

EVERYDAY FENG SHUI

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Prosperity Comes in Many Forms – Including Travel

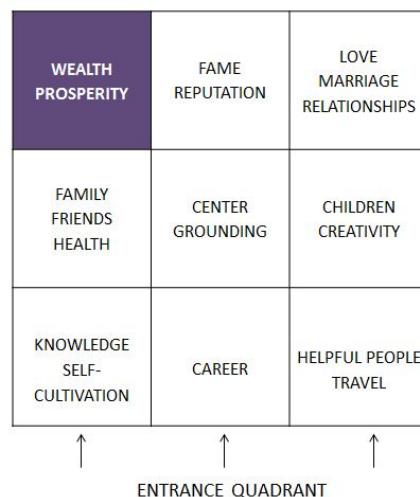
We just returned from an amazing two-week hiking trip through northern Portugal and then to Burgos Spain to view the solar eclipse. I find that traveling helps to enhance my personal well-being, offering longer lasting happiness more than material possessions. When I travel, I feel personal and social prosperity. I feel blessed and rejuvenated!

Prosperity does not refer solely to financial wealth. It also encompasses the richness of your life. Are you rich in friends, family, love, travel, community, health, talent, career, self-fulfillment, inner peace and/or finances? How prosperous are you? You can easily take positive steps to contribute to your own prosperity— and Feng Shui can help.

Feng Shui, utilizes your positive connection with your environment to help clear the way for blessings to enter your life. In Feng Shui the Wealth and Prosperity area reminds us that happiness comes in many forms. There is great value to having close friends, family, good health and the enjoyment of travel. The ideal way to build and maintain these forms of prosperity is to nurture them. When we take time to nurture the people, places and things that bring an experience of abundance into our lives we take positive steps toward living in prosperity. Clearing clutter and cleaning is always the first Feng Shui step to prosperity, ensuring your home has healthy, fresh energy. Visualizing where you want to travel, hanging art representing your favorite places, or creating a travel vision board are also ways to help realize your dreams.

Think of your house as a vehicle for transformation. You can enhance it to increase your many forms of prosperity by using a few easy Feng Shui tools.

One of the most powerful and important tools in Feng Shui is the Bagua, from the Chinese philosophy, “The I Ching,” represented as a grid of eight sectors, with the center for grounding. the Wealth and Prosperity area is located in the left back corner of your home/office/business.



The Elements for Wealth and Prosperity

The elements for the Wealth and Prosperity area are Fire and Wood. The Fire element is represented in any shade of red, ranging from pink tones to burgundy and purple; cone and triangle shapes; any type of lighting; anything derived from animals; art representing people, animals, suns, stars. Adding representations of the Wood element, such as plants or items made of wood, helps to nurture the Fire enhancements. And because Water feeds Wood, incorporating all three elements further encourages the flow of Ch'i. Picture a beautiful fountain surrounded by purple plants near a wooden table with a deep burgundy or red umbrella.

Interior Enhancements for Wealth and Prosperity

Area of Your Home or Business (Choose One or More)

- Begin by decluttering the space.
- Add any shade of purple, red, or blue, which evokes the feeling of richness.
- Enhance with vibrant live or artificial plants having rounded leaves.
- Install water features such as fountains, waterfalls, or aquariums. Water will feed the Wood element, which in turn feeds the Fire element. Prosperity flows in with water both in the Wealth and Prosperity and Career areas.
- Display art in the colors purple, red, or dark blue, that represent wealth or depict large family gatherings.
- Display valuable possessions.
- Add affirmations calling in prosperity.

Exterior Enhancements for the Wealth and Prosperity Area (Choose One or More)

- Continue enhancing with the colors purple, red, and blue in flowers, pots, cushions, umbrellas.
- Add a water feature flowing toward the home or business. (Waterfalls or 360-degree bubbling fountains work well here in letting prosperity flow.)
- Call in the Ch'i by adding flags, whirligigs, mobiles, or wind chimes.

Note: You may have noted that I included water features in the list of enhancements above. In most cases you would not want to add a representation of water to an area represented by the Fire Element because Fire is extinguished by Water. In the case of Wealth and Prosperity, moving water symbolizes the abundant flow of prosperity so this is the only area of the fire sectors that water acts as an enhancement.

What to Avoid in the Wealth and Prosperity Area

- Anything old, worn, and in poor condition
- Clutter of any form, which blocks prosperity from flowing

Sample Affirmations for the Wealth and Prosperity Area

In Feng Shui, intent plays a significant role in enhancing any area of your environment. That's why all enhancements need to be made with intentionality; written or stated affirmations which are expressed as if they are already happening are very important. Examples of affirmations for the Wealth and Prosperity area:

- "I feel very comfortable with my finances."
- "I have an abundance of blessings through travel."
- "I just signed up for another cruise -I feel blessed for all the friends I meet traveling."

Feng Shui at Work:

A recent client has the Wealth and Prosperity area in her dining room. She chose to paint the walls a shade of purple and add purple accents to her table setting. She replaced a large mirror which was too active a feature for restful dining with an opulent painting of beautiful blooming flowers. She also placed two up light table lamps and a few opulent items on the sideboard. She soon had the opportunity to reconnect with family members she hadn't seen in a long time. She became aware of how prosperous she was in family relations. They now are traveling together on a family cruise! Feng Shui works in mysterious ways!

A single female client had her wealth area in her bedroom closet. She fortunately was a very neat person and the closet was very orderly, which would have been my first recommendation. I recommended that she remove even more items of clothing to symbolically indicate she was ready for change, hang a purple 30 mm round faceted crystal in the closet to keep the energy moving, and hang pictures inside and outside representing prosperity. Since she was searching for a job in family law, she hung pictures of families and law offices in a shade of purple matting, and wrote out her affirmations. Soon after her enhancements she received a check for \$1,500 that she had been waiting for quite a while. She now has a rewarding job as an attorney in a family law office, and is in a new, loving new relationship.

Friends of mine have a lovely L shaped home with a large lawn area where the missing Wealth and Prosperity Area was. They chose to enhance and anchor the area by planting a beautiful walking garden on the exact corner; including a mound where a large angel statue sits, purple flowers, gazing balls, and cozy bench for sitting and reflecting on all the riches in their life. Their family prosperity has been greatly enhanced with grandchildren and various opportunities to travel, and reconnect with family and old friends. A true blessing!

Feng Shui on a Shoestring:

Feng Shui enhancements do not have to cost a great deal. "Shopping in your own home" is when you move art and items to a more auspicious location in your home. Find art with purple tones representing your travel, or life goals, and place it in the wealth and prosperity area.

Remember that prosperity is a mindset; it is your expectation. It takes very little to create a prosperous life. Focus on positivity, family, friends, love and travel, and enjoy the bounty that prosperity has to offer.

"Invent your world. Surround yourself with people, colors, sounds and work that nourish you." Sark

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Until then...Blessings!

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