



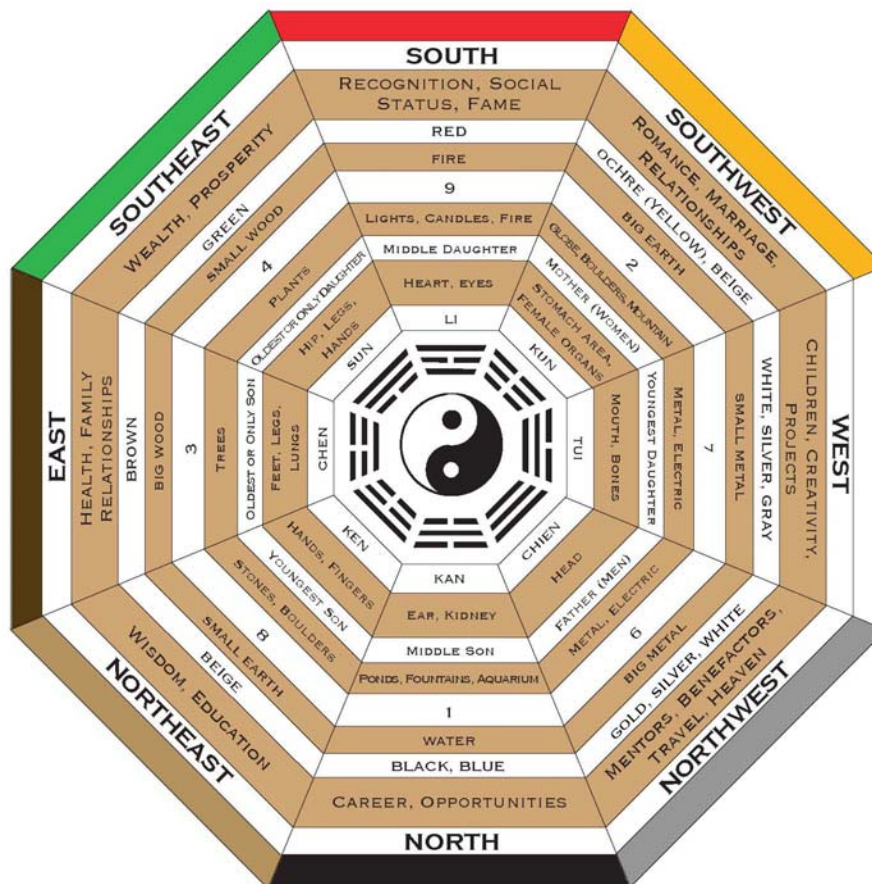
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Pushing the envelope of feng shui

Directions fo Using the Lo Shu Square

The Bagua

The bagua is an eight-sided octagon that relates to the “Eight Aspirations.” The Eight Aspirations are the eight things the Chinese believe correspond to a happy life. These include good family relationships, children, health, good education, wisdom, assistance from helpful people, etc.

The eight aspirations also correspond with a person (mother, father, daughter, son), an element (fire, water, metal, etc.), a number, and a direction (north, south, northwest, etc.), among others. When these are all grouped together in an octagon, this is called a bagua. The bagua is essentially a roadmap of how to harmonize your home with the directions, elements, etc.



By applying the bagua to the footprint of your home, you can determine if there are elements at odds with a particular sector. Or, you can also tell if you are missing a sector. If you are, then chances are the aspiration that corresponds to that particular sector is impacted. So, for instance, if you are missing the south sector, it is possible that you have few friends or you have troubles with your good name.

The example below illustrates how to apply a lo shu square over your house or space. The lo shu square is essentially the feng shui bagua, but in a square shape. This is generally considered the easiest way to assess the individual areas of your house or whatever space you choose to apply the Lo Shu Square to. The house below is a good example of a house that has some positives and negatives going for it, and it shows how to overlay the lo shu square correctly onto your house plan.

Directions for applying the lo shu square to your house or office layout:

Using graph paper, measure and mark off the outline, or "footprint," of your house. Try using 1 square for each 2 feet of space. Or, on plain paper, use .5 inches for every three feet. Next, you will want to divide the space into nine equal squares. Divide these equally by measuring the width and dividing by three. This will be the width for each square. Draw your width lines here. Next, measure the length, and again, divide by three and make a mark at each measurement. Draw your length lines here.

Next, using a compass, determine the direction of your front door.

- Measure this by taking a direction reading standing in the center of the doorway, looking out, and with the door open. Stand just inside the threshold. Hold the compass level and be sure not to have jewelry, belts, or other metallic objects on you while taking the reading. This is the reading you will use to determine the direction your house faces (provided your house and door are parallel).

Now, mark the box with the direction of your front door, wherever that box is. In the example below, you'll see that the front door faces South. That means that the next box, going in a clockwise direction, is then SW. Continue labeling the boxes in this manner. Next, try to be certain that the boxes, and the corresponding house corners, do actually correspond to the actual directions that they are labeled as.

