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## Home Office Feng Shui

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Office plants and flowers add life to your space and clean the air, like in this Lafayette home office.

Q: Are plants a good idea in my home office?
A: Plants are an excellent addition to any space, they introduce live Qi and clean the air. Avoid spiky, prickly plants, unless you want that to be a dominant trait of your business. Fresh flowers are also worthy of a home office space and there are many reasonable options. Enjoy the fresh "blooming" Qi, allowing your business to blossom with delightful growth, solid financials, and harmonious, sweet smelling relationships.

Here are a few tips for setting up a home office with feng shui design principles in mind:

**PLACEMENT** ... First and foremost, if you are able, place the desk in the all-important commanding position – the furthest corner of room away from the door, but facing the door, with your back to a solid wall, not a window. Your back should not face the door either. This placement in many cases also allows for a view out a window, hopefully providing respite or inspiration. If your office easily accommodates the commanding position for the desk, place that piece of furniture first, then find place the other pieces. The commanding position is the single most important feature of any office with auspicious feng shui.



A modern, well-lit office will add good feng shui, and help you see better.

**DE-CLUTTER** ... Keep your desk from turning into a dumping ground. If you want to move forward with your business, clean your office and keep your desk as tidy as possible. It is a complete myth that "messy" desks are a sign of creative genius. Staying organized and on top of your business allows you to respond versus react to new opportunities. Remember the law of attraction: Chaos attracts more chaos.

**LIGHTING** ... Allow for full and proper illumination of the work you do in your home office by checking to make sure you have 100-watt bulbs, at a minimum. Use floor and desk lamps, and drum shades to effectively create a clean, updated, and crisp work environment while still remaining consistent with your

home office location.

**ART** ... Fill your walls with inspiring pieces that remind you of the meaning of your work and what you share with the world. There are specific places for your credentials to be displayed, and apply the five elements (earth, fire, metal, water and wood) to create an additional level of vibrant energy in your environment.

**DISTRACTIONS** ... Remove as many reminders of home-based distractions as possible, with the intention to focus on your work even if your office is in your home. This will help so you are not constantly reminded of the distractions of home that may keep you from timely completion of tasks.



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