

Feng Shui Your Office to Advance Your Career and Make More Money



In hard economic times, you need every advantage to advance in your career. But did you know that something as simple as the location of your desk and the placement of your office within the building could send you on the fast track to greater success and more money?

Feng Shui does not provide a "one size fits all" solution. It depends on a variety of factors, including how the chi, or energy, circulates within the entire space. Are you comfortable or surrounded by

clutter? Do you look forward to coming to work in the morning, or do you dread sitting at your desk for eight hours (or more) a day?

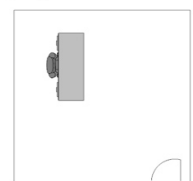
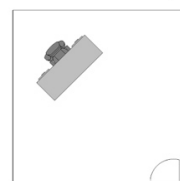
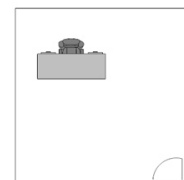
These Feng Shui tips will help you create an environment in which you can feel productive, happy and successful.

1. Place yourself in a command position.

Your desk should be in the "command position." You should have a view of the room and the door without being in direct line of the door or a main walkway. Sitting in front of a door puts you in the center of rushing chi, which can adversely affect your career - you may get fired or want to quit.

It's just as bad to sit with your back to the door, where you may feel as if you are under attack by your co-workers. If you can't move your desk but are facing a wall, place a mirror on the wall, desk or on your computer monitor so you'll be able to see behind you. This puts you in a command position, where you can see what is coming at you-both literally and figuratively-in your career. It also prevents your co-workers from "stabbing you in the back."

Ideally, you should be able to walk around both sides of the desk. This encourages the chi to flow



freely around the room. If one side of your desk is blocked or pushed up against a wall, it can impact your income, as well as your relationships with co-workers, customers and prospects.

2. Get you and your career unstuck.

When many people approach me about feeling stuck in their career, one of the first areas I look at is under the desk. Make sure you don't have anything, including books, shoes, a wastebasket or computer tower blocking your leg room. You should have plenty of space for your feet, without having to do a break dancing move just to sit down. Anything that inhibits your leg room could make you feel stuck in your job.

Likewise, clutter, heavy bookshelves or weighty pictures on the wall above your head can cause anxiety and pressure. The downward pressure these create may even give you headaches.

3. Open the door to opportunity.

Your door, if you have one, should open a full 90 degrees so be careful how much you put behind the door. Nothing should block a person from walking into the space. A clear doorway welcomes wealth energies into your work space and allows you to take better advantage of new opportunities.

4. Add life energy to your space.



You can apply the [Bagua map](#), a tool used by many Feng Shui consultants to illustrate how different sections of a space correspond to different aspects of life, to your desk. For instance, the back left corner of your desk represents wealth and abundance. The back right corner represents relationships. What do you currently have located in the corners of your desk?

But even without any knowledge of the eight sectors of the Bagua, you can easily add life energy to your desk in the form of bamboo or a money tree plant. This can improve relationships in the office and amongst co-workers, as well as attracting wealth and good fortune to you.

5. Trust your instincts

When your minor adjustments are done, look around your office and consider your feelings. Are you more comfortable? Does the space seem to flow? Do any items create stress when you look at them or does your office create a calm, yet energized, feeling for you and others who enter? Do you feel productive or stagnant?

Does this help? Do these suggestions give you some ideas on how to improve your own office? I'd love to know if you have any other advice to add.

If I had to think of an easy way to help you get started and learn EXACTLY how to transform the areas of your life that are causing you the most problems... I would tell you to go check out my eBook "Feng Shui Secrets: What Everyone Should Know About How To Be Successful With Feng Shui."

You can easily learn how your home may be causing these problems and how to correct them with no interior design or expensive decorating required.

You can go here for all the details: [Feng Shui Secrets](#)

If you're really serious about overcoming certain obstacles in your life, here is your chance to [work with me one-on-one](#) to transform the areas of your life that are causing you the most challenges.

With love and compassion,

Ken

Comments

Great tips to increase productivity and reduce anxiety. Even though it sounded quite strange from the beginning, but when I summed up what I have read, it made sense to me.

Posted @ Thursday, May 14, 2009 4:07 AM by [AndreaZ](#)

Thank you for the great advice. I've been putting off doing another 'cleansing' of my office and now I'll look into rearranging some things as well. Keep coming with these valuable posts!

Posted @ Thursday, August 20, 2009 9:09 PM by [Dan Ronken](#)

I understand the idea of having space under your desk BUT I have a small box under my desk that I use as a footrest. Is that OK? Having my feet up really helps my back and blood circulation

Posted @ Tuesday, September 01, 2009 7:15 PM by Elizabeth

This is a great blog. I have tweeted it. Is it ok if I put this blog on my website. I always love this stuff.

Posted @ Tuesday, November 10, 2009 11:05 AM by [Lesley Voth](#)

Lesley, Thank you. I really appreciate you tweeting this and finding value in the blog itself.

Posted @ Tuesday, November 10, 2009 8:19 PM by Ken Lauher

Ken, Thanks for this fabulous post! It is definitely time for me to cleanse my office and desk.

I sit at a secretary that has bookshelves and sits against a wall. I have the shelves loaded with books. Is this something I need to change and is this what you are talking about re: having heavy shelves above head causing pressure?

I read your blog everyday and find it very inspiring. Thank you for showing us how we can easily balance our environment to increase success, health and happiness!

Posted @ Wednesday, May 19, 2010 4:28 PM by [Donna Vail](#)

Donna, so glad you enjoyed it. Thank you. Regarding your question, typically it is items that are above your head that are heavy that can cause the downward pressure resulting in feeling stuck or physical headaches. Based on what you described, does not truly sound like this but would have to see a picture to understand better the situation and space. Thanks again.

Posted @ Wednesday, May 19, 2010 9:47 PM by Ken Lauher

Hello, I am a little bit confused. I will feng shui an office for my friend. Inside her office there is a chimney that is not working...what can I do with that issue? What are the best colors for an office? It is according to the gua are it is located the office? (for example, helpful people gua) Her office is located in the helpful people and travel gua. Do I have to work with the colors of white and gray of this gua and decorate it according to this gua or can I work with other colors of wealth (purple, blue or red) to enhance productivity/wealth at her work?

