

EVERYDAY FENG SHUI

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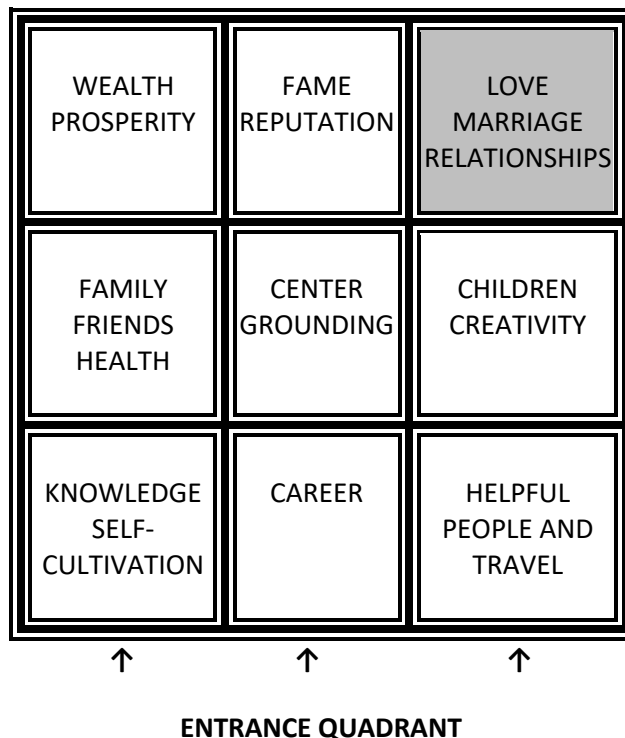
Surround Yourself with Love Room by Room

I have been blessed with the opportunity to collaborate with two amazing life coaches who, through classes, live, and virtual events, teach people looking for their soulmate to love and honor themselves first, and create space for love in their homes. www.johnnyandlara.com.

That's where Feng Shui comes in! In a consultation I explain the direct correlation between home and the quality of loving relationships. The energy in your home can help you achieve your loving relationship goals.

Love, Marriage and the Bagua

The Feng Shui Bagua, is represented as a grid of nine sectors. It comes from the Chinese philosophy, "The I Ching," and literally means "eight trigrams", with the center for grounding and centering. In the Bagua, the Love and Marriage area is in the back right corner of your home or office. This area called "Receptive Earth," means that to truly love another person you must love yourself, opening your heart to be totally receptive to your partner.



Although this is the most auspicious area for a master bedroom, you can apply Feng Shui enhancements for Love and Marriage in every room in your house. In whichever room this area resides, basic Feng Shui principles can help you nurture, and strengthen yourself and your relationships, and even send out the energy to help you find your perfect soul mate.

Applying Love and Marriage Enhancements:

The element for this area is Fire, and the colors are red, pink, or white. Representations of this element can be used inside and outside of your home or business.

- * Photos or paintings depicting you and your significant other
- * Pairs of items (lovers, doves, hearts, candles, vases, figurines etc.)
- * Art with a romantic theme or representing pairs
- * Quotes and/or affirmations pertaining to love and marriage
- * Items that have a personal association to love and marriage (romantic vacations/honeymoon mementos)

Examples of Love Enhancements for Various Rooms:

Kitchen – Accent with red tones (two dish towels and mats), hang romantic art, and display items in pairs. For fun, I also have a red toaster and blender in the corner.

Dining Room – Set of romantic table for two in red tone placemats and napkins, display two rose colored candles in beautiful candlesticks, Place a pink/red tone flower arrangement on table, hang romantic art or a picture of you and your significant other.

Bathroom – Hang pictures of couples in romantic vacations, a pair of matching candles, or a beautiful flower arrangement in the red spectrum.

Office – Display a picture of you and your significant other, romantic art, and/or add items in pairs. (Pen and pencil set, two paperweights etc.)

Just remember that the choices are endless. Have fun with it!

You can further energize your home for romance by enhancing the Love and Marriage corner of every room in your home. Remember to start with the Love and Marriage area of your home first and then you can make similar enhancements in every room. This is especially important if you are missing the Love corner from your home.

