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Welcome to the Feng Shui Secrets Revealed ebook. In here you will find everything you always wanted to know about the Chinese art of object arrangement including a description the must-have objects to perform basis curative Feng Shui. This user-friendly ebook also includes information about the history and different types of Feng Shui as well as suggestions for how to use every day objects so that your house doesn't end up looking like the lobby of a Chinese Restaurant!

However if you have ever wanted to go the traditional route and have always wondered what the meaning is behind all of those little figurines and posters that you see in your local China Town. I have demystified it all by providing you with a comprehensive list of all of their symbolic meanings.

In addition we have created a very simple Feng Shui template that anyone can use to help them enhance the different directions in their home that represent health, wealth, family, love, wisdom, career, fame, creativity and the other important aspects of your life

It is my hope that you will be able to utilize the suggestions in this book to help improve every area of

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your life, including your luck, health, career, prosperity, close relationships and receptiveness to becoming more spiritual and educated in every day life. Feng Shui is all about removing blocks in your life and creating good energy, so that you can move forward on your personal path in a positive way.

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Chapter One. What is Feng Shui?

Feng Shui may seem like a very superstitious science but it is actually based on the very sensible notion that living *with* rather than *against* nature benefits both humans *and* the environment. It is all about how to create good energy (also called Chi) in your life so that you can manifest positive things into your immediate sphere.

The art and science of Feng Shui also recognizes that our lives are deeply affected by our physical and emotional environments. If we surround ourselves with symbols of negation, contempt and indifference toward life and nature and choose to live in places that are actually repugnant to the human soul then we will attract misfortune.

Hard edges, uncomfortable furniture and clutter create what is called "sha" or "shar" which are the Chinese words for "bad energy." However if we trade in noise, concrete, mess and other agitating elements for organization, cleanliness and objects that are an expression of the sweeter things in life such as art, beauty and order, then we will ennoble our souls as well as our environment.

The theory is that the kind of energy that we surround ourselves with creates more of the same energy. If we court negative qualities our homes can become a fertile breeding ground for such woes as cash flow problems and relationship troubles. The theory behind Feng Shui is that some of these

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problems can be remedied simply by organizing your space so that Chi (good energy) is allowed to freely flow through your life.

The literal translation of the Chinese word Feng Shui (pronounced *fung-shway*) means wind and water. The combination of these two elements creates good "chi." In Chinese culture, gentle wind and smooth water have always been associated with a good harvest and good health, while harsh winds and stagnant water have been linked to famine and disease. Therefore, "good" feng-shui has come to mean good livelihood and fortune, and "bad" feng-shui has come to mean hardship and bad luck.

The purpose of Feng Shui is to comprehend and control the natural flow of energy in order to design houses and workplaces that harmonize with the environment instead of clashing with it. A feng shui "cure" (which might involve the placing of a mirror to double the size of a space or the removal of a heavy object from a sector of a room) promotes the flow of positive energy by neutralizing or avoiding negative or destructive energy.

Like traditional Chinese medicine, feng-shui has a rich and subtle tradition with a standardized body of knowledge that takes years of formal training to master. To be frank, you can't become a feng shui master overnight. However there are some steps you can take to learn how to diagnose if your space as problems and try to improve the overall "vibe" of your environment.

This principle that you must raise your own vibration is part of ancient Taoist and Buddhist teachings. The more you raise your own vibration, above the grossness of such elements as clutter and chaos, the more you personally will be able to

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draw things to you that consist of a higher vibration such as career opportunities, a healthy lifestyle, mentors, good friends and soul mates.



A reproduction of an ancient Feng Shui Compass
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History of Feng Shui

The roots of Feng Shui can be traced back to several thousand years ago, to the teachings of China's shamans, diviners and great kings who established the three components that make up the entire science of feng shui:

- ❖ The Feng Shui Compass or Bagua which consists of eight directions (North, South, East, West, Northeast, Northwest, Southwest and the Southeast).
- ❖ The Pa kua, which consists of the eight major trigrams that are, found in the ancient divination text the I Ching.

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- ❖ **The Theory of Change.** These concepts of transformation that are found in the I Ching that describe which elements destroy or enhance another element. A knowledge of these basic cycles can help you create a destructive or positive cycle of fortune in your life.

In prehistoric China, the compass was originally used for navigation. This navigational compass would be modified later for use in feng shui.

At the beginning of the Chou dynasty (1122-207 BC), Emperor Wen first used the pa kua as a tool to describe and define patterns of change in the natural world. By the eighth century BC, the Chinese were using the pa kua and the theory of change to design their cities and feudal landscapes to bring wealth and peace to a kingdom.

The study of kan yu became part of the science of Feng Shui during The Han dynasty (206 BCE-219 CE) Kan means "mountains" and yu means "low places." Kan yu was the study of the energy of landforms and how they affect individuals who live next to these forms. It was during this dynasty that the great Taoists Huang-shih Kung and Ch'ing Wu, developed the idea that mountains and rivers are filled with vital nourishing energy. The pathways of energy in mountains were called dragon veins, while those in waterways were called water dragons.

The ancient Chinese thought the layout of the land could affect the fate of an entire kingdom. For instance, if the capital city was built on land that boasted good features such as mountains and rivers then that country would prosper. If it were built on land that carried harsh winds or bad magnetic energy, the country would suffer catastrophes.

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Likewise, if an emperor were buried on or near landforms with positive energy, his dynasty would last and he would have many descendants. If he were buried on or near landforms with negative energy, his dynasty would fall. In fact, kan yu was first used only by nobility to select burial sites that would ensure the longevity of their regimes. . It wasn't until hundreds of years later during the Chin dynasty (265-420 CE) that kan yu was adopted by ordinary citizens as a way of choosing the best real estate.

The T'ang (618-906 CE) and Sung (960-1279 CE) dynasties were the golden ages of kan yu. The T'ang dynasty invented a geomantic compass called the lo-p'an which was a circular object that contained seventeen rings and twenty four directions that could be used to determine the most auspicious location for a dwelling.

During the Sung dynasty, the Emperor Hsü Jen-wang expanded the practice of Feng Shui to include the diagnosis of buildings as well as landforms. He founded the Hsüan-k'ung, also known as Mysterious Subtleties or Flying Stars system of Feng Shui. This system utilized information about the direction a building faces, the year that it was built, and the pa kua to predict the fortunes of a building's residents. As cities expanded and more and more houses were built far away from the positive embrace of natural landscapes the Flying Stars school of Feng Shui increased in popularity.

Feng-shui's last phase of development overlapped with the Ch'ing dynasty (1644-1911) and the Republic China period (1911-1949). Early in the Ch'ing dynasty, a Feng Shui master named Jo-kuan Tao-jen founded the Pa-chai (Eight Mansions) School. Applied exclusively to the feng shui of residences, Pa-chai matches the occupant's guardian star, which is determined by the year of birth with the direction faced by a dwelling's front

door. During the Republic years, the Hsüan-k'ung school began to use the principles of Landform Classification, in addition to the compass and the Flying Stars system, to evaluate the feng-shui of a building.

Also during this Feng Shui renaissance the San-yüan school was developed to study residential and commercial structures as well. The San-ho school, on the other hand, remained exclusively devoted to the study of mountains, valleys, and waterways. Today, the San-yüan, San-ho, Hsüan-k'ung, and Pa-chai schools remain in practice and are known as the Four Schools of traditional Chinese feng shui.

Today even the most rudimentary forms of Western Feng Shui incorporate the basics of these four schools. The simplest way to incorporate the art and science of Feng Shui into your own life is to use the system that I am presenting in this book which is based on the nine areas of the Bagua.

What is Chi?

Chi is simply translated to mean "life force." It is pronounced *chee*. Places that contain broken objects, mess or negative images are thought to weaken or block the life force. An individual living in such an environment is thought to have their own life force weakened by this negative chi. Negative chi is also called shar chi and is represented by anything that creates shadows, dirties the air or water, is stagnant or has sharp or intrusive edges.

Conversely, certain objects and shapes are thought to assist in the creation of good chi. These include objects such as mirrors, plants, bright lights and all moving objects such as wind chimes, mobiles, televisions, microwaves and electric fans.

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Ancient Chinese scholars named the universal abstract energy or force that governs our world Chi which also translates to mean the "dragon's celestial breath." This is what the ancient Chinese scholars named the universal abstract energy or life force that governs our world. The dragon is an auspicious animal governs an individual's fate and karma.

Although chi is present everywhere it is thought to collect in places that are augmented by certain characteristics of the landscape. For instance it is considered to be bad fortune to live right next to a swiftly running river or in a dwelling that is exposed to the winds as strong winds and swift water are thought to carry good chi away. A property that is bounded by rolling hills and slow moving meandering streams is thought to create and collect good chi. This type of water flow is thought to bring a residence happiness, prosperity, luck and longevity.



The Feng Shui Symbol for Chi

The Fundamentals of Feng Shui

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Before you start moving around large pieces of furniture or tearing down walls to maximize your chi, you need to understand the basic principles that underlie this ancient art and science.

Understanding just a few basic principles will help you customize the basic rules of Feng Shui to fit your particular situation. Remember that there are no firm how-to's or rules in Feng Shui. It has always relied on innovation and intuition as well as tradition to provide solutions to every day problems.

Yin and Yang

Yin (black) and yang (white) are the harmonizing factors of the universe. They are opposing energies like day and night. One is not particularly negative; they are just forces that need to be in balance in one's environment to achieve optimum peace and prosperity. Yin and yang are totally dependent upon one another and one does not exist without the other.



Yin and yang are typically portrayed inside a Tai Chi circle, which symbolizes wholeness. This symbol represents the harmonization of dualities within the universe. Notice fact, there is always a little bit of yang within yin (the white spot on the yin side) and vice versa.

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The following chart breaks down the contrasting general characteristics that are associated with both Yin and Yang.

Yin	Yang
Black	White
Night	Day
Female	Male
Receptive	Active
Yielding	Dominating
Negative	Positive
Supports, nurtures, and sustains achieves	Creates, initiates and
Shady, northern side of a hill	Sunny side of a hill
Valleys, rivers, streams	Hills and mountains
Water	Fire
Metal	Wood
Earth	Air

In feng shui, the goal is to achieve a balance of yin and yang elements. For example, if a backyard is too hilly (too much Yang) one would want to introduce a water fountain or some plants to break up the landscape. The introduction of the Yin element of water helps to balance both factors in the landscape.

The rule of thumb is that too much of the Yin element creates an isolation and stagnation, too much Yang creates chaos, agitation and destruction.