Thanks for the help and have wonderful evening :-)

~Sylvia

Posted @ Thursday, May 20, 2010 2:23 PM by Sylvia

Sylvia, The color of an office can be based on the career, person, element or ba gua. There are many different ways to approach this and typically a Feng Shui consultant can help you identify the best method. I personally base the color off of the space or the person and not typically base it off of the trigram or ba gua that it is located in. I would recommend a lighter color such as a light green.

Posted @ Thursday, May 20, 2010 10:09 PM by [Ken Lauher](#)

Nice post. I being reading your post for a while, dropping a message to express thanks.

Posted @ Thursday, July 08, 2010 7:58 PM by [June T](#)

June, so glad to hear that you're enjoying my posts. Thank you!

Posted @ Thursday, July 08, 2010 9:28 PM by [Ken Lauher](#)

Love your articles!! I am moving into a new office soon and am anxious to decorate using feng shui concepts. My question though is this...I have a U shaped desk. I sit at the front part then the "bottom" of the U is to my left, then the other "arm" behind me; it is open to my right. In terms of the Bagua, do I consider the whole "U" my desk, or just the "arm" I sit at? I hope this makes sense!!!

Posted @ Wednesday, July 14, 2010 12:11 PM by kim

i have understood a good help from u.

Posted @ Friday, August 13, 2010 8:12 PM by aishamma

Great article! First time I see your webpage. I am a small business owner for 6 years and very frustrated about getting my business to the next level. I can see that in my office everything is placed incorrectly. I will rearrange everything as soon as I can and see what happens...Thanks

Posted @ Saturday, September 25, 2010 2:01 PM by [Carmen Segrera](#)

Thank you. improvement in my life

Posted @ Tuesday, September 28, 2010 5:50 AM by binduraj

After reading your article I changed everything in my office. The only thing I could not change was getting one side of my desk to the wall. I can not walk around both sides of my desk. What can I do to help this? Thanks.

Posted @ Wednesday, September 29, 2010 8:44 AM by [Carmen Segrera](#)

what about people that don't work in an office, but work in a factory and would like to change their career

Posted @ Monday, October 25, 2010 7:39 PM by heather

Hi Ken, What you say really makes sense, but my office is in my dining room at home. My desk is facing a wall which I know now I think I should move it so my back is facing the wall (don't you think that a better idea)? but I never quite found the answer to what is meant by what's on the left side of your desk and the right side of your desk..can you let me know please?

Posted @ Tuesday, December 28, 2010 2:19 PM by Patricia

Hi, I have bamboo plants in all my 4 washrooms of home. Is it OK to keep Bamboo Plants in the washrooms?

Posted @ Monday, January 03, 2011 11:30 PM by Manmeet Sikka

Excellent advice that I will try to implement in my cubical. My back is facing a door and main entrance other than the mirrors what else can I do or put?

Posted @ Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:54 PM by [Bere](#)

Hello, thank you for all your articles. I am in my office right now and do not know how to place my L shape desk in command position because the door is just in the middle of the wall, not on a side like you show in the samples. What can I do, thank you.

Posted @ Thursday, February 10, 2011 10:38 AM by [cecilia](#)

what is priority, being able to walk around the desk or not to face the door? thank you

Posted @ Thursday, February 10, 2011 10:44 AM by cecilia

Hi Ken,
thanks a lot for the free tips! Helpful while I am mastering the Feng Shui Secrets course.

I work from home office, but do not have a separate room, my office corner is in the living room. The desk was already in the "command position", but I had to move it a bit to the side so that there would be space on both sides of the desk. Then I removed a storage box from under the desk even

though it was not really compromising my legroom, and I cleared all unnecessary things off my desk.

I'll still have to move two shelf stands from behind the desk. And Go through the clutter on those shelves.

I am concentrating on improving money/wealth/prosperity area of my life at the moment, so I put a purple spring flower in the "wealth corner" of the desk and a "Chinese turtle on the money pile with a small turtle on it's back and a coin in it;s mouth".

Let us see the results! :)

Posted @ Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:02 AM by Larissa

Larissa,

Thank you so much for purchasing my Feng Shui Secrets ebook. I'm very excited for you and glad that you are making some positive changes in regards to your space. Keep me up to date on your progress.

Posted @ Wednesday, March 16, 2011 8:33 PM by Ken Lauher

Hi Ken - many thanks for all the great advice. my question is: when I come into the room my 'wealth corner' is over to the far left I believe. I've just moved my desk as per your advice!! (nightmare with the desk top computer/screen cables!!)and now have the far wall to my back with the wealth corner immediately to my right. Is it still a good idea to put wealth symbols on the back left hand corner of the desk as well? also the right hand side of the desk has to be up against the wall. what can I do to overcome the hampered chi flow? Thanks so much for you time and help.

Posted @ Friday, March 18, 2011 12:05 PM by Jeremy

I am a little confused about the desk area and I have tried to resolve the confusion around placing my desk in the command position when I am also instructed to point my desk in my most favorable position. If I place my desk in the command position, then I am facing my worst direction according to my personal kua number. Any suggesttions would be helpful. Thanks

Posted @ Thursday, June 23, 2011 10:06 PM by Amy

Amy, There are different schools of thought regarding Feng Shui. The best thing to do is to decide which school you resonate with most for Feng Shui and stick to that practice. If you try blending the two, you will come across different messages and become frustrated. I personally practice the BTB method. We place emphasis on how the chi or energy enters a room. Thus, we find it most valuable to be placed in a command position.

Posted @ Thursday, June 23, 2011 10:09 PM by Ken Lauher

Thank you for the information. Very helpful!

Posted @ Thursday, July 14, 2011 3:05 PM by [Charla Garrison](#)

I love your website. You are generous, offer lots of useful things to do right away, simplify bagua, directions etc. Love your bit about 3 most important parts - door, kitchen and bedroom. Your really positive energy jumps right off the screen. Thanks Ken. I'm going to apply your tips and make some money to have a phone consult with you. My business is so stagnant income wise, even though everyone who comes absolutely loves the results they get working with me. Trish

Posted @ Saturday, August 13, 2011 3:06 AM by [Trish](#)

Greetings!

Is it ok to have your back to the door at your home office?