Pick a room and stand at the entrance to the room facing in. This may not necessarily be in the same direction as the front door of your home. Locate the back right corner and place one or more enhancement mentioned above in the space. For example, a picture of you and your partner, red/pink orchid with two stems, red/pink candles, a heart, a pair of love birds, and romantic art etc.

Master Bedrooms:

I'm setting this room apart because it's one of most important rooms to add Feng Shui Love and Marriage enhancements, regardless of the location of this room in your house. The ideal location for a master bedroom is the far back right corner; unfortunately, not all homes are built this way. As you decorate your bedroom it is always important to incorporate some of the red spectrum to bring in fire, pairs of items, and romantic representations.

If you are single and looking for a relationship, you should design the room as if two people are already living there. For example, make sure to use two nightstands, two lamps, and leave room in the closet. This signifies the intent that you want to share your life with your soul mate. Walls should be any of the colors of natural skin tones, from light cream, pinks, peaches, to warm reds and dark browns. Because the feeling should evoke warmth, coziness and romance, avoid the colors blues, greens, whites, grey and black which are too cool for bedroom walls. Avoid filling it with stuffed animals, other relics from your childhood, or pictures of your children and family. Focus on making this a romantic boudoir.

A Missing Love and Marriage Area:

If your Love and Marriage area is outside your home floor plan, you can anchor the area by doing one or a combination of the following cures: structurally close off the corner by building a deck, arbor or overhang, planting a pair of large red flowering plants at the spot of the missing corner, planting a tree and hanging a wind chime representing a pair (hearts or lovebirds), placing a table and 2 chair set, or a large sculpture representing a loving pair.

If the area outside is not accessible, you can symbolically anchor from the inside by hanging a 30 mm round faceted crystal, placing a mirror, and/or a picture of a romantic representation on the wall by the missing corner. If the missing area happens to be a driveway, you can draw a small symbol of a heart, closing off the corner; then enhance this area in every room.

Affirmations and Inner Work:

In Feng Shui, intent plays a significant role in enhancing your home or business. All enhancements need to be made with intentionality, with written or stated affirmations as if they have already happened. Examples of affirmations for the "Love and Marriage" area:

"I attract, joy, and love into my life", "I love, respect and honor myself", "I am in a loving relationship with my soulmate."

Feng Shui at Work:

A number of years after leaving a toxic relationship, a client was ready to move forward. She had been on several dates which proved disappointing. It turns out her Love corner was outside of the structure of her home. It was in the cement driveway below, so she was unable to anchor it with a tree or flowers. In our consultation we anchored the Love and Marriage area symbolically by hanging two bright colored heart pictures on the wall facing the corner, placed a two stemmed pink orchid, and two love birds on a table beneath. She also drew a small heart in the parking lot where the corner should have been. She wrote affirmations envisioning that her next love would walk right into her studio. Soon after, a gentleman came to her art studio to make a purchase, after a long conversation they went out for coffee, and they have been together ever since.

One of my clients was in an unhappy relationship that was stuck and going nowhere. In our consultation we focused on her bedroom, which was painted a cool green and featured many pictures of landscapes and water. Nothing signified romance, passion, or warmth. She changed the pictures to romantic art, added candles by the bedside tables, and spruced up the room with red tone accents. Shortly after, she and her boyfriend broke up. This may sound like a bad thing, but Feng Shui works at giving you what you need in life, not necessarily what you think you want. After getting out of the relationship, she was free to meet the right man. She moved to a new house and followed the lessons she learned in our consultation. She now has a wonderful man in her life, and they are expecting their first baby. She couldn't be happier!

Feng Shui on a Shoestring:

Feng Shui enhancements do not have to cost a great deal. Just the act of writing affirmations and placing them in the back right corner of each room will begin to energize the romance in your life.

This Valentine's Day create a space in your home, and life, for a perfect relationship with your soulmate. Enlist the energy in your environment to help you achieve your goals.

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Until then...Blessings!

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