The Five Elements

Chi energy manifests in five forms - the five elements of fire, earth, wood, water, or metal. In certain schools of Feng Shui, these elements relate to trigrams on the Pa kua. Don't worry about memorizing all this as we have included a summation of all of this information on an easy to use Bagua

that you will find on a following page. However, for your own reference characteristics and qualities of the five elements are listed below:

The Qualities of the Five Elements

Wood	Fire	Earth	Metal	Water
Creative	Energetic	Stability	Harvest	Travel
Innovative	Enthusiasm	Patience	Business	Communication
Flexible	Risk taking	Smothering	Success	Art and media
Sociable	Leader	Nurturing	Justice	Gentle yet strong
Green	Red	Yellow	White	Black
East & Southeast Center	South	Southwest & Northeast	West & Northwest	North

These elements interact with each other in cycles. You need to know these cycles, because it affects how you're going to arrange your living quarters. These cycles are based on the clockwise movements around the Pa kua.

The Cycle of Production

The cycle that creates positive chi is called the Cycle of Production and looks like this:

Fire produces earth (ash), earth creates metal, metal liquefies, water nurtures plants, and burning wood creates fire.

An example of objects placed in such a Cycle of Production (moving clockwise around a room) would be a lamp (fire) placed next to a plant (wood) placed next to a computer (metal) placed next to a fountain. Objects can be also placed next to each other in this kind of manner in any sector or corner of your

home to enhance the production of a particular productive phase in your life.

For instance if you wanted to enhance your love life you would place a lava lamp (fire), next to a bouquet of roses (wood) next to a clock (metal) next to a painting of fish (water) in the Southwest (the love sector) corner of your bedroom.

If you wanted to become famous you would enhance the Southern wall of your home by painting it red and then placing red lights (fire) next to a bunch of bamboo (wood) next to a trophy (metal) next to fountain (water).

If you wanted to increase your prosperity you would enhance the Southwestern wall or corner with red lights (fire) next to a jade plant (wood) next to a bowl of coins (metal) next to an aquarium filled with goldfish or a picture depicting goldfish.

If you wanted to improve your health, you would concentrate on the center area of your house by making sure objects are placed in a clockwise fashion. An example for a mantelpiece or dining room table would be a candle (fire) placed next to a bowl of fruit (wood) placed next to silver salt and pepper shakers (metal) placed next to a vase filled with a water and a flower (water)

The Cycle of Destruction

The Cycle of Destruction looks like this:

Fire melts metal, metal destroys wood, wood exhausts the earth, earth overpowers water and water puts out fire.

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An example of objects placed in such a Cycle of Destruction (moving clockwise around a room) would be a candle (fire) placed next to a computer (metal) placed next to a plant (wood) placed next to a hanging crystal (earth) placed next to an aquarium (water.)

An example of a destructive placement that might be causing havoc in love life would be a fireplace (fire) placed next to a washing machine (metal) placed next to a palm tree (wood) placed next to a globe of the world (earth) placed next to a hot tub (water).

If you are experiencing problems with your reputation you might want to take a look at your Southern wall and see what is there. An example of such a destructive placement is a lamp missing light bulbs (fire) placed next to metal chimes (metal) placed next to a shelving unit (wood) placed next to a crystal (earth) placed next to an aquarium (water)

A typically destructive cycle that could cause poverty is the placement in the Southwest or North of a candle (fire) next to a computer (metal) next to a painting of flowers (wood) next to an ashtray (ashes are earth) next to a washroom (water.)

If you are having problems with your health, then you might have objects creating a destructive cycle in the center of your home. An example would be refrigerator (metal) adjacent to a stove (fire) adjacent to a table (wood) adjacent to a herb garden (earth) adjacent to a sink (water).



The Chinese Symbol for Harmony

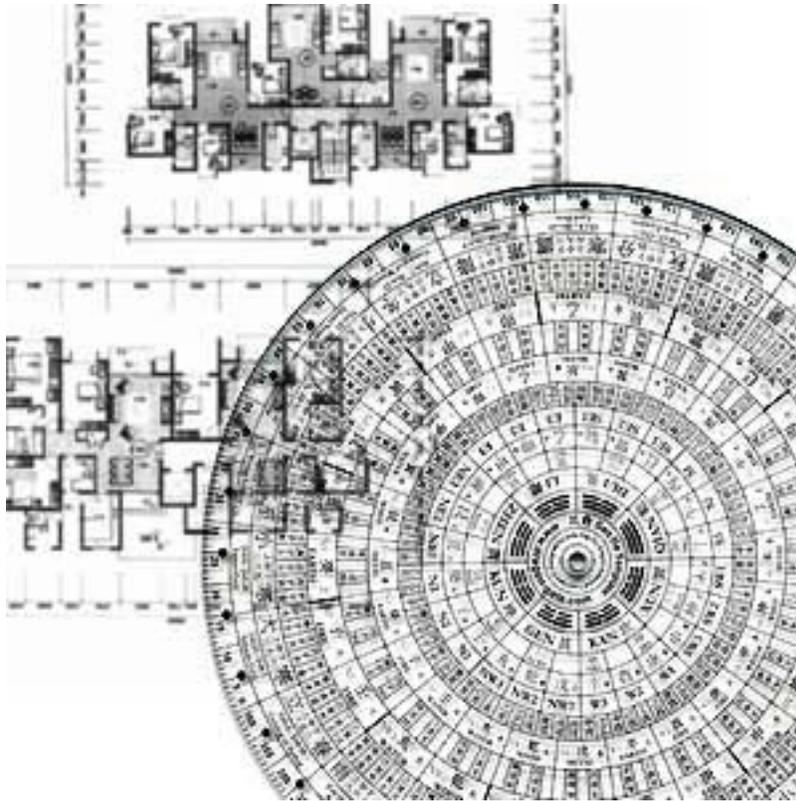
Balancing the Elements

If you discover a destructive cycle in your home you can always redeem or correct it. Just remember that to create a productive cycle that the following rule applies.

FIRE rebalances WOOD rebalances WATER rebalances METAL rebalances EARTH rebalances FIRE rebalances water and so on!

For instance if you seem to be drowning in your debt, you might want to take a look at your Southwest corner. Are there too many water elements there? Are there snow shakers, fountains, vases filled with water or pictures of water? If so then remove some of these objects and replace them with fire objects such as a candle or bright red objects. This will help balance out the chi in that sector because the fire element balances out the element of water.

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An example of a Heavenly Compass that would have been used to evaluate landforms and structures.

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Evaluating a Site

The art of evaluating land is generally left to a professional as there is so much to know when it comes utilizing kan yu (identifying positive and negative land forms.) However I have listed some valuable tips below that can assist you in your search for land or a dwelling. One word of advice for the enthusiast: it might help you to try and identify the negative features of a building or lot first because enthusiasm for the good features has a way of blinding you to a place's faults. Also if the feature is destructive enough, you are probably not going

to want to buy rent or move into the place in the first place as often removing or curing the problem can cost a bundle. This is especially true if the feng shui renovation involves reshaping the landscape by creating hills or adding ponds, fountains or manmade streams.

Tips About Choosing Land

In general a square or rectangular shaped piece of land is preferable to an irregular shaped piece of property. Your first priority should be to access the lay of the land to see if it contains any of the following characteristics.

The ideal plot of land contains:

- ❖ Rolling hills
- ❖ A slow meandering stream
- ❖ A natural waterfall
- ❖ Is a sunny spot
- ❖ Lush green vegetation
- ❖ Proper drainage
- ❖ Mild and occasional winds
- ❖ The "frog" land formation which is characterized by a higher piece of land at the back of the property that embraces a lower piece of land at the front

Signs of bad feng shui with regards to a plot of land are:

- ❖ Swamp or pools of stagnant water
- ❖ Is next to a highway
- ❖ Is next to a fast and flowing river
- ❖ Is a flat and exposed plane

- ❖ Faces an oncoming street.
- ❖ Lacks trees or vegetation
- ❖ Faces a public institution such as a school or church

Improving Your Existing Site

Sometimes you have to make do with what the property that you already own. There are many Feng Shui cures that can help you improve your chances of accumulating positive chi.

Here are some common Feng Shui cures that can use to correct a property's negative points.

- ❖ If you live next to a highway or a fast flowing river that is carrying your chi away with it, a high fence or thicket of tall bushes can help balance out the problem.
- ❖ If your land is exposed, tall trees can be planted to prevent the wind from carrying good chi away from the property.
- ❖ If your property does not contain flowing water you can construct a pond or fountain. Water is very very important as it symbolizes status prosperity and wealth. It is also the lucky Dragon's favorite element.

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Adding a koi pond enhances the chi of any land site.

Tips on Choosing a Dwelling

When you first look at a structure, take a good look at its exterior features and ask yourself the following questions:

- ❖ Does it look balanced? Is it pleasing to the eye? If it is then it denotes good feng shui
- ❖ Does it look stable? Is it crooked? Leaning on one side? Solid foundations are part of good feng shui.
- ❖ Does it make sense? For instance, make sure the bathroom is not in the center of the living room. If the house has a bizarre or chaotic design to it or boasts too many additions then it is considered to be bad feng shui.
- ❖ Is it too top heavy or bottom heavy? The house should feel like it is in proportion. Avoid houses supported on pillars or houses with a first floor that seems to be supporting heavy arbors.
- ❖ Are the front steps, porch and front door in good shape? If the entrance of the home is dilapidated crooked or smothered in brambles or bushes than those elements will have to be renovated or re-thought to encourage good feng shui.

Design Elements to avoid:

- ❖ Avoid a house with dark, narrow, or maze-like hallways, and steep stairways. These generate negative energy.
- ❖ Oversized bedroom windows might look glamorous but they also leak positive energy and offer poor protection for the occupants.
- ❖ Stairs that face an entrance can route unpredictable and destructive energy directly to the upper levels and cause good chi to tumble down the stairs and out the front door!

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Wooden flutes such as the one above are often hung from ceilings to offset negative chi from heavy beams.

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- ❖ Triangular spaces are considered to be shar chi. The "poison arrows" of the triangle shape create aggressive energy in the home.
- ❖ Inside the house, exposed beams are considered unlucky and inhibit chi movement. They create the feeling of the weight of the world on one's shoulders. Ways to fix the negative effects of beams include hanging a small Pa-Kua in the center of the beam, or two small flutes with tassels. Flutes or hollow flumes (such as bamboo stalks) represent the air element.
- ❖ Avoid a house whose front door faces oncoming traffic. An example is a house that is sitting at the top middle of a T shaped intersection or a house that is hidden in the curve of a road.

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A pair of Fu Dogs are set on the front door of a new dwelling
Their purpose is to guard and protect from misfortune.
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Assessing a House Room by Room

The following advice can help you quickly assess whether or not a house or a dwelling is likely to be collecting good chi or harboring the infectious energy of shar chi.

Bedrooms

The bedroom governs many areas of your life, but especially love and relationships. To avoid disruptions in your emotional life as well as maintain good health you should make sure the bedroom adheres to the following general rules:

- ❖ The master bedroom should be as far away from the front door as possible to provide a feeling of security and safety.
- ❖ The headboard of the bed should face either the family (west) or longevity (east) directions if possible.
- ❖ A person sitting in bed must be able to see who is entering the room (either by direct sight or using a mirror) This

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prevents the malfortune brought by negative chi from sneaking up on you at night.