My house is on a direct diagonal and my home office is located in the Children (west) and knowledge (bagua) corner of the house. The door is at the east corner of the room. There is a large window on the sw wall. The others are empty. Although I was planning to put a wardrobe for coats along the SE wall. Not sure where to put the desk. Any ideas?

ps, love your website!

Posted @ Tuesday, November 08, 2011 8:57 AM by [onyx bailey](#)

Kevin love your website, all your articles are so fabulous and the first Feng-shui site that i have been too that makes sense for modern living in this day and age.

What do you suggest for a combo bedroom/office(I work from hm). I can rearrange to have desk in left corner of rm when you enter from the door and facing door, bed on right facing the door, (small rm in apt no option) I was thinking of making a free standing room divider/screen that I can put up at night to hide the desk/office area at night, but I may feel cramped, my rm is 10' x 10'. I want to feel comfortable when I am working and at night when I rest. Any suggestions?

Posted @ Wednesday, January 04, 2012 12:34 AM by Sonny

Sonny,

Great question. I personally would not put the screen up as it is one more thing to deal with in your space. As you mentioned in another comment, you have many things for your business, I would simplify and not add anything else. Right now the goal for your business is forward progress, when we add additional items, it is creating distractions and road blocks in our physical life. I personally would not have the bed in direct line with the door. I would position the bed in the command position so that you can see the door but are not in direct line with the door. You previously mentioned you do much of your work in another room, I would position the desk on the wall maybe where your bed was. Not ideal but want you to have great health and work in a different area than not getting rest and not being focused as a result.

Posted @ Wednesday, January 04, 2012 10:57 AM by [Ken Lauher](#)

This is a great article! I'll be cleaning under my desk first thing tomorrow morning! Today I realized that I have difficulty getting people at work (boss, admin asst, committee members who don't physically work in the same office) to HEAR me. I feel like my opinion is not valued, that I can't get a

word in, and that often I can't even ask questions. Any ideas for me? Thanks SO much for all the great articles!

Posted @ Thursday, February 23, 2012 9:29 PM by Jo Starr

Jo,

Sounds great. Appreciate you sharing your comment. Two areas to look at in your home is your fame and recognition area and helpful people section. To learn more how to review, you may want to review my ebook, Feng Shui Secrets. Visit <http://www.kenlauher.com/fengshui-book> to learn more.

Posted @ Friday, February 24, 2012 4:25 PM by [Ken Lauher](#)

Well this is great and I am certainly trying to put some feng shui on my desk as I have just moved to new office and I do not feel comfortable on it. Yet I can not move my desk or position. So if I can ask you some questions let me know
thanks

Posted @ Saturday, June 30, 2012 3:08 PM by Calu

How To Use The Feng Shui BaGua To Analyze Your Space





The Feng Shui BaGua, an arrangement of eight trigrams and a center, serves as a map to match various components of your life with the corresponding areas in your physical world. This can be placed over the shape of a lot, the floor plan of a house or an individual room.

The main entry point is always located at the bottom of the ba gau. So you would overlay the ba gau over a room or floor plan and see that the door would either be in the knowledge and wisdom section, career section, or travel and helpful people section.

And the back left hand side of a room is always the wealth and prosperity area when

standing in the doorway looking into a room. This also means that the back right area of a room is the area associated with love and relationships.

Use the diagram below to evaluate the rooms in your home. What do you have in your wealth areas? What objects do you have placed in your love and relationship areas of your bedroom?

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Comments

Great information. Just one question though - is it preferred to use the bagua on the whole house as each section represents the room or to use the bagua and treat each room individually? Just a bit confused? Thanks for any advice. Dot

Posted @ Thursday, November 12, 2009 2:31 PM by Dot

I have a question. when using the ba gua do I consider also the north, south, east, west direction? So with the normal compass I have to look where the north is and that is on the ba gua the fame and reputation. Please do clarify this for me. thanks.

Posted @ Saturday, January 23, 2010 1:46 AM by [James](#)

thanks for explaining the directions of the front entrance and how they will most likely belong in the wisdom or career sections. This was confusing to understand but you cleared it up :)

Posted @ Monday, March 08, 2010 10:18 PM by kashar

The ba gua map is over every space, and the garage to?

Posted @ Friday, March 26, 2010 3:02 PM by Collana

I used to use the 'entrance type' feng shui, and was wondering why things didn't work out as planned, until I read about 'directional' feng shui. Suddenly I realised why certain things happened and why certain people entered my life absolutely specific to the certain pictures I had in certain areas. I definitely recommend 'directional' feng shui, where the same bagua map applies, just that Fame is in the South. I know from experience now, that things happened identically reflecting the symbols in those directions before I even knew about feng shui.

Posted @ Saturday, July 31, 2010 10:28 AM by dorian

Thanks a lot for sharing your knowledge. I do enjoy your tips in regards to the energy in the home. I think i have a BIG challenge in my home. Every room has 2 enterances. How do i decide which corner is which because each entrance is in a different direction. Please,Please help !

Thanks in advance. Li-Aura.

Posted @ Wednesday, September 22, 2010 10:22 AM by Li-Aura

I'm working on a 2 story residence, primarily, a guest house for the owner.

The front left downstairs room is a bedroom that is currently planned to be utilized as an office / library space.

(The front door is adjacent to this space to the right.) We have the option of flipping the bedroom space with the bathroom / closet space, which would place the office / library at the lower left corner. Which is preferable in your opinion?

The back upstairs left space is the Master Bedroom.

Posted @ Wednesday, September 29, 2010 7:02 PM by [Gari Sprott](#)

hi ken. i have subscribed your feng shui tip. i have learned a lot. but i have a quesiton. i have small room. where is the best place for an acoustic guitar?

thanks a lot!

Posted @ Sunday, October 31, 2010 4:20 PM by Deenah O

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also tel me how will i protect my money to give under the table to other person

Posted @ Monday, November 29, 2010 4:35 AM by gayatri

Hi Ken, I find your FS advice very useful...I am planning on building a house in two months time, what would be your advice on the directions of the house itself, the doors of the rooms and the furnitures? More questions will follow later for furnitures.

Posted @ Thursday, December 16, 2010 9:03 PM by Gray

Placing the BaGua at the entrance of my apartment, I have stairs to my left leading to the bedrooms. Upstairs, the bedrooms are to my right and are in line with the livingroom(creativity) and dining room(Love & Marriage) downstairs. Do I use the same colors on both or can I use accesories in the right colors.?

