

## Feng Shui

### Front entrance refresh

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My current favorite red paint color is a Benjamin Moore “Poppy” since it is cheerfully bright with zero purple in it. Yellow is also a popular color and Hawthorne Yellow, also by Benjamin Moore, is not such a blinding yellow; it’s softer and also pops with many different homes.

There is also a huge trend I am sure you have seen around town to include more wood and wood stained front entrances but also tying that in architecturally to small siding areas, garage doors and also decks and porches.

Benjamin Moore’s Arborcoat wood stain has many color and stain options, including semitranslucent all the way up to full saturation coverage. Remember, the trick is to use “brush outs” of your color choices and view them at different times of the day so you see and rate each color in vastly varied light.

Here are some other Mandala options to create a front entrance that welcomes good

fortune, happiness, vitality and health to your home:

- 1) Make sure house numbers are hung horizontally and are visible from street.
- 2) The journey to your door should be clean and include colorful fragrant blooms.
- 3) The front entrance area should not have cobwebs and ideally is tidy.
- 4) If there is room, flank your front door with colorful pots filled with flowers.
- 5) A fresh welcome doormat should match the size of your front door.
- 6) Lighting is key so always change light bulbs that burn out and clean fixtures.
- 7) Place a water feature that bubbles up as close to the front door as possible.
- 8) Consider painting your front door a bright color or re-staining, if wood.

Implementing these easy and accessible front entrance tips will allow you to welcome fully and completely the life force Qi to your home and your life.

Happy spring!



Double doors subliminally suggest braggy or bossy behavior. Try to avoid if possible or, at minimum, the doors should be to scale for the house.

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