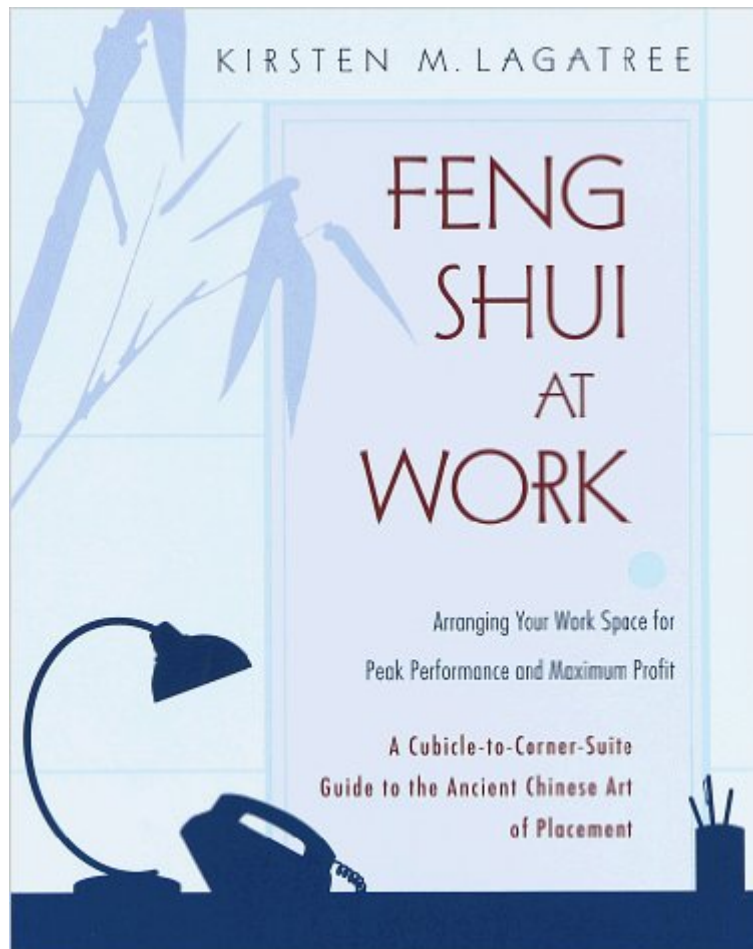


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Feng Shui At Work : Arranging Your Work Space To Achieve Peak Performance And Maximum Profit



Synopsis

For centuries, people have relied on the power of feng shui, the ancient Chinese art of placement, to bring good luck and prosperity. Now, with this easy step-by-step guide to feng shui in the workplace, you can improve your chances for promotion, your financial success, and your relationships with colleagues and clients--just by rearranging your office furniture! With feng shui, subtle changes--such as the placement of your desk or the use of color in a room--can bring dramatic results. Feng Shui at Work offers easy solutions to common problems in the workplace. Learn to:

- use your professional goals to create personalized feng shui enhancements
- choose where you sit in a meeting to give you the most control and to gain support for your ideas
- jump-start your creativity by clearing energy-clogging clutter from your desk
- boost your corporate finances by adding a fish tank to the right place in your office
- use a desk lamp to reduce workplace stress--by balancing the yin and yang in your office
- improve your relationships with colleagues by moving your desk

Bestselling author Kirsten M. Lagatree adapts the ancient rules of feng shui to the modern office with easy-to-follow tips for any workplace. Here are creative ideas for enhancing feng shui in a conservative corporate environment, ways to counteract problems resulting from too much electronic equipment, and tips for the home office. In clear language, she explains how to arrange every kind of work space--from cubicle to kitchen table--to put feng shui to work for you.

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Customer Reviews

Kirsten Lagatree's latest book, *Feng Shui at Work*, is a literary example of the ancient Chinese art of placement, with its beautiful illustrations and breezy, concise writing packed with meaning. I'll have to admit I approached the whole concept of feng shui--in which furniture, artifacts, plants, fountains, lighting, etc.--are carefully selected and positioned to optimize abundance and success--with my jaded western eye askance. After reading, *Feng Shui at Work*, however, I'm a potential convert. This refreshing and uncluttered work gave me a great deal of insight into the many offices I've occupied over the course of a 30 year career, including a number that worked well for me and several that didn't. Could this have been feng shui at work? In the past, I've confined my efforts at office design to bringing in a couple of pleasing objects and focusing on them to the exclusion of whatever torture the corporate meanies might have in store for me in my particular Kafkaesque cell, then letting the papers fly where they may. Lagatree's book made me aware that I can play a much more instrumental role in shaping my work environment--and potentially my work relationships THROUGH my work environment--by paying attention to where I put my desk and file cabinet in relation to doors and windows, planning the content of the art I place on my walls, and my use of color, light, wood, plants, water, small animal sculptures and other materials. I don't know that I buy the entire feng shui program as of yet--it's hard for me to believe, for instance, that poison arrows (bad feng shui, or sha-ga) fly down the long corridor outside my office (although I will cop to observing a lot of loony behavior out there in the Hell Hall).

Kirsten M. Langtree tells you how to arrange your work space for maximum peak performance and maximum profit. If you work in an office this is a must read, even if you are not a believer in Feng Shui. The author describes several typical work environments and how to make them more comfortable. If you are not familiar with Feng Shui (it's acupuncture or acupressure for physical spaces), Kirsten gives the reader a brief overview of the history and basic principals of this ancient Buddhist practice to start. She then goes into more details and mentions the two systems she uses. Apparently, there are several Feng Shui schools divided into the compass schools and Black sect schools. Kirsten uses a bit of both and I found this confusing. In fact, I find the compass issue a bit confusing and used the information from the Black sect perspective (stand at the doorway, look in placing the Ba-Gua's North side on the wall of the door). If you have not had any previous exposure to Feng Shui, you may not understand when she is switching back and forth between the two schools the book needs a clearer explanation on this. Aside from these points, there is a lot of good information about office seating and arrangements that anyone could benefit from. I repositioned my desk after reading her section titled *Desk for Success* and found an immediate difference in my

productivity. Her case studies were helpful and inspiring. Just reading this book gave me another perspective on space. I have visited a lot of clients in corporate offices and have found so many things about the cubicle environment disturbing. But Kirsten goes through a step-by-step process of offering tips to make these environments more humanizing.

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