Posted @ Tuesday, January 18, 2011 9:49 AM by Susie

Hi Ken,

Thank you for all the inspirational info and ongoing insights.I have read most of your articles, and today im writing out of desperation, i am manic depressive, and have placed the chimes over my bed, its been two weeks, genrally i have good flow and balance, but recently my property was repossessed, my car too, and my phone stolen, and the boss has given me a written warning letter, my soul is weary, i have fought to maintain my solvency, but i lost and its over, i have nothing left to live for, I am a reclusive, but ambitious guy, but it seem slike all the right feng shui and positive conciousness has only left me with delusion and a friend said it could be the bai zi that is affecting me, but im dissilusioned, i know this is not a problem for you to solve, you diont know me, and i am sorry to spill my beans here, but im out of courage, patience and resource and love, a shell of what life was, please help.

Brian, south africa

Posted @ Thursday, April 28, 2011 3:35 AM by Brian

Brian,

First, consider finding someone in your area to talk with about this. It may be a counselor, therapist or someone you trust to share you thoughts with to gain that support system around you.

Next, I recommend that you incorporate these 5 items into your life and start taking action today!

1. Feng Shui Your Space: A Feng Shui consultation may be the first step in getting "unstuck." A Feng Shui consultant can recommend ways to shift the energy of a person and space, creating amazing transformations.

When I perform a Feng Shui consultation for a client who is feeling stuck or depressed, I pay close attention to the entrance of the space. The entrance should not be blocked, which prevents energy or chi from entering the area.

I'll also take a look at the work environment, specifically under a person's desk. That part of the office should be clean, clear and permit plenty of leg room.

I often introduce life energy into a space. You can do this in your home or office by adding living plants, fresh flowers, raw fruit or moving water.

There are also specific Feng Shui cures and remedies you can employ. For instance, you can use Feng Shui Wind Chimes To Help With Depression.

2. Reconnect With Nature: It's easy to lose your connection with nature and, for many people, this leads to depression.

Don't you feel rejuvenated after spending a day at the beach or a few hours hiking in the mountains? Try to make nature a small part of your life every day. Spend more time outdoors walking, hiking, cycling or simply sitting in the park appreciating the environment.

3. Diet & Nutrition: Chronic fatigue is an indication that the body's "batteries" have run down. Resistance drops and illness or disease may strike.

Often, fatigue is caused by a critical deficiency of active enzymes in the diet and an overabundance of "dead" foods: processed, preserved and over-cooked foods, eaten in incompatible combinations.

Many fad diets literally starve cells of nutrition and energy and permit toxic wastes to accumulate in the tissues. This prevents the body from generating and directing energy for work or play, since all available energy must be used to keep the body alive.

According to The Tao of Health, Sex and Longevity, denatured, processed, preserved, canned and cooked foods should compose less than 50 percent of the daily diet. Eat fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains to give your body the energy it needs and combat chronic fatigue.

Sun Ssu-mo, the Tang Dynasty Taoist physician who correctly diagnosed and cured the nutritional-deficiency disease beriberi 1,300 years ago, a full millennium before European doctors did in 1642, wrote in Precious Recipes: "A truly good physician first finds out the cause of illness, and having found that, he first tries to cure it by food. Only when food fails does he prescribe medication."

4. Proper Exercise:

"The Tao of nurturing life requires that one keep oneself as fluid and flexible as possible. One should not stay still for too long, nor should one exhaust oneself by trying to perform impossible tasks. One should learn how to exercise from nature by observing the fact that flower water never stagnates and a busy door with active hinges never rusts or rots. Why? Because they exercise themselves perpetually and are almost always moving." (Sun Ssu-mo - Precious Recipes)

In this passage, Sun Ssu-mo succinctly distills the essence of Taoist exercise principles. If we observe nature, we see that rhythmic movement is the foundation for cultivating essence and energy.

Balance and moderation are also key factors. How many times have you started a difficult or time-

consuming exercise regime only to abandon it after a few weeks-or a few days? Start slowly so your early success will spark your drive to continue. In addition to structured exercise, look for ways to introduce more physical activity into your everyday life.

The Spring and Autumn Annals tells us: Essence and energy, body and breath, are indivisible: when the body does not move, essence cannot flow; when essence cannot flow, energy becomes stagnant.

Keep your essence moving like a mountain stream by practicing controlled deep breathing balanced with rhythmic physical movement. Body and breath will harmonize and vital energy will circulate to every organ and tissue in the body.

5. Meditation: Meditation purifies the mind and restores the spirit's primal powers by withdrawing all distracting thoughts and disturbing emotions from the mind. Meditation is to spirit what diet and nutrition are to essence - an indispensable tool for cultivating and conserving that treasure.

Emotions are regarded as major causes of disease in Chinese medicine. When unbridled by firm intent, they can cloud our minds and vandalize our precious reserves of essence and energy. To restore conscious awareness, one must empty the mind of all thoughts and pacify all emotions in the solitary silence and peaceful serenity of meditation.

In an article entitled "Mental Muscle" (Omni magazine, June 1992), Kathy Keeton writes:

"When the psychologists Charles Alexander of the Maharishi International University in Fairland, Iowa, and Ellen Langer of Harvard University, taught transcendental meditation (TM) to a group of octogenarians in eight Boston-area nursing homes, 100 percent of those who practiced meditation 20 minutes a day were still alive three years later, while 38 percent of their peers who did not meditate had passed on. This is reminiscent of legends of Himalayan yogis using similar techniques to live more than a hundred years...

Alexander is one of a growing body of scientists who believe that we can muster the power of our brains to stay healthy, to heal ourselves when we're sick, and, quite possibly, to extend our life expectancy."

Combining Feng Shui with proper nutrition, exercise, meditation and time to reconnect with nature will put you on the path to health, happiness, longevity, peace of mind, greater drive and ultimate success.

Posted @ Thursday, April 28, 2011 10:05 PM by Ken Lauher

Hi Ken,

I had a question regarding windows in both my living room and bedroom. In my living room I would like to put a few pictures of my kids in the right section but I happen to have 2 windows in that area with only limited wall space above them. Should I put the pictures of the kids above the windows or to the sides, or on a table in front of the windows? I just wasn't sure the best spot.

