



Year of the Rat

Directions, Challenges & Solutions

4) **SOUTHWEST** – This area is the “Star of Intelligence or Romance.” If these are areas you want to cultivate in your life, use whatever you want to boost the energy. MORE is not necessary, but okay. You may be drawn to have certain items to represent your dreams/desires in this area. Also area of **travel**.

This is an especially good location if the FRONT door is located here. (No, you don’t need to remodel to make the front door be in this location. This changes each year. Just take advantage of this energy if you are blessed to have this.)

Avoid **adding** Metal Element (all metals, white and round-shaped objects) since these can attack the Wood Element of this area. Either remove Fire Element (fire, burning candles, triangle- and pyramid-shapes), or reduce it by adding Water Element (water, blues, wavy-shape, dark colors like black or navy blue).

Modern Cures (You only need to **add** ONE of these to the area. More is not necessary, but okay if you want): **Clean, still water** (Four Lucky Bamboo or flowers in clean water, fish in bowl like a goldfish or Siamese Beta fish)

Traditional Cures: Abacus or Calligraphy Pen Set (academic & creative energies), Crystal Globe (travel), Amethyst Stones, Gem Tree, Green Jade Pagoda, single-pointed quartz crystal.

Great location for an office for writers or creatives

If the bedroom is in this direction, use relationship images to support the energy (a wedding photo, animals that mate for life (cranes, eagles, wolves, etc.), a couple holding hands, and a couple dancing are a few examples. Traditional cures: Dragon & Phoenix figurine, wood Quan Yin, Mandarin Ducks

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