

EVERYDAY FENG SHUI

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Finding Your Feng Shui Prosperity

I just returned from a short cruise with my three grandchildren. It was a fabulous week, which made me realize how blessed I am to have had this quality time with them. Many of my friends are now experiencing similar joy. We can say that we are “prosperous in family and grandchildren.”

Prosperity does not refer solely to financial wealth; rather the “richness” of 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 fulfilling creative expression in the world. The ideal way to build and maintain these forms of prosperity is to nurture them with gentleness. When we take time to nurture people, places, and things that bring an experience of abundance into our lives we are taking positive steps toward living in prosperity.

Feng Shui utilizes your positive connection with your environment to help clear the way for blessings to enter your life. With summer approaching, many of you will experience the joy of fun times and outings with friends and family. As you continue to move through the summer remember that your home can help you achieve all these good feelings, therefore the more harmonious, and welcoming you make it the more you let the blessings in.

In the Feng Shui Bagua, represented as a grid of nine sectors, the Wealth and Prosperity area is located in the left back corner of your home or business. The Bagua comes from the Chinese philosophy, “The I Ching,” and literally means “eight trigrams”, with the center for grounding. The Wealth and Prosperity area of your home or business is called “Persistent Wind” because becoming prosperous take awareness, time, and persistence.

Begin your prosperity work by culling and organizing the old to make way for the flow of abundance. Take time to look at your home’s Wealth and Prosperity area and ask yourself, “Is the area enhancing or draining my prosperity?” “How can I increase the flow of prosperity and share my gratitude?”

The second Feng Shui step is adding enhancements to the Wealth and Prosperity area. This is important if you want to improve your finances, or just be more aware of the abundance of prosperity in your life.

Whatever room your Wealth and Prosperity area resides in, basic Feng Shui principles can help you nurture and strengthen yourself.

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| WEALTH AND PROSPERITY | FAME AND REPUTATION | LOVE AND RELATIONSHIP |
| HEALTH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS | CENTER AND GROUNDING | CHILDREN AND CREATIVITY |
| KNOWLEDGE AND SELF- CULTIVATION | CAREER | HELPFUL PEOPLE AND TRAVEL |
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ENTRANCE QUADRANT

The Elements of Wealth:

The elements for this area are Fire and Wood and are represented by the colors purple, red, and deep blue. Although in the elemental cycle 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. The Wood Element feeds Fire, therefore adding representations of wood, such as plants or items made of wood would help nurture enhancements. Picture a beautiful fountain surrounded by purple plants, near a wooden table with a deep burgundy or red umbrella.

Enhancements for enhancing the Wealth and Prosperity area inside your home or business:

- Healthy plants with soft rounded leaves, silk flowers in purples, red, and blues or artificial trees
- Water features (fountains, waterfalls, or aquariums)
- Art, photos, or figures depicting moving water, wealth, or your desired possessions.
- Valuable possessions and collections, such as antiques, art, sculptures, coins, and crystal
- Items in the colors of purple, blue or red that help create a feeling of richness and opulence.
- Quotes, affirmations, and sayings pertaining to Wealth and Prosperity

Enhancements for enhancing the Wealth and Prosperity area outside your home or business:

- Items that “call the Ch’i” such as flags, wind chimes, whirligigs, windsocks.
- Items, flowers, plants in the purple color spectrum
- Fountains that either bubble up 360 degrees, or where the water flows toward your home.
- Waterfalls flowing toward your home.

A Missing Wealth and Prosperity Area:

If your Wealth and Prosperity area is missing from your floorplan, you can anchor the area by doing one or a combination of the following cures: Anchor the missing corner structurally, such as building a trellis or deck, planting flowers in a flower garden, or planter boxes in the purple spectrum, adding a fountain, a seating arrangement or a figure representing wealth and prosperity. 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 prosperity representation on the wall by the missing corner. If the missing area happens to be a parking lot, you can draw a small symbol of a dollar sign, Yin/Yang sign or any other symbol representing prosperity in the exact location, closing off the corner. In a lawn or dirt area a piece of rose quartz can also be buried pointing up in the exact corner to symbolize anchoring.

Feng Shui at work:

One of the greatest transformations was with a client who had her dining room in the Wealth Area. At the time of our initial consultation, she had a very large mirror overlooking the table. I told her this was too active of a feature for restful dining. After our consultation she sent me a picture of the room; she chose to paint the walls a shade of light purple and added purple and gold accents creating an opulent table setting, replaced the mirror with a stunning painting of gold and purple flowers, and placed a small bubbling fountain on the sideboard. She later reported that her life had indeed become more prosperous in many ways. She reunited with family members she had not seen in a very long time and was thrilled. After her enhancements she became aware that she was prosperous in family relations.

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 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. She created space for wonderful new opportunities, and feng Shui helped her achieve them.

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 and place it in the wealth and prosperity area.

Affirmations:

Remember that In Feng Shui, intent plays a significant role in enhancing any area of your home or business. That's why all enhancements need to be made with intentionality and written or stated affirmations are expressed as if they have already happened. Examples or affirmations for the Wealth and Prosperity area: *"I am rich and prosperous in every way", "I have an abundance of blessings through my family and friends."*

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

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Until then...Blessings!

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