Also, in my bedroom, the bed is in the command position however it's not against a solid wall. It's partially against a window and partially against a wall. Is this okay? The only other solid wall without a window in the bedroom, is directly in front of the door or which I'm trying to stay away from.

Please let me know when you can, I'm trying to improve my relationship which has not been doing very well. Thanks ~Bekah

Posted @ Friday, August 19, 2011 10:11 AM by [Bekah](#)

Bekah,

Thanks for the note and visiting my website here. For pictures of your kids, I would recommend placing them on table in front of the windows and not above or on the sides.

Regarding your bedroom, yes it is ok to have it based on the way you described. This is a preferred position as compared to being directly in line with the door. However, you should have a bed with a solid headboard that is firmly attached to the bed. This is about not only protection but also about the possibility of a relationship.

Posted @ Sunday, August 21, 2011 7:59 PM by [Ken Lauher](#)

Hi Ken,

How can I use the bagua, if the apartment where I live is not square or rectangular. According to bagua some trigrams are not in the apartment. Thanks

Posted @ Wednesday, August 24, 2011 6:14 PM by Marina

Marina,

Thank you for the comment. I go into detail about this in my ebook, "Feng Shui Secrets: What Everyone Should Know About How To Be Successful With Feng Shui"
<http://www.kenlauher.com/fengshusecrets/>.

Posted @ Wednesday, August 24, 2011 10:06 PM by [Ken Lauher](#)

Dear Ken,

Your web site is very informative and I truly thank you for sharing all these valuable information. Not all the feng shui consultants do this. I recently got divorced and I have a four year old kid. We live in Silicon Valley. These days I am looking for a rental place for me and my son and I am considering a place. I realized that the wealth section and the wisdom section are both in bathroom areas. In another word one bathroom is located in left top corner of the floor plan and the other one on the left bottom corner of the floor plan. Should I forget about this apartment?

Also I would like to take advantage of the make over package that you are offering. When do you think would be a better time for me to do it? I am asking this because we don't have a home right now.

Many thanks.

Posted @ Saturday, December 10, 2011 12:47 AM by Beeta

Beeta,

Thank you for your kind words. I'm glad that you're finding my site to be helpful and informative.

Sounds like a new beginning for you, that can be exciting. Regarding the bathrooms, if a bathroom is in the wealth area, there is a implication that wealth will be flushed away or can leave quickly. A toilet in the wisdom position is not good either. With that said, it is not about one or two items, it is what the overall them of the floor plan indicates. If there are numerous things that lead to the difficulty with money, then it may not be a great apartment for rent. Or, if there are many positives that are good for money or your desired goals, then it may be a good option. My recommendation is to consider a 20 minute phone consult to review the apartment / floor plan to have the best understanding if this apartment would be good for the two of you to move into. Then you could consider the Ultimate Feng Shui Makeover package once you've moved in and have all of your items within the space. Keep in mind that I will be in Silicon Valley over the Christmas holiday if you would prefer an on-site consultation as an option.

Best wishes,
Ken

Posted @ Saturday, December 10, 2011 8:23 AM by Ken Lauher

Hey Ken! I love this blog! I've printed up my BuGua and going home today to try and see whats going on with my life. Love is not happening for me. I became depressed after my bf left me last summer 2011. I gave my heart again in October and another bf left me the week before Christmas Eve. I've been seeing someone once a week since May of this year and he doesn't want a relationship. Been texting a long distant friend I've made since May too and he too don't want a relationship. I've met a bartender that knows I like him and he keeps looking at me, tells me hi but nothing from him either, then I met a officer and he too I guess doesn't want a relationship. What's wrong with me? A friend told me that something got to be wrong with me cause I keep being single. What can I do to change all this. I am a 64' Dragon Wood. I feel sad, lonely. All I want is someone to love me faithfully. Can you teach me, Ken? Please email me, please??

Posted @ Wednesday, July 11, 2012 4:20 PM by Nyuk Moi

Nyuk,

Thank you for your kind comments and sharing your information here. It is interesting about the current theme that is happening with your relationships and it could be as a result of the Feng Shui of your home. To help you understand the story that your space is telling about your current relationships and other factors, I recommend you consider a Feng Shui consultation so that we can dive into your space and create an action plan to help you move toward your desired goal of finding and being with someone that loves you, wants to spend time with you and is respectful of who you are and what you want in life. Visit <http://www.kenlauher.com/consulting-services/> to learn more about the options available including the 20 minute and 60 minute phone (skype) consultation options.

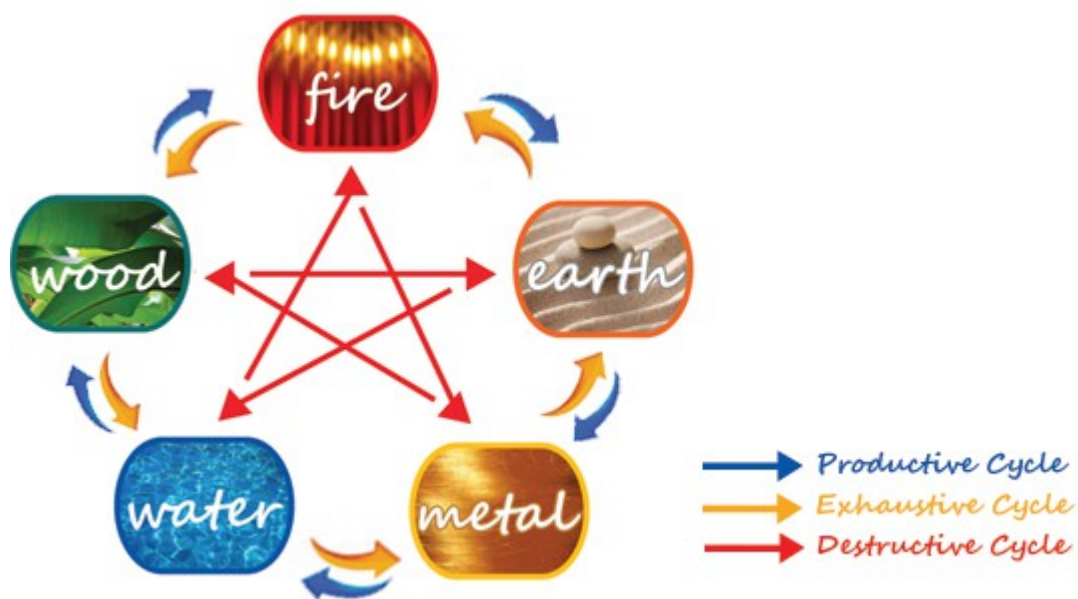
Posted @ Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:30 PM by Ken Lauher

Use the Feng Shui Five-Element Color Cycle to Change your Life



We recently discussed how to use the five-element color cycle to Feng Shui your home. Sometimes, it's not aesthetically pleasing to include five colors in a particular order in your home. The space may look too cluttered with that many colors, you may not have five spaces that require color, or the combination of five colors may clash.

