

Making Room for Love

by Michelle Luongo

Yes, love does make the world go round! Love is the energy we all need for our well-being. We learn the most valuable lessons as human beings and grow the most through our intimate relationships. Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage. Or do they? If you are single and looking for that special someone, what better time than with the approaching Valentine's Day to touch upon the Feng Shui of love relationships. If you haven't yet found your special someone, there are numerous Feng Shui enhancements to help you open the way to love.

If you want to attract a new romantic partner - or move a relationship closer to commitment, you need to ask yourself one question: Am I willing to make room in my life for this person? Look at your closets, shelves, and dressers, especially in the bedroom; if they are all filled to capacity with your own stuff, making some room for your future partner is a priority. Put last season's items into storage, donate clothes that don't fit to charity and rid your wardrobe of things you don't love. Empty out one of your dresser drawers, and leave some empty hangers in the closet. Stocking the medicine cabinet with a spare toothbrush, razor, and deodorant for an overnight visitor will expand your romantic prospects. When you demonstrate you are willing to share your space with someone special, your romantic prospects will soar.

Don't stop there! Is there a parking space once he or she arrives? Do you park your car in the middle of the driveway, or do you leave space for a guest. Do you live in a condo or townhouse with reserved and guest parking? Why not park in the guest parking spot so there is always a space for that special someone.



In Feng Shui, there are several areas in your home that need your attention: your bedroom, the southwest area, and according to the Bagua Map, the far right corner as you face into your home from the front door (the relationship gua). Therefore, you want to make this area as romantic as possible. Whether you're single or coupled, consider building a "shrine to love" in that spot. Accessorize a table, dresser or shelf with a photo of you and your mate (or other art depicting your ideal relationship), a pair of candles, a book of romantic poetry and a heart-shaped box. It becomes an environmental affirmation of your relationship goals.

One is indeed the loneliest number - even when it comes to furnishings and decor. Having only one nightstand or space on only one side of the bed to climb in and out is very symbolic of solitude. Consider the message - "one night stand" that can actually hold you in single status. Instead, decorate your bedroom as if a partner is already there. Symmetry is crucial, so position nightstands and lamps on both sides of the bed and accessorize in pairs. The images with which you surround yourself can have a powerful effect on your love life. Single people often surround themselves with images of a person alone and complain of difficulty finding romance. Replace any art that represents solitary, companionless objects with art that portrays pairs, such as two people, two flowers, etc.

Get rid of stuffed animals, dolls, and excessive pillows. These items send the message to prospective overnight guests that the bed is already taken. You'll want to rid this space of childhood toys and family pictures. If your love life is going to thrive, you need to set aside a space that is exclusive to you and your lover. Pets that sleep on your bed can really hinder your romantic life. In the event you are single, consider the message you are sending would-be

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partners by giving your pets such a prime spot.

When you exercise in the bedroom or store your sports equipment there, you bring the energy of hard work and exertion into your romance space. Do you want your relationship to feel like a tough workout? If not, move your workout stuff somewhere else; your relationship is likely to move along more smoothly.

Place your bed in "the command position" - where you can see the doorway. Make sure when you lay in bed that you can see the incoming flow of energy when someone enters your bedroom. Otherwise, you will miss new opportunities to meet that great partner, because you do not "see" the energy coming to you.

If you are a victim of a failed relationship, then remove anything in your house that reminds you of that relationship, especially your bedroom. It may be anything: his/her gifts, letters, pictures, etc. Get rid of the old relationship energy right now.

Remove or cover any mirrors in the bedroom during sleep. A bedroom mirror that reflects the bed of a single person



doubles his or her solitude

Make sure both the front door of your home and the door to your bedroom open easily and completely. Doors that stick, squeak, or that only open part way are blocking the flow of romantic energy and opportunity into your home. A loose doorknob on your bedroom door could mean you're having a hard time "getting a handle on" romance; get out your screwdriver and tighten it up. Walk slowly from your front door to your bedroom and look for any areas where furniture or other belongings are stopping or slowing the flow of chi. Clear a path so fresh chi can find its way to your bedroom and nourish your love life. Make sure all the lights along this route are working, replace any burned-out bulbs, and be alert for dark or dingy corners where you can increase the energy by adding more light.

Although some of these changes require a lifestyle adjustment, you'll be surprised at how effective they are. And once your love life starts gathering steam, these changes will seem very small indeed. Enjoy!

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