- ❖ The foot of the bed should NOT face the door because this is how the Chinese line up coffins for burial. It is considered to be the death position. It also should not face a mirror of a bureau.
- ❖ The bed's headboard should not nudge the wall, but part of the bed should be touching a wall otherwise the people will feel unstable).
- ❖ Mirrored ceilings or mirrored closet doors are extremely bad fortune in a bedroom, especially if they consist of mirrored tiles.

Kitchen

The kitchen is very important as it is a symbol of your family's wealth and prosperity.

- ❖ The placement of the stove is most important in Feng Shui. It should be positioned so a person using it can see who is entering the room (either by direct sight or using a mirror). The cook must not be surprised by someone coming into the room because it may cause accidents or affect food preparation.
- ❖ The stove should NOT face: the front door, bathroom door, master bedroom door or a staircase It should not be placed directly beneath a bed on another floor under a beam, or in a corner.
- ❖ The stove should not be directly placed next to a water or metal element such as the kitchen basin.
- ❖ There should be ample room to work around the stove - it should be kept clean and work well to encourage favorable finances.

Living Room

The living room is where the family and guests meet, so it should be comfortable, cheerful, and reflect the personalities of the home's occupants. Plan to decorate your new living room with pictures, artwork and memorabilia. When assessing a living room keep in mind the following:

- ❖ It should be regular in shape - square and oblong are the best. However, some of the furniture should be round, such as rugs and end tables, as round shapes represent money in Feng Shui.
- ❖ The room should be well lit and have exposure to natural sunlight.
- ❖ Avoid sunken living rooms, which can collect stagnant energy.

Dining Room

The dining room should be close to the kitchen and preferably in the corner of a home to encourage the pooling of chi.

- ❖ If the dining room is too close to the front door your guests may "eat and run. "
- ❖ Round wooden tables in dining rooms are ideal because everyone can easily see and talk to each other. The table should be made out of wood or metal, NOT glass or marble. Glass or marble harbor negative chi in an eating area.
- ❖ Mirrored walls or mirrors over mantelpieces are beneficial in a dining room because they give the perception of doubling the amount of food. The amount of food on your dining room table is a synchronistic mirror of your ability to draw love and prosperity into your life.

Bathroom

In Feng Shui water is symbolic of money so the first thing you should do before you buy any house or apartment is **CHECK THE WATER PRESSURE!** If you turn on a tap and the water flows out in a trickle then you are likely to experience financial problems during your stay there.

Another caveat. There is just no good place to have a toilet positioned in your house. Wherever the toilet is positioned you are most likely to experience losses in your life. For instance, if the toilet positioned in your Southwest Corner which represents love and relationships it can cause negative energy in that area of your life. The same goes for any other area in the home that the toilet is located.

A feng shui remedy for this problem is to keep the lid of the toilet closed at all times to prevent your fortunes from being flushed away! Another radical remedy is to place a small set of metal chimes on the handle of the toilet to negate the bad energy each time you flush.

Here are some general tips for avoiding the bad chi associated with most bathrooms.

- ❖ The bathroom should **NOT** be located in the wealth, fame, or career sectors of the home, nor should it be visible from the front door.
- ❖ The bathroom should be clean, well lit, well ventilated, and have many mirrors. Make sure the mirrors don't reflect the toilet but rather the places from which water flows **INTO** the home such as the shower and the sink.

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- ❖ The toilet should be hidden, if possible in a separate room, and not be placed in a central part of the home because it could "flush away" opportunity.



A Protective Bagua Mirror

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The Pa Kua Mirror Quick Fix

The Pa Kua Mirror is an eight-sided mirror that is bordered with eight main trigrams from the I Ching. The frame contained within the mirror can be bought in convex, concave or unaltered. They are usually placed on or above a front door or in a window to correct negative energy that may be coming at you from outside structures in the landscape.

- ❖ The convex mirror which bulges a bit and displays a large curved surface is intended to use as protection against a landscape that is filled with the "poison arrows" of harsh shan chi. An example would be if your house faced a cemetery or a

giant underground parking lot. The image in a convex mirror is usually smaller in the center and larger in the perimeter.

- ❖ The concave mirror is used to focus on a single "poison arrow" such as a weather vane that might be pointing directly at your house or the sharp corners of an industrial building. The image in a concave mirror is usually larger in the center and smaller in the perimeter.
- ❖ The ordinary Pa kua mirror is used as a quick fix to correct any kind of malady including nosy neighbors or people collecting in front of your house at a bus stop. A Pa kua mirror can also be used against sharp, pointed objects directed at your house--for instance, TV antennas, protruding tree branches, or spiky church spires.

Chapter Two.

Enhancing Areas of Your Home

Before you continue to read the rest of this book make sure that you familiarize yourself with the Bagua I have designed below. I have personally created this template to help you diagnose problems as well as figure out what areas of your home would need the most enhancements.

What is a Bagua?

A bagua can be described as a "feng shui map." It is shaped into nine sectors based on the eight directions (something like the slices of a pie.) Each area corresponds to a different area in your life such as prosperity, love, wisdom and the other tenets that create happiness. The Bagua also has a

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center that denotes the center of your home. This area is the health sector of your environment.



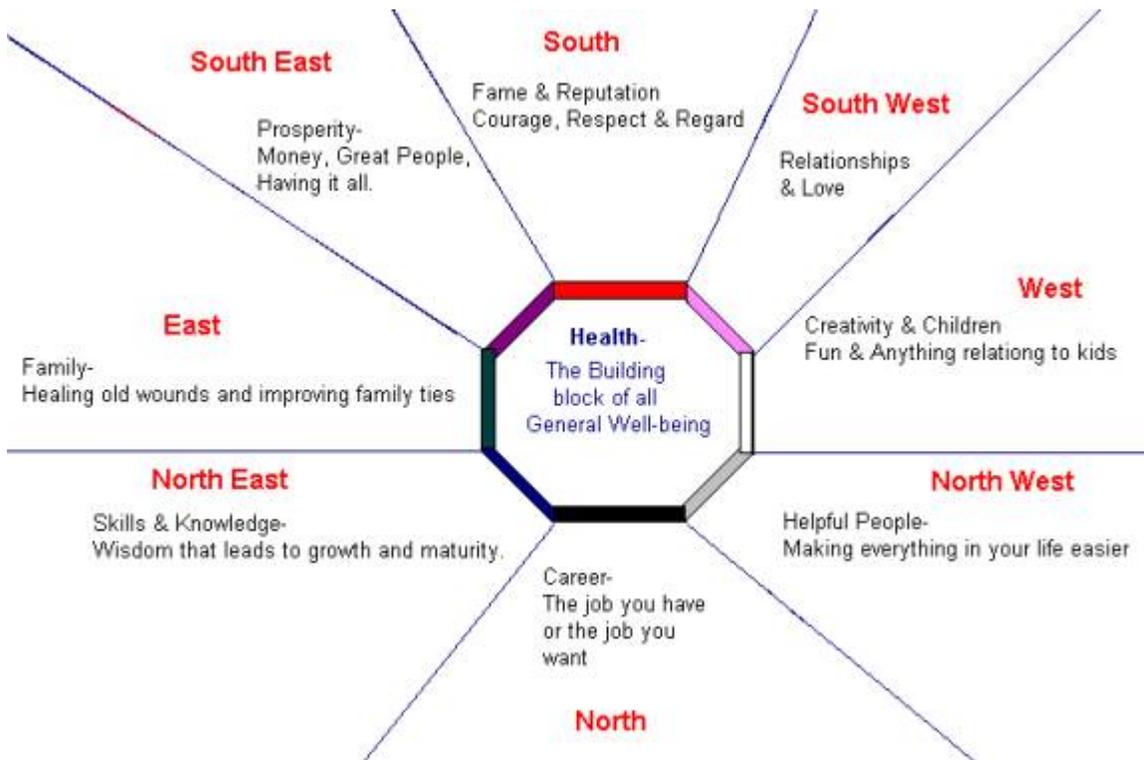
Buy yourself a good compass to use in conjunction with the bagua

How to Use the Bagua

First of all buy yourself a good compass. Use it to find the most northern part of your home. Now refer to the bagua template below. You will see that you have found the career sector of your house. In the opposite direction is your fame and reputation sector (the south).

Compare your directions to the bagua template to find out how your dwelling measures up in terms of finding each different sector.

The Bagua Template



Book mark this page you will be referring to it frequently!

I also highly recommend printing this page out so that you can carry it with you and use it as a hand-held guide along with a compass. Using both so you can figure out where the different sectors (such as health, relationships etc.) co-exist in your home or apartment.

Keep in mind that you can use the bagua template in two ways.

- ❖ To look at the Entire Structure. How does the bagua apply to the entire structure of your house? For instance the very southwestern corner in your house would be your love and relationships sector.
- ❖ To look at the Sectors of Each Room. You can also find the appropriate sectors in EACH room of your house. Every room has it's own set of sectors. For instance the prosperity corner of bedroom and bathroom is in the southeastern corner of each room. While doing this you may discover that certain areas of your home are doubly blessed in one sector. For instance the southwestern corner of bedroom might also be the southwestern corner of your home, thus bringing you double the love and luck with your relationships.

Also take a look at where your FRONT DOOR aligns with the sectors identified on the Bagua template. That not only

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identifies what type of house you are living in but will also indicate the area where you are also most likely to suffer extremes of fortune, both bad and good. It will be an area that you must keep clutter free as well as secure so that good chi is allowed to enter as well as collect in the house.

The Nine Feng Shui Sectors of the Home

After you have located the sectors using the Bagua Template you can then begin to enhance that sector by removing undesirable objects and elements and replacing them with the ones suggested below



The Feng Shui Symbol For Health

Health The Center of The Home

The center of your home is represented in the center of the bagua template. The center of your home is also the area that holds and sustains your physical and emotional energies. It is

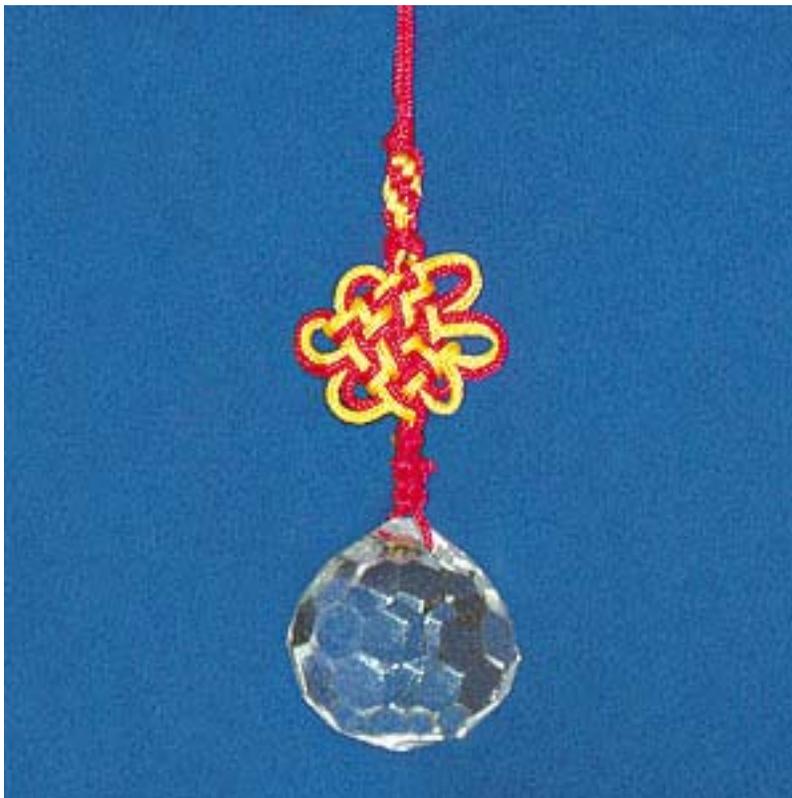
also the only sector of the home that touches the other eight areas of life on the bagua template. Many feng shui experts recommend creating an altar or sacred space near the center of the home to ground you both emotionally and physically.