You can actually employ the “five-element color cycle” using three, four or five colors -- and you can use them in two different orders, the creative or destructive cycle. Furthermore, in some cases an element is represented by multiple colors. And, don't forget you can always use shades of a specific color to create an appealing look.



For instance, red represents fire, but pink can also represent the element in the five-element cycle. The “black” of water is also represented by gray, and the blue and green of wood encompasses a broad range of beautiful colors you can use anywhere you need to employ the wood element in a creative or destructive cycle.

This give us a lot of leeway when we do a [Feng Shui consultation](#) to find a balance between using the five-element color cycle to balance the chi and creating an aesthetically pleasing, comfortable space.

How can a five-element cycle use three or four colors?

When you decide to use only three or four colors in a creative or destructive cycle, begin with any one of the five elements and colors. Decide whether you are employing the creative or destructive cycle -- remember, both help balance the chi of a space. The destructive cycle is not bad.

Like a tree growing upward to the sky with its roots firmly in the ground, the creative cycle begins from the bottom and moves upward. The destructive cycle, on the other hand, is like a flower wilting and falling to the ground, returning to the earth where it began as a seed.

In a cycle using three colors, make sure to begin from the bottom (creative cycle) or the top (destructive cycle) and work your way down or up. In other words, the middle color should be created by the bottom color and should feed the top color. In a destructive cycle, the middle color would be destroyed by the top color and would destroy the bottom color.

When you're using three colors, you may wish to decide on the middle color first and use it as the predominant shade in a room or area. The other two colors may be used as accents.

When you use four colors in the five-element creative cycle, begin, again, with whichever element or color you want, and follow the cycle up or down.

You can use the five-element cycle in your:

- home
- home's exterior
- wardrobe
- car... and more.

This is a powerful Feng Shui tool to improve your life and can be used for:

- career advancement
- attracting wealth
- leading negotiations
- attracting love
- becoming unstuck in your life... and more.

Does your home employ the Feng Shui five-elemental cycle in any of its room or on its exterior?
Where can you add or change certain colors in order to create the five-element cycle?

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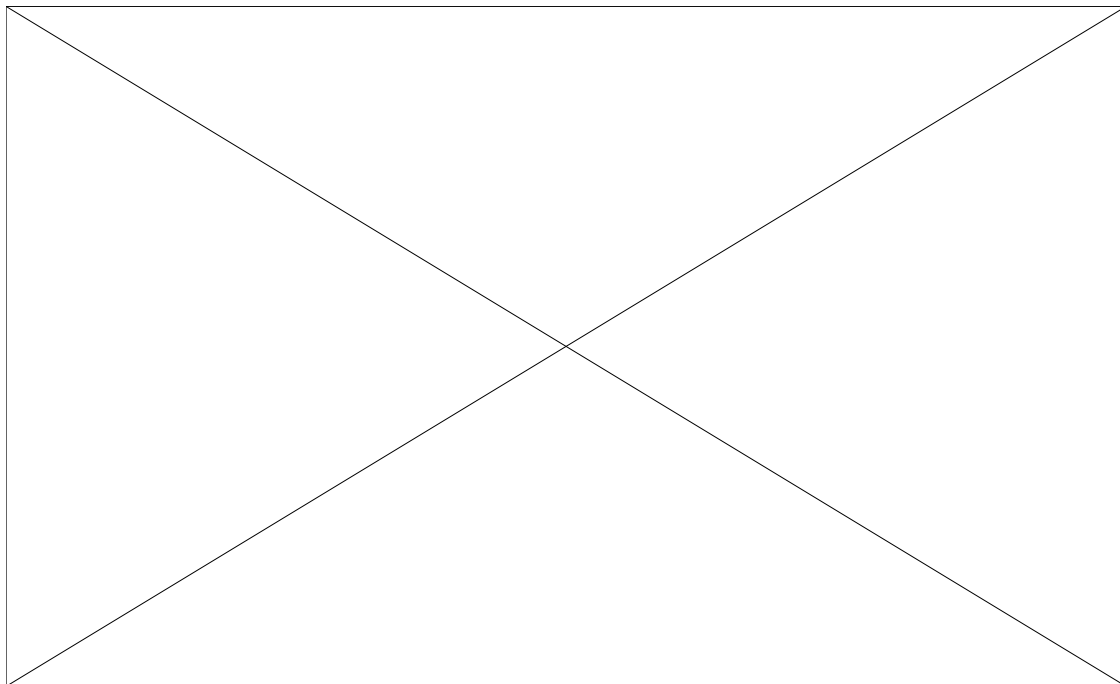
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With love and compassion,

Ken

3 Most Important Feng Shui Areas of a Home or Apartment



In Feng Shui, as in life, certain factors or areas must take priority over others. In Feng Shui, the three most important areas of a home or apartment are:

- the main door
- the kitchen
- the bedroom

If positive energy (chi) collects outside and flows into these spaces, you'll bring money and opportunities into your life. If these areas are affected by a lack of chi or negative chi, any other positive changes you make won't have as much of an impact.

This article explores basic ways you can use Feng Shui for these three areas.

Feng Shui your Front Door

The front door represents the way life comes to us -- our opportunities and possibilities. It represents the yang dimension of experience. It is important to have a good main door and entrance to allow money, wealth and opportunities to come into your space and life. If the chi or life energy is not able to get into your house to circulate freely, it won't matter much what's going on in other areas within the space.

The main door is the chi mouth of the house. Make sure nothing is repelling, expelling or blocking the chi from entering the house. Additionally, make sure no objects that exude Sha chi (killing chi) point to the front door. This may include a corner of a building from across the street, a t-intersection, an item blocking the door or directly in line with the front door. The question to ask yourself regarding these items is, how far is it from your property.

