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SOHO

Q&A: Feng Shui experts answers your SOHO questions

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Feng Shui expert, Jodi Brunner, answers some of our chat visitors' questions on how best to set up their office space.

Wiz_Of_oz says: What is Feng Shui?

Wiz, Feng Shui is the ancient Chinese Art and Science of arranging an harmonious living and working environment so as to achieve happiness, health and prosperity. It's also about being in the right place at the right time.

Vesna says: I am going to start a home based secretarial business. What can I do to increase my prosperity? The room is located at the front of the house, in front of the staircase. The table is facing the window and the door is behind the right side of my back. The room is not a square shape, it has the fifty cent coin wall on my right hand side. Above the room, upstairs is a planter plants which holds plastic plants. Any advice is very much appreciated.

Vesna, the most important factor is don't have your back to the door, otherwise you will feel nervous and edgy and won't be able to concentrate. Face the door, this is called the 'Position of Power.' Working when facing a window will also affect your concentration. Plastic plants are OK but real plants are much better as they interact with the environment.

Alicia says: I also have a small business run from home, we have built a business space in our family room, which we all love, but how can I use colour to increase concentration, wealth and success?

Alicia, in the SE put plants, light blues and greens, which are good for business growth and are also tranquil and calming.

Ranee says: I Have a small office of 2000 x 2400 with no windows how can I improve the Feng Shui?

Ranee, windows bring in the sun which is a huge source of Ch'i energy. Without sunlight the room will feel 'cold'. To increase the Ch'i put plants your office and change the fluorescent tubes from cool white to broad spectrum.

Marcus says: I have heard that there are certain FS rules about mirrors can you explain these please?

Marcus, be careful what image a mirror reflects into a room. If it is a nice scene, that's good, but if it is a busy road or ugly sight being drawn into the bedroom, for instance, then it is not good. You can use mirrors to draw in customers and double your

promotions

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income by placing them in the shop, in particular near the cash register. I have written a little book on 20 Ways To Use Mirrors in Feng Shui if you'd like more info.

Mary says: I understand that you should not have cactus in the office. Why?

Mary, the majority rule is that the sharp points of a cactus will cause bad luck. However I believe we generate our own luck. Also according to studies by NASA, cactus, particularly a special variety, generates negative ions, which are of positive benefit to our health.

Wiz_Of_oz says: Jodi, what is a destiny analysis?

Wiz, destiny analysis is a complex system of Chinese Astrology based on the hour, day, month and year of birth and is called 4 Pillars of Destiny.

Katie says: I work in office with a 2.5m X 2.5m booth waist down wall waist up glass partitions, I have a small window, no door. Our office is generally fairly noisy due to it's small size and the fact that I am in customer service, answering phones all day. What can I do to make this a less stressful environment and give it a calmer feeling?

Katie, wear ear plugs and place in front of you a liquid filled hourglass that you can turn upside down now and then and watch the liquid gently flow from top to bottom whilst talking to customers. Also the golden Feng Shui rule – don't have your back to the door. If this can't be avoided, then place an expansive, pleasant scene in front of you and a reflective surface so you can see what's behind.

Chez says: How do I improve the harmony in my business?

Chez, do not have too many reds or crimsons as these colours will cause bickering between staff. There are so many meanings to the word 'harmony', email me with more info.

Lonely_planet says: What are Heaven Luck, Earth Luck and Man Luck?

Lonely planet, Heaven Luck is the luck of a good destiny based on astrological calculations, Earth Luck is the luck of good Feng Shui and Man Luck is the luck we generate ourselves by our good attitude and effort.

Chris says: what books do you suggest the beginner reads if they wish to put FS into practice in their offices?

Chris, try the Easy Feng Shui series of magazines which are printed here in Australia, available from the FENG SHUI network or I can suggest many others by different members of the FENG SHUI network.

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Join Feng Shui expert Jodi Brunner once again this Sunday July 18 @ 8am AEST in our [chat room](#).