Things That Enhance the Health Sector

- ❖ **A collection of potted plants.** The health sector of your home is ruled by the earth element so pots of earth can help stabilize and ground your health.
- ❖ **Crystals and rocks.** These objects belong inside the earth and therefore correspond to the earth element.
- ❖ **Brown, mustard and all shades of yellow.** Sometimes all it takes is a shift in color for you to effect a positive shift of chi. Tablecloths, curtains and floor coverings can supply these colors. You can also paint the walls a shade of light brown to yellow. Perhaps the simplest addition would be a pot of bright yellow mums or chrysanthemums.
- ❖ **Flat and square shaped forms and furniture.** Squatter and more laterally shaped items suit this area well. Coffee tables or short planters made of stone are examples of this kind of structure.
- ❖ **Pictures of Mountains or the World.** A small globe or photographs of mountainous regions also help emphasize the theme of earth in this sector.
- ❖ **Bowls of Fruit.** In China, bowls of fruit placed in stone or ceramic bowls are thought to enhance the health. A fruit bowl created with real or ceramic peaches is a good addition to this area as in China the peach is associated with longevity and good health.

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- ❖ **Religious Objects.** The center of the house is the best place to put religious artifacts or build a small altar. If the symbol is made of stone, such as a stone Buddha, than the effect is enhanced even more!
- ❖ **A Humorous Touch.** An amusing knick-knack or a favorite funny picture lifts the energies in this sector to keep you light-hearted and connected to auspicious energies.



A crystal hung with by a mystical knot that means "chi."
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Things That Block Healthy Chi

- ❖ **Large Wooden Objects.** Do not place a large wooden table, a piano or any other huge wooden objects in your health sector.

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According to the cycles of production and destruction (described in previous chapters) the earth element is consumed by things that are wood. This includes religious wooden statues, mantelpieces and hanging overhead beams.

- ❖ **Columns.** Things that are shaped like tree trunks or columnar in shape create stagnant energy in this sector. This is not a good area to situate pillars, wooden curios or sweeping wooden staircases.
- ❖ **The Color Green.** With the exception of the green that is boasted by a small collection of healthy plants, the color green hinders the good chi that is mainly produced by the colors brown and yellow in the health sector.

Fame and Reputation (The South Wall)

Locate the fame and reputation area of your home on the bagua template and use the suggestions below to find out how you can start cultivating respect and renown in your life. This area of your home also symbolizes your ability to take the initiative, make great decisions and maintain the courage to follow your fondest dreams.

Things That Enhance the Fame and Reputation Area

- ❖ **The Color Red.** This area is ruled by fire so if you are going to paint any area of your home red, this is the sector. It is also enhanced by statues, fabrics, a vase filled with red flowers, a bowl filled with red apples -- anything that ignites the spiritual passion associated with the color red!

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- ❖ **Red Light.** Red light bulbs red Christmas lights, lava lamps with red goo in them or any gizmo that represents fake fire helps enhance the positive chi in this area.
- ❖ **Real Fire.** The Southern Wall is the ideal place to locate a hearth, stove or fireplace. It is also a good spot to burn candles. You can also use "fake fire" such an electric fireplace or a space heater to augment the energies in this area.
- ❖ **Electrically Powered Objects:** Electricity is the modern equivalent of today's fire. Anything powered by electricity can be used to "power up" the fame and reputation area. This includes televisions, VCRs, fans and other large electrically powered objects.
- ❖ **Pointy or Triangular Objects:** By merely adding something shaped like a flame, you will have added the proper movement of energy to this space. This is also probably the only spot that a cactus is appropriate indoors. Sabres, swords and statues are also appropriate to hang in this area. Tear shaped or triangular crystals can also be placed in this sector.
- ❖ **Sun and Stars:** Want to be a star? Place statues, mobiles or crystals shaped like stars in this area. This is supposed to help put your name in the spotlight when it comes to career and artistic aspirations.
- ❖ **Famous People.** This is also the place to put pictures of famous people that you admire - such as a favorite writer or a movie star. Their energy brings a similar successful energy into your space.
- ❖ **Awards and Trophies.** The Southern Wall is also the ideal place to create a bit of an altar to yourself that celebrates the achievements that you have made so far in your career. It is a

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good place to hang diplomas, rewards or photographs of yourself doing fabulous things.



Feng Shui Symbol for the Element of Fire

Things that Damage Your Good Reputation

- ❖ **Water:** The Southeastern sector is not a good place to put a fountain or an aquarium. Water weakens and destroys fire energy.
- ❖ **Black Colored Objects:** Black, navy blue and other dark colors compromise the fiery energy of the fame area. You want to keep this area decorated in rosy tones and brightly lit.
- ❖ **Symbols of Poor Character:** No matter how humorous this is not the sector to place objects that symbolize poor habits or traits such as a stuffed shark or a piggy bank shaped like a toilet.

- ❖ **Dead Flowers.** Although floral bouquets are often sent to individuals as rewards for a job well done or as expressions of admiration this is not the place to store them after they have dried. Dead flowers bring malfortune. However live flowers can be displayed in this area, particularly if they are a bright red. The best plant for this sector, however is a cactus plant with a bright red or purple bloom.



The Feng Shui Symbol For Love

Love and Relationships (The South West Corner)

If you are having trouble attracting the right friends or have yet to meet a kindred spirit who can qualify as a life-long partner, then the following enhancement may help you draw the right individuals into your life. The following tips can also help improve your current relationships and soften up the abrasive individuals in your life.

Take a look at the Southwestern area of both the layout of your entire home as well as that corner of your bedroom to see if any of the following suggestions can help you smooth out your relationship problems,

Things That Enhance Love and Relationships

- ❖ **Make Space.** There is an old saying that Venus, the Goddess of Love will not enter a home that is cluttered by piles of newspapers, laundry or clotted with dust balls. The first thing you should do is make sure that your southwestern corners are not places where you store junk. Make sure that this area is spotless.

- ❖ **Act As If You Already Have A Partner.** One way to attract the right soul mate into your sphere is to actually make room for them in your life. Make sure that your bed boasts a night table on both sides of the bed. Make room in your closet for the clothes of your potential partner. If your bathroom is in the southwestern sector make sure it is spotless and filled with guest soaps and an extra toothbrush.

- ❖ **Place Objects in Pairs.** In your southwestern sector, solo standing objects are a bad idea. Replace the freestanding stuff with matching pairs of things: a set of love birds, a couple of candles sticks or two hearts made of rose quartz. Paintings of two cranes, two mandarin ducks or two peony blossoms are traditional Chinese decorations that are intended to bring a soul mate into your life. You can also hang classic romantic portraits of men and women courting each other or other symbols of the birds and the bees in this area. The Chinese symbol for "Double Happiness" or the Tai

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Chi symbol as well as the Western symbol of Venus and Mars are also good images to hang in the love sector.

- ❖ **Sensual items.** If possible, fill this area of your home with sensual items such as chocolates, candles, massage oils, favorite perfumes and favorite foods. Think of the five senses here, and make sure you have catered to each as you try to augment this area.
- ❖ **Tickle it Pink.** In feng shui, pink is the color of love. You can paint this sector pink, soften it with flattering pink lighting, pink candles, pink fabrics and a bowl of pink candies. The more pink the better! Even just a small touch of this love-drawing color will help bring loving vibrations into your personal sphere.
- ❖ **Rounded and Curvy Items:** Anything practical item that boasts rounded curves such as an antique radio, art deco perfume, nude bodies or an unusual piece of abstract art works well in this sector. Lava lamps, particularly in pink or rose colors, also assist in enhancing the energy of the love sector. The exception is statues that feature a lone female figure. No matter how sensuous it looks, opt for a statue that features a couple embracing instead!



A round piece of rose quartz can help attract love.
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Things That Disrupt Relationships

- ❖ **Stuff from Dead Relationships.** Clean up the clutter of any past romantic encounters from this area. Make sure you get rid of old love letters, gifts, trinkets and other mementos from what was once a happy relationship. This helps you create space for a new relationship in your life.
- ❖ **Depictions of Single Women.** Remove all art in this area that depicts a single woman within the frame. This includes portraits of yourself. Replace these images with pictures or symbols of romantic couples.

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- ❖ **Too much Yin or Yang.** If you are a single woman and your southwestern corners are completely dominated by Laura Ashley type frills, lacey pillows and perfume bottles than try to balance it out by adding a few masculine touches such as a racy black phone or a shoe shine rack. Conversely males should not boast southwestern corners filled with heaps of sports equipment, dirty laundry or piles of girly magazines. Clean the area up and try adding a feminine touch such as an aromatherapy unit or a vase of flowers. If you leave this kind of clutter around it indicates to the cosmos that you are actually happy with your single lifestyle.
- ❖ **Childish Things.** People stuck in codependent relationships that are looking for a parent often boast rooms filled with stuffed animals, dolls and games. Eliminate this stuff and replace it with less childish paraphernalia.
- ❖ **Distractions:** Remove items that make you stray from your intent for a relationship, such as exercise equipment, your office daybook, laundry and television. You can still keep these items, of course, just keep them out of the love area of your home.
- ❖ **Sharp pointy things:** Sharp angles and corners in this area of the home are thought to drive off potential suitors. This is not a great place to hang your collection of sabers, umbrellas or encourage the growth of a cactus.



The Feng Shui Symbol for "Smile"

Creativity and Children (The West Wall)

Creativity and children live together in the same part of your home (according to feng shui) because they share the same energies. This is an area that you will enhance to ensure yourself of many descendants as well as make sure that you will always take time out to "smell the flowers" and enjoy life's recreational pursuits.