To evaluate your entrance:

- Stand at the front door and look out. Verify that no trees, lampposts, mailboxes, pillars, planters or other items sit in direct line of the door. These items can impact your ability to take advantage of incoming chi and may negatively impact the health of your household.

- Stand outside your front door and look in. This area directly in front of the property is the Bright Hall (Ming Tang). Chi settles here and collects before the residents receive it. Make sure the chi can collect and circulate. Avoid placing anything here that repels, squeezes or blocks the chi from entering the space. You can learn more about how to [Feng Shui your entrance here](#).

Feng Shui your Kitchen

The kitchen -- specifically, the stove -- represents our source of food and our ability to gain food through our work and careers. The stove has a great deal to do with our public life, our career, the recognition we receive, and our ability to manifest our goals and dreams. As a result, make sure the top of your stove is clean and all of the burners are working correctly. Use your stove regularly, even if just to boil water for tea. And try to use all of the burners rather than just your favorite burner.

If there is poor chi in the kitchen, this could result in career issues, money difficulties and bad health. Take a moment to look at the distance between your stove and sink -- if there is a gap of less than two feet between the two, this can create a clash of elements between fire and water.

Feng Shui your Bedroom

We spend one-third of our lives in the bedroom. It's a space to heal, rejuvenate and relax, improving our health and vitality. Our bed is energetically connected to each of us. Sleep is a yin condition -- that the bed shelters, comforts and enables us to truly rest illustrates its great importance.

When evaluating this space look not only at how the Chi is entering the room, but evaluate where your bed is located in relation to the incoming chi and place the [bed in a command position](#).

Your bedroom should be square or rectangular; this represents stability and makes the room suitable for sleeping. Avoid rooms that are round, L-shaped, triangular, or other odd shapes, as they do not allow a balanced flow of chi. Learn more about how to [turn your bedroom into a peaceful sanctuary](#).

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Comments

I notice that you said that if there is a gap of less than two feet between the stove/sink, this can create a clash of elements between fire and water. My sink is right next to my stove and it cannot be changed as it's part of the counter and they run the length of the wall. What can I do to prevent the above said clash?

Posted @ Thursday, November 12, 2009 11:09 AM by Maryalice

The person who posted the comment about the sink and stove being next to one another can do the following. Take a mirror about 6 inches or more in diameter and affix the mirror to either the stove or the side of the sink if it is visible. The mirror will help to deflect the clash of elements. You can also do this if your oven (built in) is next to your refrigerator or freezer. Simply affix the mirror with velcro to one or the other to deflect the other element.

Posted @ Thursday, November 12, 2009 1:29 PM by Diana

Hi Mary Alice,

A good thing to try if the stove and the sink are close to one another (represents water putting out your fire). You can add a really nice green healthy plant on the counter between the two. The plant represents wood which will feed the fire of the stove to increase abundance and prosperity. Could even try lucky bamboo using all five elements which would be a glass or ceramic container, pebbles in the bottom, then the bamboo stalks, tie a red ribbon around the container or tie three Chinese coins with red ribbon on the stalk of the bamboo add your water and you have all the elements covered. Sometimes mirrors in the kitchen are bad as they "double your trouble" and placement is important so as not to make your situation worse.

Hope this information helps. Have a great day!

Posted @ Thursday, November 12, 2009 2:21 PM by Dot

Sometime I feel that living a Feng Shui life get you so stressed out who has the ideal Feng Shui home?

Posted @ Saturday, November 14, 2009 12:41 PM by Sara

I have an L-shaped bedroom, how do I position the bed and redo for positive chi.

Posted @ Thursday, December 03, 2009 10:02 AM by Sharon

Is painting the front door red a good Idea.

Posted @ Friday, April 02, 2010 8:09 AM by April

Hi April,

About your "red front door". Check the direction which your front door faces (use compass and stand at the opening of your door facing out) then choose a paint color that matches the section of the bagua that the front door lies. For example a north facing front door would be good painted in black, blue, gray, etc. Just match the direction to the bagua layout for your door. Have a great day! Hope this little bit of info helps.

Posted @ Friday, April 02, 2010 11:35 AM by Dorothy

April, great question. Many people have different views on this. The color red is considered to be an auspicious color and help to burn up any negative energy. However, I don't feel that a red door is always the best solution. You can also look at the elements associated with where your door is located but I don't feel this is the best solution either. I look at what works best for the individual and for the house. I have written a couple of articles here on the 5 elements including the production and overcoming order. Some things to take into consideration is the colors of the exterior of your home and how you can use the color of the door to feed energy into the home. Or you can look at the colors of your neighbors home and feed off of their energy. Or you should consider your own personal energy and element to decide if the color of the door will inspire or take away from your personal chi / energy. This are items that can be discussed in further detail in an email, phone or on-site consultation so that you are receiving the maximum benefit for you and your home.

Posted @ Saturday, April 03, 2010 8:34 AM by Ken Lauher

The home that I live in has a north facing front door...as you enter the home there is a half wall as soon as you enter it.It as a partition wall that separates the dining room from the entrance.About 6 feet long, with an opening or ""window ""above it.Is this blocking energy? Should it be removed?

Posted @ Friday, May 14, 2010 8:18 AM by Betty Ann Childs

Is it alright to have a medium sized plant in our bedroom which has an in suite bathroom? The size of our masterbedroom is 18" x 13" which is only the size of the bedroom and excludes the bathroom. My husband wants a plant in there with us to fill up space.

Thanks...

Posted @ Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:49 PM by Fiona

Fiona, Yes, a plant in the bedroom would be fine.

Posted @ Tuesday, June 22, 2010 9:44 PM by Ken Lauher

Hi,

I live in an apartment. Once I open the door, it leads to the dining area. Right ahead of the dining area is a bar table that separates the dining & kitchen. However, once you open the front door, you can see the dining room & kitchen & in view of a refrigerator. Is this okay?

Posted @ Thursday, July 15, 2010 3:51 PM by May

I recently been relocated to Maryland. My husband and I bought a townhouse. I have a tree across my house. Does not mean anything ?

