

EVERYDAY FENG SHUI

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Finding Love in the Year of the Ox

Last year's Metal Rat 2020 was a year we will not easily forget. A year of chaos and shaking things up. But now, beginning on February 12, we enter the year of the Metal Ox.

The Ox is the 2nd of the 12-year cycle of animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac. People born in the years of the Ox, which are 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021 will have a good experience this year, especially in wealth and love.

This year is going to be advantageous for all to focus on relationships, whether we are talking about friendships or love, as this will be a fortunate year for developing partnerships and important connections.

In the Chinese Zodiac, the Ox is very hardworking and methodical. 2021 is going to be a year when work will get rewarded. The Yin energy of the Ox will be quite poignant. This is going to be a year when we will fully feel the weight of our responsibilities, a year when it is necessary to double our efforts to accomplish everything we want. Yet this will also be a time when people will go through a period they haven't enjoyed in a long time, full of peace, quiet and well-being.

So how can Feng Shui help you be successful? According to Ox fortune in 2021, single ones will have a high possibility to fall in love. Therefore, it is advised to catch the opportunities to establish a stable love relationship.

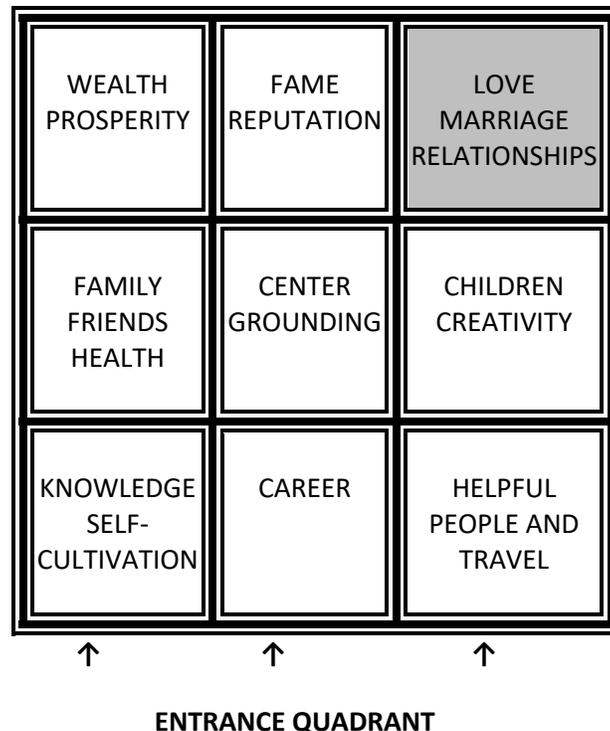
Many of my clients ask me the same questions – “How can I find love? How can I strengthen and reenergize the romance in my life?” This then is your year! Use the energy of the Year of the Ox and the power of Feng Shui to help you achieve your goals.

In Feng Shui there is a direct correlation between home and the quality of relationships. The energy in your home can lead you towards a loving relationship.

You can easily apply Feng Shui enhancements for Love and Marriage success in every room in your house.

Using the Feng Shui Bagua

The Bagua comes from the Chinese philosophy, “The I Ching,” and literally means “eight trigrams,” with the center area being for grounding.



When using the Bagua map, be sure that all areas are clean with no clutter. Keep a clear path to your aspirations. Make sure that the first thing seen in each room is beautiful and inspiring.

Love and Marriage – Bagua Review

In the Bagua, the Love and Marriage area is in the back right corner of your home or office, and is particularly associated with “adaptability, devotion and unconditional support.” This area is called “Receptive Earth” meaning that to truly love another person you must love yourself, opening your heart to be totally receptive to your partner.

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, as well as in the right back corner of every room. Enhancements include:

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

Master Bedrooms:

Master bedrooms are one of the most important rooms in the house. Their ideal location is in the far back right corner; unfortunately, not all homes are built this way. Wherever your bedroom is located it is always important to incorporate some of the red spectrum to bring in fire, pairs of items and romantic representations. 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 fire. Blues, greens, whites, grey and black are too cool for bedroom walls.

Common mistake: The master bedroom is a place for romance and intended to be a romantic boudoir; it should not be overly filled with pictures of children, mothers/fathers, in-laws and extended family. The Children and Creativity as well as the Family, Friends and Health areas of your home are ideal locations for family pictures.

If you are single and looking for a relationship, you should design the room as if two people are already living there. Make sure to use two nightstands, two lamps, and leave room in the closet.

Examples of Love Enhancements for Other Rooms in the Love and Marriage Area

Kitchen – Add two romantic figures, hang a small romantic picture representing a pair, use red dish towels. For fun, I also have a red toaster and blender in the corner.

Dining Room – Add a set of romantic rose candles in beautiful candlesticks, art representing pairs, or a picture of you and your significant other, and setting the table for two.

Bathroom – Hang pictures of romantic vacations, a pair of matching candles, red/pink towels and rug, or a beautiful flower arrangement in the red spectrum.

Office – Display a picture of you and your significant other, or two paperweights.

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

A Missing Love and Marriage Area:

If your Love and Marriage area is missing from 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 tree, a large potted plant in a red pot, hanging a wind chime representing a pair, placing a table and set of two chairs set, or garden art 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 or placing a mirror on the wall by the missing corner.

Affirmations and Inner Work:

Remember that in Feng Shui, intent plays a significant role in enhancing any area of your home or business. All enhancements need to be made with intentionality; written or stated affirmations expressed as if they are already happened are especially important.

Examples of affirmations for the “Love and Marriage” area: *“I love, respect and honor myself”, “I have found my perfect soulmate.”*

Feng Shui at Work:

A client 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 changes 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. In her new house she added the enhancements she learned in our consultation. She now has a wonderful man in her life, and they are expecting their first baby. She could not be happier!

A single client looking for love had a picture of a lonely man in her Love and Marriage Area. I told her it made me feel that this lonely man was also looking for love and she needed to create romantic energy for him to find his soul mate. She replaced the picture with one of a man and woman holding hands strolling along the Seine in Paris. She wrote her affirmations that she had found love and they took a romantic trip to the "City of Lights." Soon after she reconnected with an old flame at a high school reunion. Guess what? They honeymooned in Paris!

During this Year of the Ox create a space in your home, and life for a perfect relationship with your perfect mate. Enlist the energy in your environment to help you achieve your goals.

Classes:

I will be teaching a series of **three online classes** through Acalanes Adult Ed:

"Feng Shui for Prosperity"

Thursdays, April 15 – April 29 1:00-3:00 pm

You can register online at acalanes.k12.ca.us/adulted (Participants will receive \$40 off a home consultation.) and I will see you on Zoom!!

* **Check out my BLOG** – Just go to the website and click on "Blog": You can view many pictures and, I will respond to your questions quickly.

Until then...Blessings!

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