Things That Enhance Creativity

- ❖ **Metal.** Metal is the element of choice for this sector of the Bagua. Ideal uses of metal are metal picture frames that are used to feature photographs of your children. If your Creativity and Children sector is in your kitchen then make a point of displaying metal molds and utensils on your wall. A display of metal cookie cutters shaped like animals is a nice touch.

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- ❖ **White.** The color white equals the element of metal in feng shui. To enhance this area paint it white. If this area is in your bathroom, augment it with white fixtures and white towels. White dishes in the kitchen can help accomplish the same purpose.
- ❖ **Round and Circular Shapes.** Look for furniture and everyday accessories that are round in shape such as throw rugs, coffee tables and stools. Moving objects such as a round metal clock or a rotating fountain can also augment the energy in this sector.
- ❖ **Fun Items.** Joy is closely related to creativity and also the spirit of playing children. The western sector or western wall of your home is the best place to put any kind of entertainment unit, the television, displays of art as well as store games, stuffed animals dolls and any kind of juvenilia. It is also the best area to store or feature items that are related to hobbies or crafts such as painting easels and sewing machines.



Round Items such as this crystal globe enhance the Creativity Sector
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Things That Obstruct Creativity

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- ❖ Symbols of Fire and Real Fire. As the Western sector is ruled by the metal element this is not the place to put candles, a fireplace or a stove. This is because according to the Cycle of Destruction, fire destroys metal (and thus your creativity and fertility.) If you do find that your hearth or stove is placed against the Western Wall of your home then you can remedy the situation by placing a mirror above the mantelpiece or near the stove. Mirrors symbolize water in feng shui so the metaphor would be "putting out fire with the water."
- ❖ Triangular or Pointy Objects: Since these shapes represent fire, it's best to leave them out of the equation. Round objects suit this sector best.



The Feng Shui Symbol for the Element of Metal

Feng Shui for Fertility

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Here are some quick tips on how to use Feng Shui to increase your chances of conception (which of course is considered to be the ultimate creative act!

- ❖ Place the headboard of your bed so that it is against the western wall of your bedroom.
- ❖ Pictures of infants in silver frames placed on western walls will help augment fertility. These can be pictures of you or your spouse or pictures of close relatives.
- ❖ A silver baby rattle placed in the western walls helps scare away bad chi as well as appeal to the metal element.
- ❖ A religious object of statue, preferably made out of brass or metal will also enhance your chances of conceiving children. A silver or gold statue of the Chinese Goddess Quan Yin might be of some assistance in this situation.
- ❖ Remove all old nails and do not hammer nails into the Western walls of your home. A feng shui superstition is that iron nails prevent conception. Use some other method of picture hanging instead.
- ❖ Mobiles or chimes made of fluid aluminum shapes (think Alexander Calder) can also assist the process of conception.
- ❖ A round metal or silver music box that plays a child's tune also attracts the fertile aspects of chi when placed against the western walls of your home.

Helpful People and Travel (The North West Wall)

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Enhancing this area of the bagua is highly recommended for students, people looking for a career promotion or individuals who simply would like to broaden their vistas through travel. This area is responsible for attracting the people that you "need" in your life whether it be the right spiritual teacher, a guidance counselor or even a buyer to purchase your house.



A crystal globe placed in the Northwest enhances travel opportunities.
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Things That Attract Mentors or Opportunity

- ❖ Images of Travel. If your desire is to explore the world place images of planes trains and far away exotic places in this sector.
- ❖ Images or Statues of Angels or Gurus. The Northwest corner is also the place to put pictures of anyone in your life that you already consider to be a guide.

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- ❖ **Silver and Gray.** Silver and Gray colored objects (such as statues, pen, bowls) have a sobering effect in this area. They are of particular significance if the help you are looking for is a lawyer to handle a divorce or a bookkeeper to straighten out your finances.
- ❖ **A Library.** This sector is an ideal place to store your educational books especially Atlases and self-help books.
- ❖ **Maps of the World.** Setting a rotating globe or a map of the world in this sector can help increase your chances of travel.
- ❖ **Bells.** This is the sector in which you can hang bells on a ribbon or display a collection of bells. Bells are also used for clearing spaces of negative energy.



A metal object representing wisdom such as this Laughing Buddha suits the Mentor and Travel area
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Things That Block Helpful Contacts

- ❖ **Clutter.** Nobody can find you if you are hidden beneath piles of books and papers. It is very important that you clear this area of clutter so that you can make space for new opportunities to arrive in your life.

- ❖ **Plug Your Drains.** If you have a kitchen or a bathroom in this sector you need to keep it plugged at all times. Also keep the toilet seat down. Drains and toilets mean that good chi is flowing away from you. One way to balance this bad energy is to tie red ribbon to the pipes under the sink or paint a red stripe with fingernail polish or paint around the pipe. This is an old feng shui cure for preventing your opportunities from being flushed down the drain.

Career (The North Wall)

If you can't find a job, hate your job or feel like you are constantly looking at a glass ceiling then look to the Northern sector of your home to examine the chi and figure out why you are "swimming against the current."

Things that Enhance Your Career

- ❖ **Water.** The North is ruled by flowing water so this is the perfect place to install a tabletop fountain.
- ❖ **The Color Black.** Black objects work well in this sector as black is the color that symbolizes water in Chinese Feng Shui.
- ❖ **Mirrors.** Mirrors also equal water in feng shui, so the placement of mirrors in this sector not only doubles your chance of success but also increases the chi that is appropriate to flow through this area.
- ❖ **Positive Career Symbols and Images.** Place images that represent the lifestyle or occupation that you aspire to in this area. A writer for instance should place a picture of his or favorite author (example William Shakespeare) in this area.

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If you are an aspiring millionaire, pictures of Donald Trump or Oprah Winfrey would suit this sector

- ❖ **Glass.** The fluidity of glass is comparable to the fluid movement of water. Feel free to enhance your career energies by placing glass vases, shelves and bowls in this area.

Things That Destroy a Career

- ❖ **Earth.** This is not the area to keep potted plants. Dirt has the effect of muddying the water element in this area. Also avoid using anything made of clay or ceramic in this area as these materials represent the Earth element.
- ❖ **Yellow.** Yellow and earth-toned colors are too earthy for this water area of the home. Keep the tones as white and black as possible with a lot of glass elements.
- ❖ **Avoid Square Shapes.** Squares represent earth in feng shui and are hostile to the earth element. Look for furniture that has a curvaceous design and boasts rounded corners. Counterbalance tables, shelves and flat counters by placing objects with undulating forms on them, such as glass sculptures and glass bowls.



The Feng Shui Symbol For the Water Element

Skills and Knowledge (The North East Wall)

Many people prefer to concentrate on the more "popular" areas of the bagua such as the Love and Prosperity sectors. They are forgetting that when it comes to life, a little wisdom can serve as a short cut to what you wanted in the first place! Enhancing this area can bring a clarity to your life that enables you to exploit latent talents and skills as well as help you do the inner psychological and spiritual work that you need to do to make the right choices in life.

Things that Increase Talent and Wisdom

- ❖ **The Color Blue:** Blue is a color that is used to calm brain waves as well as help individuals focus on pertinent issues. It also represents such qualities as depth and unlimited possibilities. Paint this area blue or fill it with blue objects.
- ❖ **Keep this Area Well Lit.** Make sure there is a lot of light in this area. Light is a symbol of intelligence and enlightenment. This is the sector that helps 'shed light on a matter.'" Replace all dim bulbs lest you become one yourself.
- ❖ **Symbols or images of Wisdom.** This is another good area to place pictures of spiritual or scientific hero's or gurus. Make a little altar to your favorite talents in this area whether it be Beethoven, Mozart, Merlin, Bill Gates or King Solomon from the Bible.

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- ❖ **Meditation Tools:** If you do any meditation work, this is a good area to create a sacred space for quiet thoughts. It is also a good part of the house to keep a metaphysical library, A collection of religious statues, dowsing or occult tools, mandalas and other meditation devices.
- ❖ **Sharp Objects.** According to traditional feng shui a collection of sharp knives or pointy objects in this area can keep you "sharp as a tack" or help you to keep a "razor sharp mind." This is an ideal place to keep your collection of sabers however a simple letter opener in a glass holder will do!

Things that Breed Ignorance

- ❖ **Alcohol or drugs.** These things are used to dull the mind. Don't keep your wine collection or medicine cabinet in this corner.
- ❖ **Clutter.** If there is clutter in this area there is clutter in your mind. Clear your mind by clearing out any unnecessary items from this part of your room or house.
- ❖ **Dust and Dirt.** Keep flat surfaces such as windows computer monitors and televisions clean of dust. This can help you "see things more clearly" both figuratively and literally.
- ❖ **Unwise Symbols:.** This is not the place to collect or display information about people who have made unwise moves in life. For example a picture of Martha Stewart or Robert Downey Junior doesn't cut it here. Also get rid of any novelty objects, such as coffee mugs and plaques that say things like "Stupid is As Stupid Does" or "Shut Up, I'm Swamped."

Family and Ancestors (The East Wall)

The Eastern sector of your home expresses your roots as well as the foundation of whom you are and who you are willing to become in life. This area is also a demonstration or display of what you are willing to give others in your life and your own willingness to receive the best that life has to offer you -- especially emotionally.

Things that Honor Family

- ❖ **Wood:** Wood is the element that helps create strength for your family foundation. This is the place to put heavy wooden furniture, antiques, picture frames, books, paneling and tall tree-like plants. A real living tree is best as its good chi symbolizes a "family tree."
- ❖ **Ancestral Photo Gallery.** This is the area that you should use to create a gallery of all of your ancestors. You can also display art and other items related to your heritage. If you have a wooden mantelpiece in this area that is all the better.
- ❖ **The Colors Green and Black:** The color green holds the vibration of the wood energy represented by this area. Black represents water, which nurtures wood. Black and green furniture, rugs and color schemes greatly enhance the positive chi in this area.



If you want to hang chimes in your family area make sure they are wooden like this bamboo type.
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- ❖ **Living Plants.** This is also a great area to place a small greenhouse or display a collection of plants

Things that Dishonor Family

- ❖ **Metal Objects.** This is not an area that should be overwhelmed with metal objects such as bells, metal picture frames or trophies. This is because the metal element is thought to "chop the wood element" and cause disruption in family relationships. Keep metal objects to a minimum or at least make sure that there are more wood elements than there are metal elements in this sector.
- ❖ **White Objects.** Don't overwhelm this area with white linen and lace or large white utilitarian objects such as a washer or dryer. If you have white walls or too much white in this area consider adding more black and green elements (such as a palm tree in a black pot) to balance this bad Feng Shui equation out.

- ❖ **Round Shapes.** The best shapes to have in this space are columnar or shaped like tree trunks. It is not a good area to display a coin collection or a collection of round antique plates.



