

Introducing Compass Concierge

We all know that the key to maximizing your return on the sale of your home is ensuring it looks its best. Frequently getting your home to look its best requires home improvements to prepare your home for what today's buyer is looking for. The challenge comes in how to finance the cost of these home improvements and finding qualified contractors available to do the work. We have the solution. Compass recently launched an industry leading Concierge program that fronts the cost of your home-selling improvements. From cosmetic renovations, painting, flooring, landscaping, pest control and deep cleaning to moving & storage, Compass Concierge is a comprehensive home preparation financing solution. When your home sells Compass will be reimbursed for the cost of the work without adding any additional costs or fees. In addition, we also have the labor! Unlike other realtors, under Raintree Homes (CSLB#: 1047454), we are also licensed and insured general contractors with a team of seasoned staff. Our goal is to make the home selling process as painless as possible while maximizing your return. Please don't hesitate to contact us to learn more and we look forward to hearing from you with your real estate questions. Erin - 925.951.3817; Darrick - 925.900.8218



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Feng Shui

The importance of elemental layers



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Layering and creating an active yang front entrance might include arching dancing lights, custom gates, and lots of fragrant flowers. A welcoming secret garden always creates the magic reflected in thoughtful design.

By Michele Duffy

Perhaps you've noticed, even with the rain, that the early summer season has begun and we are happily awash in a complete symphony of seasonal layers – mating rituals of birds dancing about, bunnies peering from tall grasses, or massive flowers bobbing gently in the sunlight. These seasonally rich layers remind us that nature is powerfully abundant and is aligned perfectly with the age-old timing cycles. Layers reveal depth and create happiness, as well as harmonious and sumptuous feng shui.

The layers of feng shui are as varied and complex as a moody Napa cabernet, but it is important to properly layer feng shui elements in the appropriate Bagua areas. Understanding how the Bagua areas optimally work together can create a holistic, restorative and sustainable environment to manifest the life you want now. If attracting a new relationship is inviting your curiosity,

keep the Bagua area opposite Relationships – wisdom/self-knowledge/skills – in mind and pay more mindful attention to auditing this area as well. The close relationships of all Bagua areas to one another is often overlooked, and it is important to address this for greater success.

The Five Elements help to activate the Bagua areas in your home using the actual element, color or shape. To represent the water element, we might add a water feature such as a fountain, or an Orchid to bring in the wood element.

Other layering aspects of feng shui are designed to create greater harmony and Qi flow including furniture placement, lighting and fragrance. Understanding how to apply all of these elements is not complicated, however, it is why many people choose to work with a professional to avoid overspending and to methodically prioritize to create the results you want most.

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