



## TRADITIONAL CHINESE SYMBOLISMS



A pair of Mandarin Ducks symbolize happiness in love and suggestive of romance, devotion, affection, conjugal fidelity, togetherness and enduring love. Mandarin ducks live in couples and mourn the loss of their mates, which is why the bird has long been regarded as the most traditional and the most potent symbol of love and married bliss in Feng Shui practice. When placed in pair nearby their owners, Mandarin Ducks becomes a powerful cure to attract or enhance love and relationships. For singles, the pair of Mandarin Ducks will enhance your chances of finding love partners; for lovers, it will bring you marriage opportunities; and for married couples, a pair of Mandarin Ducks will hold out the promise of a marriage being gloriously happy with no separation between the spouses.

The Chi Lin or Qi Lin, also known as Kei Loon, is the Chinese Unicorn. It is a legendary creature with head of a dragon, scales of carp upon the body of a horse, and a tail consisting of little curls. It is sometimes called the dragon horse, a mythical creature that has a lot of legends and stories associated to it. One legend has it that they were originally guardians of the gates of heaven. Chi Lin is also being associated to the hou tu square, a symbol of numbers used in advanced Feng Shui analysis. The Chi Lin's presence is said to attract the powerful cosmic breath of the dragon, which promises good omens, wealth, success, longevity, wisdom, compassion, and distinguished children. The magnificent Chi Lin is believed to have great protective abilities. It is also believed that if you look into the eyes of the Chi Lin it will bring you happiness and good fortune.



The Pi Yao is a mystical creature that is an extremely powerful and auspicious amulet of good fortune, just behind the Dragon. It is said to have a voracious appetite that is infinite. The interesting part is that the Pi Yao does not have an anus, which means things only go in but never come out. It is therefore a favorite must-have for businessmen and merchants wishing loads of money rolling in without spilling out a dime. It is no wonder that the figurines of Pi Yao can often be seen in banks, casinos, foreign exchange markets, and finance companies in Oriental countries. Besides that, the Chinese adore the Pi Yao because of its protective, obedient, and loyal nature. It is believed that the Pi Yao will always try its best to fulfill its owner's wish and safeguard the health and welfare of its owner. In short, the powerful Pi Yao ushers in wealth, attracts good luck, wards off evil, brings good Feng Shui, provides protection to the home and individuals, and brings windfall luck.

The Money Frog, also known as the three legged toad or "Chan Chu" in Chinese is probably the most auspicious symbol of money-making. This mythical creature is said to appear every full moon near homes that will receive good news of increased wealth or monetary gain. Often portrayed sitting on a bed of wealth bearing a coin in its mouth, it is a wonderful symbol for wealth and career luck and for the patriarch of the family. The Money Frog is used for attracting wealth and abundance and can often be seen near cash registers, receptions, managers' desk, and offices in Oriental countries.





Another symbol of longevity which also brings an abundance of divine blessings can be found in many Chinese homes today is the Wu Lou. The Wu Lou or the bottle gourd or the “calabash” is a powerful traditional symbol of longevity, good health, prosperity and an abundance of blessings. The shape of a Wu Lou is believed to be a representation of Heaven and Earth united in miniature. Displaying a Wu Lou in and around the home is a good thing to have to enhance one’s Feng Shui. The authentic Wu Lou is made of the gourd fruit plucked from trees, the flesh inside carefully removed and then dried. In ancient times, the Wu Lou is used to store water or potions used during traveling and expeditions. Because of the Wu Lou’s role in keeping the travelers alive, it was given the name the “giver of life” and hence became a symbol of good health. The Wu Lou is also believed to contain the elixir of health, vitality, and immortality. In Chinese mythology, the Wu Lou is often used by Taoist monks and deities to suck and bottle up evil spirits into it, preventing them from doing harm. Hence the Wu Lou is a powerful Feng Shui cure to absorb negative chi of its surroundings.

The pagoda is a temple of knowledge, peace, and silence. It symbolizes the path of wisdom. It is said that a person who knows more or is knowledgeable stands firm like a mountain or a pagoda and cannot be shaken by anything. The Pagoda is believed to possess the power to tame unruly minds and behaviors. As you may read in many Chinese tales, the Pagoda is used for taming of cheeky spirits by ‘imprisoning’ them in it. Hence the Pagoda can be used to ward off evils and bad chi. The Pagoda is a very useful Feng Shui enhancer and cure that brings literary luck, fame luck, protection, and advancement in career. It is also potent to ward off bad energy and killing forces (sar chi) in your abode. The Trinity Pagoda is an excellent cure for the deadly five yellow star which brings accidents, financial loss, and severe problems. It is also perfect for dissolving the #2 black star, also known as the ‘Sickness Star’ which brings illnesses and ailments to occupants. Placing the Trinity Pagoda in the afflicted sector not only exhausts these malignant stars but activates the lucky 1, 6, and 8 flying stars as well. Fill the Trinity Pagoda up with earth taken from your garden or potted plants if you do not have a garden. This symbolizes locking up the Five Yellow and hence suppresses its malignant chi.



Chinese Coins have always been a popular symbol of wealth and prosperity in China. Chinese coins are round with a square hole in the center. The combination of a square hole on a round coin represents heaven and earth, and when used correctly, they can be extremely powerful Feng Shui symbol in attracting the luck of both heaven and earth. In ancient China, scholars believed the coins were very powerful in attracting wealth luck that they were worn on their sons as good luck amulet. When coins are combined with other auspicious symbol like Chi Lin, mongoose, the tortoise, or the dragon, it is said that wealth and success will multiply a thousand times.