The Feng Shui Symbol For Wealth

Prosperity (The Southeast Corner)

The Southeastern sector of your home governs both your cash flow as well as your faith in the idea that you will always be able to create money. What you want to have in this part of your home are reminders of prosperity and items that boast the vibrational characteristics that align with the energies of personal abundance.

Things that Create Prosperity

- ❖ The colors purple, red and green, These three colors support prosperity energy in a space. A pleasant still life to attract this energy is a pretty glass bowl containing a purple amethyst, a red carnelian and a green piece of jade.
- ❖ Symbols of wealth. Actual money and gold objects are good to display in this area of your house. A bowl of foreign or antique coins can also augment this sector. You can also find statues of "gold ingots" to your local China Town A wonderful statue to place in this area is of a Prosperity Buddha lifting a gold ingot over his head.
- ❖ Fake Money. This is the place to put that fake million dollar bill in a frame and hang it. Some people even keep monopoly money in this area as a symbol of their circulating prosperity.
- ❖ Fountain. This is one the two best places in the entire bagua to place a flowing fountain. The other is your Career sector. Flowing water represents the flowing of money. The Chinese consider wood or bamboo fountains to be especially auspicious when placed in this area.
- ❖ Goldfish. This is a great area to put an aquarium. Traditionally the Chinese place eight orange or yellow gold fish and one black gold in an aquarium to attract money. You can also buy the traditional Chinese poster of this image in Chinese specialty shops.
- ❖ Eight Horses. This is an image of eight horses that can be purchased either as a statue or as a poster that adds good chi to this sector. However please note the position of your front door when positioning this poster. Make sure that the

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direction the horses are running is INTO the house and not out the front or back doors!

- ❖ **Jewels.** Treasure chests or displays of real or costume jewelry can help attract the chi of abundance to your southeastern prosperity sector.
- ❖ **Symbols of Luxury.** This is the place to place photographs, fine art or statuary that represents the aspiration of "having it all." A toy model of a Porsche, an image of a country mansion or a photograph of a man standing at the highest mountain in the world are the kinds of images that you should consider putting in this corner.
- ❖ **Jade Plant.** The Jade plant is the ultimate symbol of prosperity for the Chinese. It's flat round leaves and compact shape makes it the Asian equivalent of a money tree.
- ❖ **Fruit Trees.** Small orange, lemon or lime trees also contain money-drawing properties and are ideal to place in this sector.



A collection of Chinese Gold Ingots is certainly appropriate for
The Southeastern sector!
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Things That Put You in the Poorhouse

- ❖ Clutter. The planet Venus rules prosperous energy. Venus won't enter a dirty home. Piles of junk serve as an obstacle so that positive energy can not pool and accumulate in your space.
- ❖ Leaks. If you have a kitchen or a bathroom with a leaky faucet in this area than the theory is that your money will also be leaking away.

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- ❖ Toilets. If you have a toilet in this area and there is nothing you can do about it, then make sure you keep the lid closed at all times to keep your cash from being "flushed away."
- ❖ Kitty litter boxes. Animal toilets have the same negative association as toilets -- especially if they smell bad.
- ❖ Broken objects. The theory is that " If it's broke, you probably are too! "Remove anything that doesn't work including clocks that keep the wrong time, dead batteries and similar decrepit items from this area. Also replace any burnt out light bulbs, as it is essential that this area be well lit.
- ❖ Dead or withering plants: Anything obviously decomposing is antithetical to the energy of prosperity and should be removed from this area.
- ❖ Trash cans. Like the toilet, this item drains vital energy from the prosperity area.
- ❖ Images of Poverty or Want: Art that depicts objects or landscapes in a withering, rustic or decomposing state should not be displayed here. Also avoid placing photographs of yourself when you were going through a "broke phase" here. You might repeat the situation!

Chapter Three. All Purpose Feng Shui Cures

Often the simplest remedies work better than scouring your local China Town for an ancient statue that is supposed to miraculously manifest prosperity or investing a lot of money in removing an architectural feature from your home. In this chapter I have compiled a list of the simplest and most basic

Feng Shui "cures" that can be used to cause a positive shift in energy in any sector of the Bagua.

Absolutely No Clutter!

One of the most fundamental rules of Feng Shui is that good energy cannot accumulate in a space that is cluttered with crap or junk. If you try to perform Feng Shui in a house that is dirty or cluttered with too many objects than you will not achieve results. The idea is to remove these objects or create space so that good energy can enter your home.

The common symptoms of suffering from clutter are

- ❖ Being overweight (health sector)
- ❖ Stuck in bad relationship patterns (love sector)
- ❖ Constantly the subject of gossip (reputation sector)
- ❖ Drowning in debt (prosperity sector)
- ❖ Constant bad luck (family and ancestors sector)
- ❖ Creative blocks (creative sector)
- ❖ Constant criticism and negative attention (wisdom sector)
- ❖ Overworked and underpaid (career sector)
- ❖ A feeling of being trapped with no way out (travel and mentors sector)

Another important area to look at in terms of clutter, is your front door. If it is cluttered with potted plants, old mail or clothing racks then these objects will act as obstacles to good energy entering your home.

Whether you are looking at your love and romance sector or your health sector, there is no area of your home that will not benefit from the removal of clutter. Negative energy is thought

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to have a "sticky quality" and piles of dusty stuff attract more of the same negative energy!

Make it a project to clean up and throw away things you do not use or love, things that are broken, things that are untidy or un-organized, unfinished projects and things that are crammed into too small of a space. Do this in every area of your house and watch everything from you health to your finances to your love life immediately improve!



The Feng Shui Symbol for Light

Let There Be Light!

Light is the traditional cure for eliminating the shadowy or darker places in your home that may be causing negative energy to accumulate and create stagnation. Examine the different areas of your home that seem more eclipsed in shadow and see

if that is causing symptoms in the corresponding areas of your life.

Symptoms that a sector may need to be exposed to more light are:

- ❖ Constantly sick (health sector)
- ❖ Surrounded by shady or negative individuals (love sector)
- ❖ You can never get anyone's attention or are treated like a doormat (reputation sector)
- ❖ You are always overlooked for promotions (prosperity sector)
- ❖ Bad luck or paranormal activity (family and ancestors sector)
- ❖ A complete lack of inspiration (creative sector)
- ❖ An inability to retain or remember information (wisdom sector)
- ❖ Facing a glass ceiling (career sector)
- ❖ A feeling that there must be more to life (travel and mentors sector)

The obvious solution is to add more light to the sector that you are concerned about by removing heavy drapes, bushy plants or other lighting that may be obscuring sun from entering your window.

You can also augment areas by adding more artificial light. Here is a breakdown of what kind of lighting best suits each sector

- ❖ Strings of white lights or yellow toned lights (health sector)
- ❖ Pink bulbs in the lamps and pink lava lamps (love sector)
- ❖ Red candles and red lights (reputation sector)
- ❖ Red purple and green ambient lighting (prosperity sector)
- ❖ Spotlights that focus on family images, strings of white Christmas lights and wooden candle holders supporting white candles (family and ancestors sector)

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- ❖ Multi-colored Christmas lights or festive strings of novelty lights (creative sector)
- ❖ Lighting with blue lampshades or blue or purple lights(wisdom sector)
- ❖ Lighting with fluid glass or porcelain shades(carrier sector)
- ❖ Lights that look like angels or a lit up globe of the world (travel and mentors sector)

Mending With Mirrors

Mirrors are considered to be a quick fix for a plethora of Feng Shui related problems.

Mirrors can be used to:

- ❖ Reflect shar chi back to its source. For instance if your front window is facing the local Militia's honorary cannon and it is pointing directly into your house you can use a mirror to block its energy from reaching your domain.
- ❖ Expand a sector of your house that might be missing a bagua area because of architectural restraints. For example, some houses might be missing a prosperity corner or love corner because it is laid out in a strange way. Mirrors are hung on the "missing" corner to give the illusion that the missing space is being doubled or created by the reflection.
- ❖ Allow a person sitting with their back to an entrance to see who is coming in the door. It is bad feng shui to have a desk that is positioned so that a worker cannot see who is "sneaking in." This allows malfortune to "sneak up on you" as well. The remedy is to place a mirror on the opposing wall so that the worker can see who is coming in the door. By the same rule of thumb, chefs should not be cooking at a stove

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that does not allow them to see the front door. The remedy is for a small mirror to be placed on top of the stove.

- ❖ Mirrors can also be used to prevent good chi from leaving your home. A classic example of this is a home office that is located at the top of a set of stairs that leads to the front door. The career opportunities and prosperity are thought to roll down the stairs and right out the front door in this case! To correct this situation a mirror placed on the inside of the front door that **FACES** the staircase discourages chi from leaving.
- ❖ Mirrors are also used to double your prosperity. A mirror that reflects a dining room table that is decorated with a cornucopia of fruits and vegetables is thought to double prosperity.
- ❖ As stove elements are also considered to be symbols of prosperity, Feng Shui purists will place a mirror at the back of the stove that doubles the reflection of the stove elements from four stove elements to the prosperity number of eight.
- ❖ Mirrors are also used to reflect anywhere there is a faucet that gushes water in your home. Before placing a mirror in your bathroom make sure that it is reflecting the sources of water that represent money and not the drains or toilet or you can double your chances of draining your finances!
- ❖ Cleanse the energy of those entering your homes. Two mirrors placed on either side of the doorway are thought to cleanse the chi of guests.

Avoid using mirrors in the following manners:

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- ❖ Tiled mirrors are a bad feng shui because everything that they reflect appears to be fractured or broken. A small unbroken mirror is better cure than an entire wall of mirrored tiles.
- ❖ Make sure that your mirrors do not reflect a toilet or a drain.
- ❖ Be sure to hang all mirrors so that they reflect some space at the top of the head when a person walks by. Failure to do so is said to cause headaches and migraines as the "head is cut off" by the reflection.
- ❖ Mirrors that reflect the marital bed, either on the ceiling or as the result of being positioned so that the bed is reflected by a bureau mirror encourage infidelity and the intrusion from third parties in a relationship.



The Feng Shui Element For Earth

Curing with Crystals

Crystals are sparkling objects that can transmit the entire spectrum of the rainbow to your dwelling. They almost always create positive chi so there is no "bad" place to hang a crystal however here are some basic suggestions as to where to place certain types of crystals and stones to augment the basic sectors of the Bagua. They can be used all around the house to deflect negative energies.

- ❖ Health sector. Crystals that are tear or pear shaped work best in this sector. Yellow crystals are best. Yellow topaz and citrine are also good stones also enhance this sector.
- ❖ Love sector. Pink crystals in the shape of stars or hearts are ideal Rose quartz, pink tourmaline, carnelian and pink sapphires are good stones draw the positive energies associated with love to you.
- ❖ Fame and Reputation. Red and orange crystals and star shaped crystals help you become a star Jasper, carnelians, raw rubies and garnets are good stones to display as a collection in this area.
- ❖ Prosperity sector. Crystals shaped like ingots, goldfish and horses are ideal for this sector of the bagua. Green, purple and red crystals as well as stones such as raw emeralds, raw rubies, garnets, carnelians, amethysts, iolite, jet, mica, agate, amber, tiger eye and jade attract money into your life.
- ❖ Family and ancestors sector. White and black crystals are best for this area. A collection of ritulated and smoky quartz are best for healing damaged relationships.
- ❖ Creative sector. Star and heart shaped white crystals that reflect a lot of rainbows create joyful vibrations in this area.

