

# Feng shui for relationships

Try these helpful tips for enhanced romance

**F**eng shui originates from the ancient Chinese studies of wind, water and energy flows. Feng (meaning wind) and shui (meaning water) is about capturing and accumulating positive energy.

Symbolism is also very important in our lives and its effect on our psyche is far-reaching. When we place an object - any object - in our homes, it will represent something to us in our lives.

There are three ways of approaching feng shui for relationships: symbolism, 'Western' feng shui (based on psychology), and traditional feng shui, which works whether you believe in it or not!

Here are three popular ways you can enhance romance using feng shui...



## 1 DOUBLE HAPPINESS SYMBOL

This Chinese character 'xi', known as 'double happiness' or 'double joy', represents marital bliss. The legend tells in the Song Dynasty, when prime minister Wang Anshi was young, he took part in the imperial examination. On the day of his wedding, he received good news that he was the number one scholar in the imperial

exam. Wang Anshi felt so happy that he wrote another 'xi' beside the first one. He affixed it to the door and it aroused great joy. From then on, this character became popular for celebrating happy occasions.

In particular, when a couple are married, red lucky money envelopes with this symbol will be given as wedding presents, and the bridal ceremony will be adorned with this character.

Therefore, this symbol represents double joy and marital bliss for couples. If you're looking for romance, try placing the 'xi' symbol either near your bed, or in the southwest of your room, which is the relationships corner according to Western feng shui.



## 2 MANDARIN DUCKS

These cute little ducks may be placed in a specific area of your room for romance. The reason we use these ducks is because they mate for life, so they are very dedicated to each other.

To activate romance, first find out your sign (remember, here we're using the Chinese Solar Calendar, which begins around February 4th, so if you're born in January, take the year before):

- \* **Rat:** 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996
- \* **Ox:** 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997
- \* **Tiger:** 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998

- \* **Rabbit:** 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999
- \* **Dragon:** 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000
- \* **Snake:** 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001
- \* **Horse:** 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002
- \* **Goat:** 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003
- \* **Monkey:** 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004
- \* **Rooster:** 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005
- \* **Dog:** 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994
- \* **Pig:** 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995

Next notice the romance location:

- \* **Tiger, horse, dog:** 75-to-105° (east)
- \* **Pig, rabbit, goat:** 345-to-15° (north)
- \* **Monkey, rat, dragon:** 255-to-285° (west)
- \* **Snake, rooster, ox:** 165-to-195° (south)

Activate romance with a pair of Mandarin ducks, a double happiness symbol and fresh flowers in a beautiful vase. Place these in your bedroom in the appropriate sector: north, south, east or west. You don't have to use a compass, just work out which direction the sun rises (east, of course) and sets west; and then you can find north and south easily.

When we look at traditional feng shui for relationships, the analysis is more complicated and you should have a qualified feng shui practitioner advise you how to get the best results. If you've had a consultation, you'll know your house chart.