In the example house on the next page, you will notice the following in the diagram below:

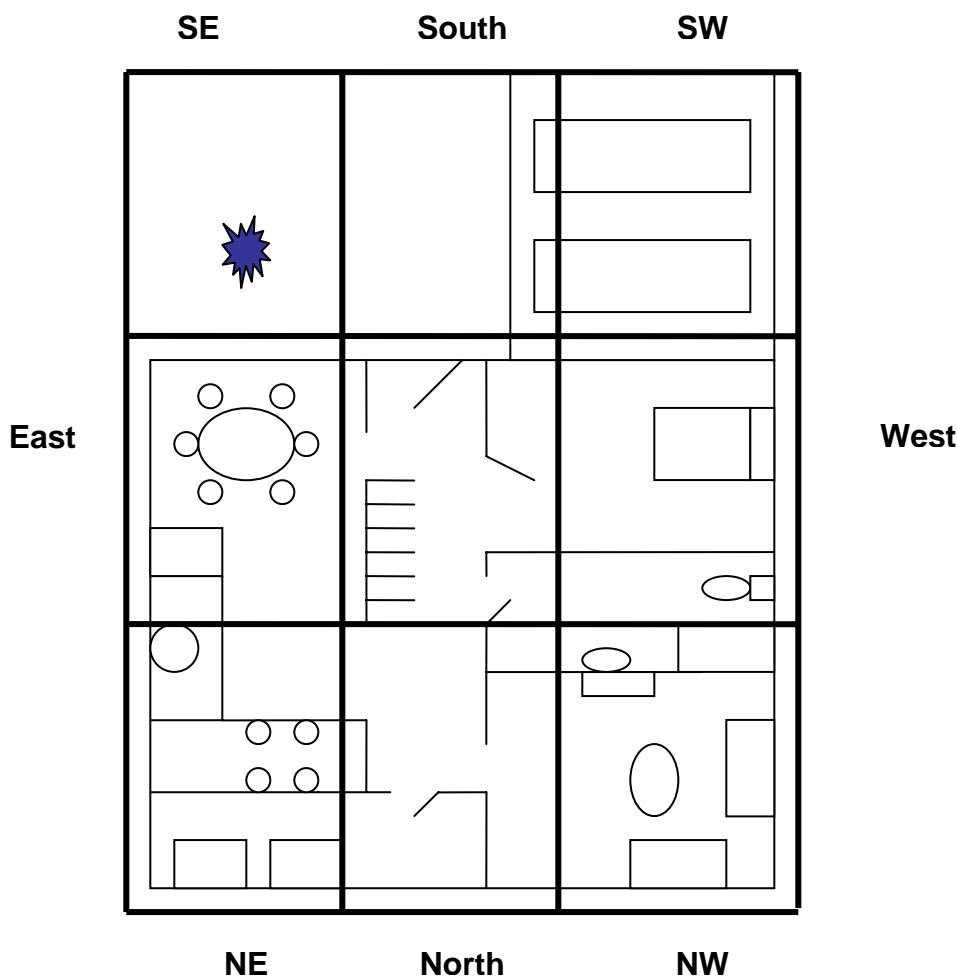
- **The SE or Wealth corner is missing from the home.** This family will have difficulties with finances. To correct this, the owner should hang a large mirror on the SE wall of the dining area. This will help "exand" the area and make it appear to be there. It will also "double" the food area – which is especially good feng shui.

This family should consider closing in the missing section with a garden space, which is also excellent for the SE corner. They could also place a beautiful fountain here. A fountain in this location would be especially auspicious, and since it is to the left of the door (looking out), there is no danger that the husband will wander toward other women as can happen when a fountain is to the right of the door (looking out the door).

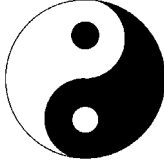
Lastly, the family should consider placing a screen in the doorway or a curtain to block the view of the dining area from the front door. This can lead to a loss of money. Couple that with the SE sector missing, and you've got a family that really is losing money. Since the

dining area is in the East sector of family relationships, it would be nice to place everyone at the table according to their personal auspicious (pa kua) directions.

- **The SW is taken up by a garage.** This is not the best location for the garage, nor is it the worst. The SW is the romance, marriage, and mother/woman sector of the house. At least it's not missing, right? This area should be kept tidy and made attractive with clay pots of flowers at the outside entrance. A rock garden or large boulders (painted gold, too!) between the front door and the garage would be excellent!
- **The stairs "empty" out the front door.** This is not good because it causes energy, opportunities and recognition to drain away. The front door is a very important part of every home. A crystal or windchime in this location will help to dispel the energy. A crystal can also be placed here, and if there is a light in the foyer, this should also be kept turned on here.
- **The living room is in the NW corner of the home and is excellent.** This is the place of the patriarch of the family. Having a large TV or stereo in this location is also excellent. To make this living even more auspicious, I would suggest moving the two sofas and placing a large chair for the man of the house directly in the NW corner.



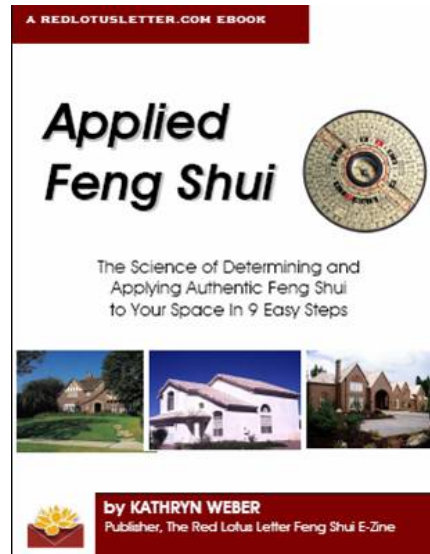
The Red Lotus Letter Lo Shu Square

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