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Pink topaz or pink quartz can also help facilitate communication between you and your child.

- ❖ **Wisdom sector.** White and purple tinted crystals best suit this area as do clear quartz crystals, meteorites, sapphires, lapis lazuli and balsite.
- ❖ **Career sector.** Green crystals shaped like stars also work here as do collections of jade, emerald, citrine, peridots and other green and yellow colored stones.
- ❖ **Travel and Mentor sector.** White or black crystals that are globe shaped best suit this area as do rock collections that feature stone from the agate, quartz and diamond family.



A purple crystal can help enhance prosperity and wisdom areas.
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Fountains of Chi

Flowing water is said to increase the chi in any sector of the bagua except for the Southern sector that is characterized by the element of fire.

Fountains that are made of wood are said to attract the most chi as water and wood support each other. The most popular Feng Shui fountains are made of bamboo flumes that fill up and then dump water. Sometimes this type of fountain is known as a knocker because of the smacking noise the bamboo

flumes make when they have emptied their fill of water. This type of fountain can stand alone in any sector of your house.

Below is a list of water features that best suit each sector of the bagua.

- ❖ **Health sector.** A broad flat square fountain made of steps or flat stones best suits the health sector.
- ❖ **Love sector.** A fountain that features a classical image of lovers embracing or a heart shape enhances your relationships in this area.
- ❖ **Fame and Reputation.** Fountains and aquariums are not recommended for this area.
- ❖ **Prosperity sector.** An aquarium filled with nine gold fish or a selection of exotic fish best suit this sector. Bamboo fountains or stone fountains that feature a rotating semi-precious stone also suit this area. If you can find one a fountain made of wood offers you the optimum potential for prosperity here.
- ❖ **Family and ancestors sector.** A bamboo Fontana best suits this area. Avoid anything metal.
- ❖ **Creative sector.** Star and heart shaped white crystals that reflect a lot of rainbows create joyful vibrations in this area. Pink topaz or pink quartz can also help facilitate communication between you and your child.
- ❖ **Wisdom sector.** This sector is ruled by wood so your best choice is a bamboo fountain. Your second best is a clay fountain as it represents the earth element and earth feeds wood. Fountains that resemble mountainous landscapes are also beneficial here.
- ❖ **Career sector.** Green or orange colored fountains featuring statuary of leaping gold fish or gods or goddesses of prosperity are best for this area. It is also greatly enhanced by a bamboo fountain or aquariums made of glass.

- ❖ **Travel and Mentor sector.** Fountains that feature a rotating sphere are also best suited to this sector which is related to the earth element. Fountains that look like landscapes and spout "fog" created by CO2 tablets are also thought to bestow blessings in this area.

Chimes and Mobiles

Chimes and mobiles are said to be feng shui cure alls because they are related to the wind element. Their main purpose is to stir up stagnant chi that might be attracting negative energy to your sphere.

Below you will find suggestions about what kind of mobiles or chimes are best to hang in specific sectors of your home.

- ❖ **Health sector.** This sector is best suited to yellow colored mobiles that do not dangle too far vertically down. Mobiles that feature images of fruit also bring robust, healthy energies.
- ❖ **Love sector.** Chimes made of brass or copper suit this area best. Mobiles do not suit this area as it can turn your bedroom into a "revolving door" that is filled with lovers that always leave.
- ❖ **Fame and Reputation sector.** Mobiles created from flutes, stars and flags suit this sector, as do chimes made from metal tubes.
- ❖ **Prosperity sector.** Mobiles and chimes that are gold and silver in color best suit this area.
- ❖ **Family and ancestors sector.** A white ribbon strung with tiny gold or silver bells is a good charm for this sector.

- ❖ Creative sector. Any type of mobile that is colorful, innovative or fun works here as do other wind oriented objects such as kites and planes that hang from the ceiling.
- ❖ Wisdom sector. This sector should contain a single bell that rings at a high "C" note or a single gong. These objects should be used for clearing purposes.
- ❖ Career sector. Chimes made of glass; white crystals that cast rainbows or clear plastic best suit this area. A mobile featuring sailing ships assures you of a happy career path.
- ❖ Travel and Mentor sector. Mobiles that feature flying objects such as planes or bird feathers are ideal for this sector as are round shaped chimes or small gongs.

Chapter Four. Traditional Feng Shui Symbols

Now for the part of this book that you have all been waiting for! In this section, you are introduced to the traditional Chinese statuary and other items that you are used to seeing in feng shui stores and your local China Town. This chapter not only demystifies the object and explains the rituals behind it but also suggests the optimum place for you to put it in your house to increase positive chi.

Chinese Animals

- ❖ Cicada. The cicada is usually found as a small red lacquered statue. This insect's purpose is to transform negative energy into positive and protect your home from intruders. Traditionally a bright red ribbon is tied around one of the bug's legs before it is placed near the front door of your home

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for protection. It can also be placed in any sector of your home where you feel "under attack"

- ❖ **Golden Cow.** This is a small brass or gold colored statue that features a horned cow sitting on top of a pile of gold ingots and coins. Place this statue in the Southeast (prosperity), North (career) or the Northwest (mentors) sectors of your home to increase wealth.
- ❖ **The Eight Horses Statue.** This statue features a herd of eight racing horses. Usually it is found in red lacquer but you can also find it in brass, silver, gold, green and glass versions. The glass version is ideal to put in your North (career) sector. These statues are also placed in your South (fame) or Southeast (prosperity) sectors to maximize the chi in those areas. You can also place this statue near the entrance of your front door with the horses appearing to run inside to encourage fame, recognition and opportunities.



A red laquer statue of the Eight Horses of Success
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- ❖ **Celestial Elephant.** The Elephant is a symbol of strength, wisdom, longevity, power and high standards. The Elephant is one of Buddha's sacred treasures and is thus considered a Celestial animal in Buddhism. The Celestial elephant is used to strengthen love and faithfulness between couples. They are also used to heighten intelligence and dignity. You can find them in red lacer, glass, clay and just about any other kind of material you can imagine!

- ❖ **Elephant with Raised Trunk.** In Feng Shui, the elephant statue with a raised trunk represents the power and prominence associated with the head of a family or a company. It is believed that placing a statue of an elephant with a raised trunk in your office will lead to successful business meetings.

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A brass lucky elephant with a raised trunk.
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- ❖ **Elephant with Calf.** It is believed that a childless woman who places the statue of an elephant with a calf in her bedroom will promote her chances of conceiving a male child.
- ❖ **Six Good Fortune Elephants.** This is a collection of red lacquered elephant statues that feature the trunks in different positions. Each elephant signifies a different aspiration: strength, wisdom, carefulness, longevity, power and high standards.
- ❖ **Mandarin Ducks.** Ducks mate for life and the Chinese perceive them to be a symbol of conjugal fidelity. A pair of Mandarin Ducks placed in the Southwestern sectors (relationships) and the Family and Ancestors (Eastern section) of your home. These little ducks are most commonly sold as wood carvings that range from tiny models to very large hand-carved reproductions.



A pair of Mandarin Ducks for love.
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- ❖ **Snake.** These highly stylized and vicious looking red ceramic or red lacquered statues are usually placed in a windowsill as protection against bad energy.
- ❖ **Zodiac Animals.** Animals that equate to the Chinese Zodiac are also sold as red lacquered or glass statuary. The traditional animals are the Pig, Dog, Rooster, Goat, Horse, Snake, Dragon, Rabbit, Tiger and Ox. It is considered fortunate to have the Zodiac animal that suits your birth date placed in a prominent or honored position in your house or in the sector of the bagua you feel needs the most help from the cosmos.

Lucky Cats

- ❖ **The Golden Lucky Money Cat.** Golden Lucky Money Cat are white or gold ceramic statues. The Cat holds up his left paw to attract good fortune into your business or home. Chinese Business People consider this figure very auspicious. As this cat is also a piggy bank, you are supposed to feed him every day with a coin to keep prosperity circulating in your life. This can display this cat in your wealth sector (the Southeast, Southeast, or in your Wisdom sector (the Northeast). Every Chinese New Year you are to empty your lucky cat and take him to the nearest Buddhist temple to be blessed.

- ❖ **The White Lucky Money Cat Bank of Wealth and Health** This Beautiful Large Lucky Money Cat holds up his right paw to attract good fortune. He also protects your health. You will often see a Lucky Money Cat displayed on high shelves in Chinese businesses. The best place for you to display it is at your front door, in the window of your business or above a cash register or computer/

- ❖ **The Black Cat of Protection.** This unusual piece of statuary features a cat with an expression of warning and holding a broom. The cat's right paw is raised to ward off evil energy. The broom symbolizes insight and wisdom and is believed to have the power to sweep away worry and trouble. Cats also symbolize protection against evil spirits. You may display this cat in your wealth sector, (Southeast) in your wisdom sector, (Northeast) or in the center of your home or business to protect your health.

Lucky Fish

- ❖ **Single Leaping Carp.** The Auspicious Carp is a symbol of great wealth, success, perseverance and staying power. It is

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available in glass (for setting in the northern career sector) and in vibrant orange, pink and gold hues (for setting in your southwestern prosperity corner.)

- ❖ **Double Leaping Carp.** A common statue features two carp leaping for joy. Usually this statue is gold, orange, green and pink in color. This joyous image is called "Fu Gui You Yu" which means, "brimming with wealth." A statue, painting or print of a Double Carp Fish would be very auspicious to hang in your southeastern corner to attract wealth.



A brass figurine of Double Leaping Carp.
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- ❖ **Nine Lucky Goldfish.** This image is usually found on a scroll or a poster that features eight goldfish swimming with one black gold fish. Hanging this poster on the right side of your entrance (as you look from the inside to the door) is said to bring prosperity to a home. The Southeastern (prosperity corner) that is ruled by water is also a good place to hang this poster. Many Chinese businesses use this poster image as a symbolic substitute for a real aquarium.

Chinese Fantasy Figures

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- ❖ The Dragon is a symbol of Strength, Goodness, Courage and Endurance. This fantastic dragon is the emblem of vigilance and security, and a symbol of the spirit of positive change. In Chinese mythology the Dragon is the Yang partner of the Phoenix, which symbolizes Yin energy. Dragons are sold in ceramic, red lacquered silver, gold and plastic versions.
- ❖ Dragon and Phoenix. The Dragon and Phoenix statue that features the two fantasy figures courting or embracing represents the ultimate balance of all things in your life. This happy symbol can be placed in the Southwest (marriage), Eastern (family), Southeast (prosperity) and Northwest (mentors) areas of your home. This image can also be bought as a scroll or a poster.



