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YEAR OF SNAKE

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Introduction

Thank you for downloading this 2013 Feng Shui Guide! This is the second year I publish this kind of yearly Feng Shui guide. Last year's guide was a great success, with over 3000 downloads recorded! Hopefully this year this book could help even more people.

This Feng Shui Guide is written following traditional Flying Star Feng Shui principles. If you are not familiar with Feng Shui theories, Flying Star Feng Shui is the most trusted and popular Feng Shui system in Chinese society. It has a long history and was used by emperors in ancient times. Basically this system utilizes the intangible energy that naturally exists in the universe by calculating the movement of nine virtual flying stars. These stars occupy the eight corners and the center of every living space including your home, office, shops, etc. By knowing their where-about in a particular year, you can avoid triggering the bad effects of the bad flying stars and maximize the use of positive energy brought by the good flying stars.

There is one thing you must know before using this guide. According to traditional Feng Shui theories, a year begins in Spring, which usually comes on 4 February every year. Therefore, everything we talk about in this book will only be effective from 4 February 2013 to 3 February 2014. In other words, do not start the new year Feng Shui design on the first day of the year or the Chinese New Year, but instead do it on the fourth day of February. This is an important advice that many Feng Shui books do not mention.

Let's start looking at how you could use the flying stars to bring yourself a happy and prosperous Year 2013!

2013 Flying Star Map

The following diagram is the Flying Star map for 2013. It shows the position of the nine flying stars in this year. According to traditional Feng Shui theory, the upper side of this diagram is the Southern direction while the bottom is North. It is 180 degrees different from the way people usually refer to directions.



For your easy reference, I have highlighted the 4 bad directions in grey. So the East, Southwest, West and center of your house are places where the bad flying stars 3, 2, 7, and 5 occupy in this year. The remaining directions are where you may find good “Chi” brought by flying stars 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9.

Don't worry if you don't know how to avoid bad luck and maximize the use of good flying stars. This is exactly what this 2013 Feng Shui Guide is meant to do. I'll explain to you what to do and what not to in these 8 directions and the center.

South

Flying Star 9 (九紫 in Chinese) occupies the South direction in 2013. It means happiness, new baby, new career and marriage. Besides, it also brings good luck for everything.

It is good that your entrance door locates in this direction, because people in this house have higher chance of conceiving a baby, getting married and starting a new career (i.e. everything good). It is also good if you bedroom is located in this direction.



(A big red Chinese double-happiness wall painting)

As I said this direction also means good luck for everything. If you have the desk in this direction, chances are your life in the office or school is much easier (everything is smooth).

Do's and Don'ts

To utilize the good luck of Flying Star 9, you should put something big and red in this direction, for example a red ceiling-hung lamp. This could boost the good effects of this Flying Star. Alternatively, you can put 4 soil-growing plants in this direction because “wood” could bring “fire”, while “fire” is what this direction needs.

Southwest

Southwest is not a good direction in 2013 because Flying Star 2 (二黑 in Chinese) comes to here. This flying star means illness.

If any of the entrance door, desk, kitchen or bedroom of your house is located here, people in the house or that bedroom may get sick easier in this year. If your child's desk is here, your child may be unable to focus on his/her study. All in all, this direction means bad luck, you would want to stay away from it.

Do's and Don'ts

You can place six metal coins or wind chimes with six tubes/bells in this direction in your house. Flying Star 2 belong to "Earth" according to the Five Elements theory and "Earth" could turn into "Metal", so these six metal coins can reduce the adverse effect of this Flying Star by converting the "Earth" into "Metal". Alternatively, you can place something big and in grey color here, because grey belongs to "Metal" too. This is why I usually recommend people placing a grey carpet at the entrance if the door is in the Flying Star 2 direction.

And please remember not to carry out any repair/construction works in this direction; otherwise it would trigger the bad effects of this flying star.



(A metal wind chime with six tubes)

West

Flying Star 7 (七赤 in Chinese) comes to West in 2013. This star means loss of wealth. Besides, this flying star also has the bad effect of bad interpersonal relationship, disputes and theft. Unless you work in the casino or show business, this is not a good direction.

If the main entrance, bedroom or kitchen locates in this direction, the occupants of the house may lose money in investment and gambling easily. The wealth luck would also be bad so there may be bigger expenditure in this year. Besides, there may be turmoil due to interpersonal issues. For health, there may be accidents and injury due to “metal” (e.g. cut by knife, car accident, etc.)

Do's and Don'ts

There are two things you can do to mitigate the bad effects. Firstly, you can place a bottle or large bowl in this direction. Put some water in, add some water, and then place 1 large coin in the middle and 6 smaller coins around (安忍水 in Chinese). According to Five Elements theory, Flying Star 7 belongs to metal category. It is believed that this water bowl/bottle could dissipate the “metallic” characteristic of the Flying Star, thus reduced the adverse impacts of it. You may replace the metal coins with black pebbles as well.



(A typical set-up to mitigate the effects of Flying Star 7)

Another method is to place a plant with large leaves in this direction, although this method should have lower power.

Northwest

Flying Star 6 (六白 in Chinese) occupies Northwest in year 2013. This Star means movement. Many people in Asia who want to migrate to another country utilize this flying star. This star also means travelling, job change and relocation.

This could be good or bad. Some people like changes but some don't. Besides, while this star may bring job change, it could also mean heavier workload and busier life. After all, it depends on whether you like the "change" this star brings.

Do's and Don'ts

If you want a change in 2012, say to move to a larger house, you would need to utilize this Flying Star. Find the Northwest of your house and put something of "Metal" or "Water" characteristic, for example, wind chimes. You could also place 8 white pebbles on a metallic circular plate in this direction. If all you want is a migration to another place, put a ornament in horse shape here.

