

# Feng Shui Q&A

Dear Laurie,

I am a writer and my husband is a graphic designer. I have been feeling a lack of creative juice, sometimes known as "writer's block." Being creative is our livelihood. Are there any feng shui tips on creating an environment that helps to stimulate creative ideas, nurture them and help them grow to manifestation.

Stumped in Southgate

Dear Stumped in Southgate,

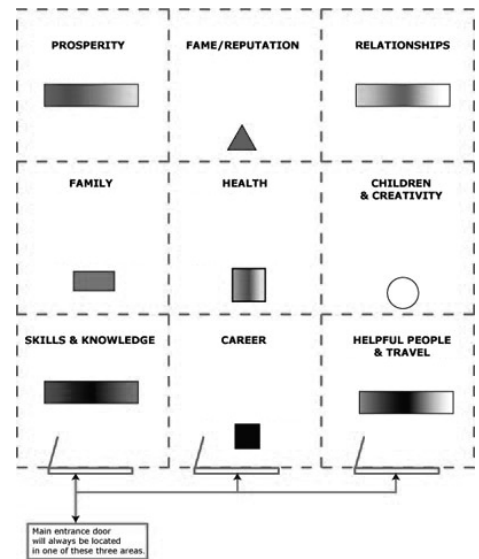
There are some terrific guidelines in Feng Shui which will definitely help enhance creativity. A creative space must contain some slow, peaceful energy so that one is able to think, plan, and allow the ideas to germinate. In addition, there needs to be some vibrant energy, which allows for manifestation. I recommend finding a specific place in

your home/office that is designated as the "creative" area. When choosing this spot, ask yourself what is the main energy I want in this spot? How do I need to feel when I am writing, designing, etc.? What works best for me?

Additionally, there is a "Creativity" section in the floor plan of every home/office. After overlaying the Bagua map (see above), apply the suggestions below to this area of your home, as well as to the specific "creative" room that you have chosen.

I recommend having a blank canvas as a background for the walls, perhaps a shade of white. Then, add spots of color with artwork, furniture and accessories in order to create the right balance and rhythm to the area. Artwork and furniture with bright, bold colors and patterns create a more energetic area; whereas softer, muted tones with simple patterns create a more peaceful space.

Finally, clear your clutter, and have an organized system for the tools that you need. There will be times when you are working on a project and you may have many files, photos, notes, etc. all over your work space. This type of creative mess is usually inevitable; however it should only be temporary. Once the current project is complete, all materials should be filed and stored. I also recommend having some elements from nature in the room such as natural



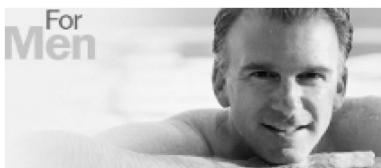
light, plants, perhaps a fish tank, a fountain, or a collection of rocks and stones. It is also a good idea to display any previous projects that were a success.

I hope these suggestions help you to create a vibrant environment, and get your creative juices flowing!

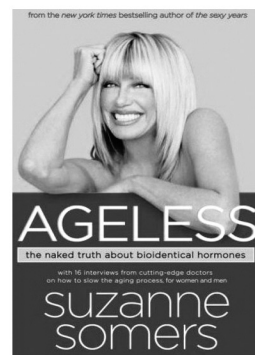
Good Luck and Good Ch'i,  
Laurie

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