A brass statue of the Dragon and the Phoenix
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- ❖ The Three Legged Money Toad or Money Toad. There are many versions of this toad or frog that is commonly found in various silver, gold, brass, glass, plastic and red lacquered incarnations. His purpose is to draw wealth into your life. To activate the toad or frog, place him within view of your front door. Every morning place the I Ching Coin in his mouth to signify that he will always deliver prosperity to you. Remove the coin and turn him towards the interior in the evening/. One version of a Feng Shui Money Cure is to place eight Money Toads in home with each facing a bagua direction to

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cover all of your sources when it comes to inviting money into your house.



A Three Legged Wealth Frog

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- ❖ **The Dragon Headed Turtle.** This statue which is sold in metal, ceramic, red lacer, glass and also sometimes carved out of semi-precious stones is a hybrid of two auspicious creatures The dragon symbolizes luck, the turtle long life and the baby turtle that it transports on its back is a symbol of new beginnings. The Dragon Headed Turtle signifies long life for the head of the house so it is a good image to place in the center (health) sector of your home. The dragon headed turtle is also a powerful symbol of wealth, prosperity and protection. The turtle's shell is usually engraved with the Chinese magic square. The Chinese tradition is to place it in the southwestern corner and place a piece of red ribbon in its

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mouth to attract love. Put a gold ribbon in its mouth and place it in the southwestern corner to attract prosperity. To aid health matters place a piece of blue ribbon in the Dragon Turtle's mouth and place in your central health sector. Never place the dragon headed turtle in the kitchen or bathroom as that can cause disruptions in positive chi.



A brass dragon headed turtle

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- ❖ **Ki-Lin.** Ki-Lin is the Chinese Unicorn. It is a sculpture that is usually available as ceramic or glass. Just sighting the statue of the Ki-Lin is believed to bring about happiness and good fortune. There are two versions of this statue: the male Ki-Lin that has a horn and the hornless female. The Ki-Lin is the emblem for exquisite goodness, longevity, grandeur, endless compassion and great wisdom. The Ki-Lin may be placed in the Northwest (travel and mentor) area or the North East (wisdom and skills) areas of your home. Some statues feature a group of laughing children riding the back of the Ki-Lin. This is a good statue to place in your Western (creativity and children) sector to encourage joy and fertility in your life.



Brass Ki-Lins - The Chinese Unicorn

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Chinese Bells

For thousands of years bells have been symbolic with warding off evil influences, and the announcement of good will. Bells are used in Feng Shui to symbolize the dispersal of malignant Chi` energy (Sha). The bell is often suspended from different colored thickly threaded "knots" .If it is suspended from a red knot it is used for protection in love matters and hung ins the southwestern corner. If it is green it is used for protection in financial matters and best hung in the southeastern corner. If it is black, it is used for protection and best hung in the North (career), the East (family), the center of your home (health) or near the front door.

Metal and Brass bells are also sold boasting elaborate handles that feature such auspicious images as the Quan Yin (the Goddess of compassion and prosperity) and the happy Dragon and Phoenix Symbol.

Chinese Coins

- ❖ I Ching Coins. I Ching Coins have been used for centuries as amulets to ward of evil and disease. In Feng Shui, I Ching Coins represent the element metal and symbolize wealth.

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String together 3 I Ching Coins on red thread and place in the wealth sector, or place inside your accounting ledger or near cash register. Three coins knotted together with a blue ribbon to symbolize a sudden windfall. Strings of eight I Ching coins strung together with red thread are also placed near the front door or in the Southeastern (prosperity) corner to enhance wealth.



An example of Three Coins Tied With Red Thread
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- ❖ **Coin Balls.** Coin balls are constructed from I Ching coins strung together with red ribbon or thread to create a vessel that hangs from a red wealth knot or brass or metal statuary. The Prosperity Coin Ball is made from replicas of ancient Chinese coins, resembling a circle, which represents heaven while the inside square shape is said to symbolize the earth. It is recommended to place this hand made prosperity symbol in the (southeastern) wealth corner or near a cash register, business phone or computer. When placed behind your desk at work the Coin Ball represents financial success for a project-in-progress. Some prosperity Coins Balls also feature dangling bells or red tassels. These represent positive Chi' as they move with the Chi' of life such as the circulation of air. Coin Balls can also be used as amulets for protection against negativity or harmful influences.

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- ❖ **Coin Sword.** This is a hanging wall sculpture strung from coins that resembles a sword. Its intention is to cut through financial problems. You can hang this sword in any sector that you feel is suffering financially. It is especially suited to the Knowledge and Wisdom (the northeast) sector, which is conducive to solving problems.



An example of a coin sword

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- ❖ **Coin Mobiles.** These mobiles are usually strung from red thread and feature I Ching coins dangling in sets of eight. They can also be placed in your career (north) and money drawing (east) areas to draw wealth.
- ❖ **Dragon Wealth Coin.** This is a single coin with a square hole in the middle that features two dragons engraved on its side. People deposit these in a bowl of spare change to attract wealth.

Buddhas

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Buddha's are well known to be symbols of happiness, wealth, kindness and joy. It is believed that rubbing a Buddha's belly brings joy, good luck and prosperity. Buddha ornaments should never be placed on the floor. Place your Buddha figurine in a high position above your head so that he has the privilege of overseeing your personal kingdom.

Here are some of the most common statues of Buddhas you will find and the best places to put them in your home

- ❖ **Buddha Playing With Children.** This features a Buddha languishing on the floor cavorting with children. It symbolizes good fortune arriving from the heavens and is ideal to place in your Western sector (creativity and children)



An example of a Buddha With Children
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- ❖ **Buddha of Contentment.** The dragon he wears around his neck can identify the Buddha of Contentment. Place this Buddha in your career sector (the north) to bring satisfaction at work or in the center of your home so that you experience good health.

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- ❖ **The Laughing Buddha.** This is a Buddha sitting on the floor cross-legged and laughing. He symbolizes a long life, so he is good to place in the health (center) sector of your home.
- ❖ **Buddha of Plenty.** The Buddha sits with one knee raised and his arm resting on it. There is a laughing expression on his face. Place this statue in the southeastern corner of your home to encourage prosperity.
- ❖ **Weeping Buddha.** This is a Buddha that is crouched over and covering his scalp with his hands. This statue is said to absorb all sorrows. Put him in whatever sector of your life is causing you the most grief and he will help you find the strength to carry your burdens.
- ❖ **Buddha with Gold Ingot.** This sculpture features a Buddha hoisting an oversized gold ingot over his head. Put this Buddha in your Southeast corner (prosperity) or in your northern sector (career) to increase your chances of making it big in business.



A Buddha holding a Gold Ingot (Wealth Symbol)
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Deities

- ❖ **Quan Yin.** Quan Yin is the Chinese Goddess of Compassion and Mercy. Her reputation for bringing health, wealth, prosperity, fertility and fidelity is legendary. You can find Quan Yin's image everywhere in Chinese art and statuary, decorating fountains, dangling from mystic knots and as stand-alone statues. Her image is appropriate to place in any sector of the bagua where you feel you need an extra boost of mercy and faith to carry your burdens.
- ❖ **Tsai Chien.** This is a figurine of a fierce looking warrior who is flanked by a tiger and an elephant. Tsai Shen is one of the most famous Gods of wealth. Also known as Lu Hsing the Star God of Wealth. Put him in your southeastern sector to attract cash.



The Chinese Symbol for Tsai Chien

- ❖ **Lord Guan.** Lord Guan is a robed and bearded individual who brandishes an upright sword. He is a powerful protector and alchemist he reinforces the yang (male energy) in your home. Place him in your North (career) sector to attain a job promotion. Place him in your southeastern corner to increase wealth.

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- ❖ **The God of Longevity.** This god is depicted in statuary and posters carrying gold ingots and an oversized peach in his arms. Chubby laughing children surround him. He is a symbol of a wealth and a long life. Place his image wherever you feel you need to be the richest in your life and experience your ultimatum potential to feel joy.



Plum Blossoms represent love in Chinese Art.
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Chinese Art

Chinese Painters strive to create a balance of yin and yang in their works, which expresses the poetic structure of their meditations and thoughts. Everything depicted in a Chinese Painting is a symbol of the things that make up a noble human spirit. Chinese Art is usually bought as a print, poster or a scroll. Here is a run-down of the most common visuals that you will find and what they mean.

- ❖ **Couple Strolling Beneath Plum Blossoms.** This picture features a courting couple cavorting beneath falling plum or

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cherry blossom petals. Place this image in your southwestern corner to bring more love into your life.

- ❖ **The Chinese Symbol For Double Happiness.** This symbol is an example of Chinese Calligraphy and should be placed in the southwestern corner or under the mattress to attract a soul mate into your sphere.
- ❖ **The Waterfall.** These posters feature waterfall gushing from a high mountain spot into a stream that meanders across a lush green countryside. Use this image to augment the north (career) and southeast (money) sectors of your home.
- ❖ **Two Peonies.** This image is placed in the southwestern section (love section) of the home to attract a partner for a single female.
- ❖ **The Peacock scroll.** This is an elaborate watercolor of a peacock that should be placed in the Southern section (fame sector) of your home to draw more attention to your talents and skills.
- ❖ **Children Riding the Carp.** This beautiful and colorful print features a male and a female child riding the back of an enormous orange carp. It is a symbol of prosperity and many descendants. It is well placed both in your western sector (which rules children and creativity) as well as the southeastern corner to draw wealth into your personal sphere. You can also place this poster in the northern (career) sector of your home to make sure that in the future you will make money doing the things you love.



The Feng Shui Symbol for
Double Happiness

Chapter Five: Resources

Books

The Modern Book of Feng Shui: Vitality and Harmony for the Home and Office - by Steven Post.

Feng Shui Made Easy: Designing Your Life With the Ancient Art of Placement - by William Spear

Sacred Space : Clearing and Enhancing the Energy of Your Home - by Denise Linn.

Feng Shui Anthology: Contemporary Earth Design - by Jami Lin, Ardis Heiman (Illustrator), Rita Lewison-Singar (Editor.)

The Complete Illustrated Guide to Feng Shui: How to Apply the Secrets of Chinese Wisdom for Health, Wealth and Happiness - by Lillian Too.

Interior Design With Feng Shui - by Sarah Rossbach.

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The Western Guide to Feng Shui: Creating Balance, Harmony, and Prosperity in Your Environment - by Terah Kathryn Collins,
A Soul in Place: Reclaiming Home As Sacred Space - by Carol Bridges.

101 Feng Shui Tips for the Home - by Richard Webster.

Feng Shui Design: From History and Landscape to Modern Gardens & Interiors - by Sarah Rossbach,

Helpful Web Sites

Traditional Feng Shui

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Wind and Water

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