On the other hand, the center part of Northwest (i.e. 322.6 to 337.4 degrees on the compass) is also the Shui Puo (歲破) direction in 2013, you should avoid having building/construction/repair of your house here.

North

North is the where the Flying Star 1 (一白 in Chinese) locates in 2013. It represents Tao Hua (桃花), literally means peach blossom, which is good for interpersonal relationship. It could mean good relationship with friends, family members and colleagues.



Another meaning of this flying star is good romance. So if you are looking for starting a new relationship, this is the direction to utilize. It is good if the main entrance, kitchen or bedroom is in this direction.

If you don't want to let your child have a boyfriend/girlfriend so early (focus on study!), then do not put his/her desk or bed in North. Since he/she would stay several hours here every day, he/she would have higher chance meeting the white knight/Cinderella.

Do's and Don'ts

Those who are single can utilize the Tao Hua effect in this direction by placing a vase with a flower. Choose a colorful flower. Water and flower can boost the effects of Flying Star 1.

Northeast

Northeast is where Flying Star 8 (八白 in Chinese) is located in 2013. It represents wealth and prosperity. It also carries the meaning of happiness, so good things would certainly happen if this flying star is properly used.



If the entrance door of your house opens to the Northeast, it means that people living in your house would probably have better luck in investment and work. And for people who work at home this is the best location to place the desk.

The period from year 2004 to year 2023 is called the Eighth Yun (八運 in Chinese), when Flying Star 8 is the strongest and the best. In these 20 years, wherever the Flying Star 8 goes is the best direction. So if you could only utilize one good direction, Northeast is the one you have to spent time and effort on in 2013.

Do's and Don'ts

To make full use of this good flying star for wealth growth, make sure you put your desk there. It is certainly no harm to place your bed there as well. To boost the good luck, you

can put things related to water in the Northeast, such as fish aquarium. You may also put large crystal, jade and other “earth” related decorative pieces here.

East

This year, Flying Star 3 (三碧 in Chinese) comes to East. This flying star relates to everything about disagreement between people, such as bad interpersonal relationship, disputes and lawsuits.

It follows naturally that if the main entrance door of your house is located in this direction, people living in this house are more likely than not to involve in disputes with other family members as well as other people such as their colleagues and friends. The worst case may even mean involvement in law suits.

If you have children and their study desks are placed in the East corner of the house, chances are they may not get along well with classmates and teachers. Home office workers may face difficulty to win the hearts of clients if their desks are located at East of the house.

And the principle applies to the location of bedroom and bed. If your bedroom is located in this direction inside the house, you would be adversely affected by this bad flying star.

What makes the situation even worse is San Sha (三煞 in Chinese), which is a terribly bad direction. The San Sha direction is in the East in 2013. If there is any building/construction/repair works in this direction, the bad effect of San Sha will be released, making occupants in the house prone to sickness, personal injury and bad luck.

Do's and Don'ts

Certainly you should avoid triggering the bad effect of this flying star. Do not carry out building works in this side of your house.

If unfortunately the entrance door, kitchen, stove, study desk, bedroom or bed in your house is located here, you can place something red there, e.g. a wall-hung painting in red. The Flying Star 3 belongs to “Wood”, so we put red things that carry “Fire” characteristic to reduce the influence of “Wood” (just like we burn a wood).

Southeast

Flying Star 4 (四綠 in Chinese) comes to Southeast in 2013. This star helps people who need to study and work. It is particularly good for white collar workers. If used properly, this star could help people working in office to get promotion. Main entrance, kitchen, bedroom, bed or desk in this direction means better luck for the people affected.

However, the central portion of this direction is also the Tai Shui (太歲 in Chinese) direction, if treated improperly there would be bad luck.

Do's and Don'ts

To utilize the good effect of this Flying Star, it is great if the main entrance door is located here. Or, you can place your desk there for smooth and efficient working. If you have children, put their desks here so that they can have higher scores in exams. If space does not allow the movement of desks, you can put a green plant in the Eastern direction, preferably in the quantity of four. On the other hand, do not carry out any building/construction/repair works here to avoid attracting the bad effects of Tai Shui.



(Lucky bamboo, a popular choice for boosting the good effect of Flying Star 4)

Center

The central portion of your house is the troublesome area in 2013. Flying Star 5 (五黃 in Chinese) flies to here and brings not only bad luck but also health problems and bad interpersonal relationships.

If the main entrance, kitchen, bedroom, bed or desk is located here, the relevant people would be adversely affected. No matter health, career, relationships... everything would not be good.

Do's and Don'ts

No matter what, avoid starting building/construction/repair works here. Besides, if the entrance door, kitchen or bedroom is positioned here, you should place something metallic here. You can consider things like 6 metal coins or a golden carpet outside the entrance door. Same as Flying Star 2, Flying Star 5 is also “Earth” according to Five Elements theory so you use metal to reduce the adverse effects of this star.



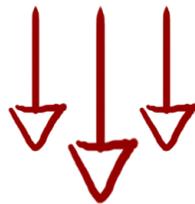
(Metal Coins are good tools to mitigate the bad effects of Flying Star 5)

Summary

I hope you enjoyed reading this e-book and forgive me if you found any misspelling and grammatical mistakes. I'm not a native English speaker. I am a Chinese who have learned and practiced Feng Shui for over 20 years.

So we have learnt everything we need to know to do good Feng Shui? Certainly not. Feng Shui is much more than decorating the eight directions. This guidebook provides some solid points to generally safe guard you from bad luck and utilize the good Flying Stars. If you want to learn more advanced Feng Shui techniques for even stronger effects, I encourage you to visit my blog, Feng Shui DIY (<http://www.fengshuidiy.com>), frequently.

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