bei Zhou 3 times+ Wang Sheng Zhou 84 times
4. Da Bei Zhou 3 times + Qi Fo Mie Zui Zhen Yan 87 times
5. Da Bei Zhou 9 times

#### Correct way to dot in the circles



Note: Essentially, Little House recitation starts and ends with Da Bei Zhou. Each of the component sutras and mantras are also surrounded by Da Bei Zhou. The above combination is not the only way to do it, and it's fine if you choose not to follow this method due to time constraints or other reasons. What matters is the sincerity and effort that you put into reciting Little Houses.

### How to correctly dot the circles?

1. Use a red pen or red marker to dot inside the circles; this is compulsory.
2. Ensure the dot is in the middle of the circle and takes up 80% of the circle.
3. After dotting, write down the date of completion on the lower left-hand side of the Little House.

### How to burn Little Houses when you have a Buddhist altar at home?

1. First, offer incense and pay respect to Guan Yin Bodhisattva.
2. Say the following 3 times: "I express my sincere gratitude to Namo the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva Mo He Sa."
3. Raise the Little Houses slightly above your forehead, and then place them on your altar. Kneel down and say the following prayer.
4. "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva help me, <full name>, give these <number> Little Houses to <name of the recipient> (which can be your Karmic Creditor, a deceased person, a Karmic Creditor of your house or an aborted or miscarried child)."
5. Before burning the Little Houses, say, "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva have compassion on me."
6. Burn the Little Houses, starting from its upper right-hand corner (that is, the "**Offer To**" side).
7. While burning the Little Houses, simply say, "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva have compassion." Do not recite or say anything additional.
8. After burning the Little Houses, say, "I bow in gratitude to the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva for helping me give these Little Houses to <name of the recipient>. I express my sincere gratitude to the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva for protection and blessing!" (with one prostration) Additionally, you may say corresponding prayers. For example, if you give Little Houses to your Karmic Creditor, you could pray to Guan Yin Bodhisattva for good health, safety and good fortune. If you use Little Houses to resolve karmic conflicts with someone, you could pray to Guan Yin Bodhisattva to help you resolve the negative karmic affinity between you and that person.

### How to burn Little Houses if you don't have a Buddhist altar at home?

1. First, offer Heart Incense to Guan Yin Bodhisattva.
2. Say the following 3 times: "I express my sincere gratitude to Namo the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva Mo He Sa." Then, recite the Great Compassion Mantra (Da Bei Zhou) once and the Heart Sutra (Xin Jing) once.
3. Raise the Little Houses slightly above your forehead. Visualise yourself kneeling down, then say the following prayer.
4. "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva help me, <full name>, give these <number> Little Houses to <name of the recipient> (which can be your Karmic Creditor, a deceased person, a Karmic Creditor of your house, or an aborted or miscarried child)."
5. Before burning the Little Houses, say, "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva have compassion on me."
6. Burn the Little Houses, starting from its upper right-hand corner (that is, the "**Offer To**" side).
7. While burning Little Houses, simply say "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva have compassion." Do not recite or say anything additional.
8. After burning the Little Houses, say, "I bow in gratitude to the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva for helping me give these Little Houses to <name of the recipient>. I express my sincere gratitude to the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva for protection and blessing!" (visualise making one prostration to Guan Yin Bodhisattva.) Additionally, you may say corresponding prayers. For example, if you give Little Houses to your Karmic Creditor, you could pray to Guan Yin Bodhisattva for good health, safety and good fortune. If you use Little Houses to resolve karmic conflicts with someone, you could pray to Guan Yin Bodhisattva to help you resolve the negative karmic affinity between you and that person.

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	87 Times	84 Times	49 Times	27 Times

**Note:** Little Houses must be printed on YELLOW paper