



Everyday Feng Shui

GOOD QI FOR WORK

The **qi** in your home office or study needs the balance of calm and quiet along with being mentally stimulating. You will want **yin** or cool hues to help concentration and gentle lighting with an orientation towards the east – the rising sun brings you **yang qi** which is beneficial for thinking and reading.

If your home office is situated to the west of the house, the strong setting sun will make you feel sleepy so you'll need devices to control the heat and glare. For practical reasons it is preferable if you are away from the activity and noise of the kitchen or family room.

The **qi** from a window can distract you from your work so make sure your desk isn't placed directly underneath. Put it in a secure corner if you can, with your back against a wall and so you can easily see the doorway. Lighting should come from the side of your desk – left if you are right-handed and right if you are left-handed.

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