Old Chinese coins or modern reproductions are wonderful symbols of prosperity and extremely popular in the application of Feng Shui today. They can be placed in your handbag, wallet, or work files or attached to account books, share portfolios, computers, or telephones to enhance income and wealth luck. Red or gold threads or ribbons are often used to tie them together since it is believed to activate and release the energies of the coins. The Kang Hsi or Chien Long Emperors' reign period were especially prosperous, hence Chinese coins particularly from these eras are held in high esteem and deemed extremely auspicious and powerful. Coins, with intrinsic metal energies, are most potent when they are placed in the West, Northwest, and North sectors. Always display them with the Yang side facing up. The Yang side has four Chinese characters whereas the Yin side has two.



The God of Wealth or *Tsai Shen Yeh* is one of the most popular symbols of wealth, prosperity, and fortune. In ancient times, the God of Wealth was believed to send his attendants out to bestow riches on his devotees. He can be seen in many Chinese buildings and houses, often near the entrances, to help the tenants or inhabitants attract prosperity and wealth to those places as well as to act as a protection for their environments and the income that comes to them. He's extremely popular in the Chinese community so much so that elaborate rituals are performed during the Chinese lunar New Year to welcome the God of Wealth into the household thereby bringing in lots of good fortune and magnifying windfall and speculative luck in life for the year to come. Display the image of the God of Wealth in your living room, main hall, or offices for wealth luck; in good times, he brings prosperity; in bad times, he protects your family from poverty. He is best placed facing directly the entrance. If this is not possible, place the Wealth God diagonally but still facing toward the entrance. Although Wealth Gods are not worshipped or prayed to as deities, do treat them with respect. Do not place them on the floor, toilet areas or kitchen.

Hang the Faceted Crystal Ball near windows in your living room or dining room to catch the rays of morning sun and reflect them into beautiful rainbow potent 'yang' energy to harmonize the flow of chi, purify your surrounding chi, liven up the space and brings loads of luck into the home. It is ideal to add some good Feng Shui for rooms with too little sunlight. As crystal is a wonderful symbol of the earth element, hang the Faceted Crystal Ball in the Southwest corner to energize your romance luck based on the Life Aspiration Theory. You can also hang it to catch the sunlight from the Northeast to enhance education and knowledge luck. The Faceted Crystal Ball can also be used to deflect Sar Chi from poison arrows caused by sharp edges of furniture and buildings.



Laughing Buddha is also known as the Buddha of Happiness. Legend has it that nothing would make this Buddha happier than to see people's problems, worries and sadness transform into happiness. The Laughing Buddha is a well known symbol of wealth, happiness, innocent and contented joy. It is believed by rubbing his belly, which is said to contain much wealth, it will bring good luck and prosperity to all in the home and the bigger his round tummy, the more auspicious the image. This jolly deity is one of the most beloved of Buddha images. He can be seen in almost every Chinese households and restaurants throughout the world. The Laughing Buddha is also known as the Buddha of Wealth, usually depicted carrying wealth symbols such as pots of gold, large ingots and a sack believed to contain treasures.

These Chinese mythical guards are part dog and part lion. The male has his left paw resting on a sphere while the female has her right paw resting on a pup. They have fear-inspiring faces are believed to be protectors that ward off evil influences and spirits. It is their task to probe the mind and intentions of visitor entering your home. It is said that people with good thoughts can pass by the Fu Dogs unhindered, but they see through bad people and refuse them entry. The Fu Dogs also nourishes Chi that enters the home or business premises and thus bring in good fortune.





Commonly known to the Chinese as Kuan Yin as the Goddess of Mercy. Kuan Yin is a compassionate being who watches for, and responds to, the people in the world who cry out for help. You can invoke Kuan Yin's assistance by simply calling out her name. Kuan Yin is a savior with boundless compassion, a comforter of the sick, lost, frightened and unfortunate. Kwan Yin's main attraction for people lies in her efforts to eliminate suffering and to allow people to live in peace and harmony. This kind of immediate benefit and the ability to receive protection or help simply by calling on her. To have a Kwan Yin picture or statue in your house brings loads of good luck and protection to the household and family. Place this Kwan Yin facing the main entrance of your home to bless you and your family with peace, protection, happiness and safety.

The fish is a symbol of wealth, one that is widely used to attract wealth luck for its owners. Chinese word Yu, which means fish, phonetically matches the word for abundance, - therefore, the fish is an auspicious item to have since it enhances your Wealth and Career luck as well. The Arrowana is a tropical fish reputed to be the world's most expensive freshwater aquarium fish. A decent size of certain varieties may cost up to tens of thousands of dollars. Because of its close resemblance of the oriental dragon - with its two 'whiskers', scales and the way it glides through the water, the Chinese character for fish, 'yu' means abundance and coupled with the dragon being the ultimate good luck symbol. The Arrowana is a very powerful Feng Shui enhancer associated with wealth, luck, strength and power.



An image or symbol of two cranes has great influence and impact on your love life according to many ancient Eastern philosophies. The Bird of Immortality, the crane is a very popular symbol that heralds longevity, marital harmony and wisdom and is believed to live a thousand years. The crane is the most favored of all bird symbols of good fortune in Feng Shui next to the phoenix. Place a image of two cranes in the Romance and Relationship area of the main floor of your living space or in that same space of the bedroom you sleep in. This symbol is particularly useful and effective in overcoming any problems surrounding your love life but most especially if those problems stem from differing backgrounds.

The tortoise is sacred and much loved by the Chinese as a symbol of longevity, stability, strength, support and endurance. One of the four celestial animals (Dragon, Phoenix, Tiger and Tortoise), the tortoise is an important and powerful symbol of landscape Feng Shui. Activating the tortoise in the North part of your home is one of the best Feng Shui features to have. The tortoise is the best icon of longevity. The tortoise is believed to live up to 3000 years and therefore is extremely popular with those who seek to live a long and healthy life.