Also I have three panel frame mirror on my south wall. I know it is bad. Is there any cure beside removing them. I been having really bad luck two car accident within two weekend. help.. Thank you Gigi Lo

Posted @ Monday, September 20, 2010 9:14 PM by Gigi Lo

Gigi, regarding the trees, it depends where they are located on the property and if they are blocking chi from entering the townhouse as this could have an impact on energy, opportunities, health and wealth.

No real cure for reducing the mirrors other than covering them or removing them.

Posted @ Monday, September 20, 2010 10:35 PM by Ken Lauher

Our bed is located on top of our stove downstairs. What other cure can I do because I cannot move both?

Posted @ Saturday, September 25, 2010 1:33 AM by Racquel

Hi :

If I stand at the main door and look outside the house, my door is directly facing the staircase (with door that can be closed & open). Is this no good? What can be done?

Posted @ Tuesday, October 19, 2010 12:26 AM by Angela

My main door is facing a wall with a dry riser piping which is painted red . Is it okay ? If not , how can I overcome this .My saving is depleting and I have hard time saving .My luck at lottery is always missing by a notch . Need help badly.

Posted @ Monday, December 06, 2010 11:13 AM by Mat

Hi, I live in a townhouse where I have three bedrooms & one full bath upstairs & kitchen, living room, dinning room, & a half bathroom downstairs. As soon as you enter my front door theres stairs slightly left that leads upstairs. My half bath is right in the middle of my townhouse, & my bedroom is right above my kitchen. What should I do with my entrance, my bathroom & bedroom to get lucky because we have been really struggling & have serious financial problems? Thanks!!

Posted @ Thursday, December 09, 2010 8:09 PM by Maria

My front door faces direct south

which is my Hueh Ming direction

or the worst direction in my Bau Qua, Red would accuate the bad

aspects of this area. What can

I use to negate the bad effects,

Perhaps blue, as in an ocean

accessory? Please advise.I think

my bad "fame" area is making me

infamous..People get angry with me

for no logical reason...And I am

accused of things I did not do.

Posted @ Friday, January 07, 2011 9:19 AM by Laural

I am sorry, I do not know how my post got strung out that way. Forgive me.

Posted @ Friday, January 07, 2011 9:21 AM by laural

DANG..!! See what I mean.?

Posted @ Friday, January 07, 2011 9:31 AM by Laural

hi,

where do i place Laughing Buddha?I wanna knw the best place..

Regards

sabana

Posted @ Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:00 AM by sabana

Hi, The neighbour's roof slants directly 'into' my bedroom window in the north. I want to hang a bagua mirror to deflect this poison arrow. Does it have to hang on the window, exactly where the poison arrow 'makes contact' or can it hang above the window facing the offensive object? Does the bagua mirror need to be a certain colour (north)? 2 small girls sleep in the adjacent bedroom (NW)and have the same problem with the same object, plus another roof 'hits' below their window. Do I just need the one mirror on the wall between the 2 windows?I have exactly the same problem with a southern window. The same questions apply. There is also the need for one for the front (SW) of the house. Are 3 bagua mirrors too many for one house? Many questions I know and I would be extremely grateful if you could answer them. Thank you.

Posted @ Monday, February 28, 2011 2:16 AM by Dorian

Hi Sabana,

The Laughing Buddha is always nice to have in the home. Buddha is known for taking away the sadness and troubles and stuffing them in to the big bag that he carries.(sort of like our Santa Claus) A nice place for him is in the area diagonal from your front door. Place him at least three feet high for respect. It is not good to place him in kitchens, bedrooms, and bathrooms. It is good for him to see the front door so that all energy coming in will be good, happy, and blessed energy. Also, since the NW is known as heaven's gate this area is good for all deities such as Buddha, angels, images of Jesus, etc. As this area also gives us heavenly

help and blessings. Metallic looking Buddha's are good for helping with the #2 and #5 stars for the year. Hope this information is helpful to you. :-)

Posted @ Monday, February 28, 2011 3:56 PM by Dot

what happens when you live in an apt. and the elevator takes you right to your landing. So you get off the elevator, step into a foyer and the front door to the apt. is right there. the front door faces north but also faces the elevator door?

Posted @ Monday, April 11, 2011 8:21 PM by jujubee

I am confused when it comes to directions, I live in an apartment building on the 4th fl., The main entrance looking out the door is to the SouthWest, I think. Since the sun rises behind my building i believe its the east? or Northeast. Is this the direction I use inside my apartment or the fact that my entrance to my apt., looking out is facing the Northeast instead.. What should I go by?

Posted @ Friday, May 13, 2011 10:29 PM by JENNIFER

I live on the forth floor of an apt, building, my entrance door looking out faces the other apt., and facing in it faces a long hallway and the door to a bedroom.. Also my entrance door when open you can look into my living room off a small hall, and into the bathroom if the door is open.. what can I do to influence the flow of energy to my apt.. It always feel glummie and stagnant..

Thank you .. Jennifer 1520

Posted @ Thursday, July 14, 2011 6:28 PM by jennifer

Hi ~ I am in need of serious help. :(I'm close to being bankrupt and romance is gone with the wind too. Started a business three months ago but haven't made a single cent. All of my savings went in to setting it up. I live in an apartment and work from home too. Decided to Feng Shui my (rented) apartment as I'm at my wits end. Many poison arrows to sort out. Bought crystals and two wind chimes. One poison arrow faces my desk directly. (5 solid rod windchime will be placed there) Faceted crystal in NW of bedroom as poison arrow faces bed. Worst now is the entrance which is the kitchen. Sink faces bedroom entrance so am keeping the door closed from now on. Poison arrow facing NW of apartment at entrance. (Crystal hung) Front door in part of W. Entire kitchen is visible from entrance as the kitchen IS the entrance. :(

I belong to WEST house. GUA number 2.

SW, W, NW, NE are my best directions. I'm terrified of activating S, SE and S, E but lack in these departments much.

ENTRANCE DOOR: W and NW of apartment. The storage closet is located here too and need help from NW (mentors etc)

KITCHEN: Along NW and SW wall (like a corridor)

BATHROOM: N and part of W

BEDROOM: NE and CENTER HELP PLEASE.

LIVING ROOM: E, part of NE, SE

OFFICE: Along S, SW wall

LIVING ROOM and OFFICE is my workplace as I work from home and have clients over.

PLEASE HELP ~

Posted @ Tuesday, August 02, 2011 12:22 PM by Ruh