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Feng Shui Makeovers Make For Incredible Home Improvements

One of the most important decisions that a home buyer or a home renovator has to make is in the character of the living space and how it will affect your interaction with the environment. The Chinese art of Feng Shui emphasizes a system of key principles that focus on making the spaces we live in useful and practical. **MaryAnn Russell**, author of the book ***The Feng Shui Factor: Modern Houses Ancient Blueprint*** offers up a quick course in the essentials of feng shui.

MaryAnn Russell's passion for property renovation has brought many a home or residence up to a whole new level of living enjoyment and potential. There are lots of different aspects of a property from the neighborhood setting to the interior of a bedroom. You need to learn how to analyze all the factors that make a home or property strong or weak and identify how to make the right improvements to fully explore personal development and maximize environmental potential at a reasonable cost.

The following photos show and explain the situation of a house before and after the home improvements Ms. Russell specifically selected to improve the strength, warmth, friendly character of a house based on the principles of feng shui.



Front Exterior – Strategic Area for Attracting Energy

Before: The roof line has protruding beams (poison arrows) pushing energy out and a tree is positioned in direct alignment with the front door obstructing its visibility.

After: The protruding beams have been cut and the fascia board smoothes out the roof line making it *more welcoming*. The tree has been removed giving the front door *full visibility*.



Front Door – Feng Shui Begins Here

Before: The original front door is off center which throws off the balance of the house. The glass panel to the right further weakens the entrance.

After: The glass panel is removed, allowing a 42" door to be installed directly in the center of the path thereby *maximizing the balance and strength* of this key area.



Foyer – Room of First Impression

Before: The staircase has a chaotic, unsettled impact on the entrance and the upper bedroom door is overly exposed to the entrance.

After: The staircase now has a lower profile creating a settled, *solid and balanced* entrance. The upper bedroom door is now *private and protected* from the entrance.



Kitchen – Key Area for Health and Wealth

Before: The upper cupboard is a hazard and the low florescent lighting creates a compressed and constricted atmosphere around the counter.

After: The upper cupboard is removed, the florescent lighting is removed and the ceiling is raised to *optimize the flow* of the entire kitchen area.



Range Cook Top – Key Area for Health, Wealth and Career

Before: The cook top is directly across from the sink putting fire and water at odds with each other agitating the environment. The burners are limited by the low mounted hood.

After: A five burner cook top has been offset so that it does not oppose the sink, the area above the range is expanded and a hood with a curved design has been installed to *strengthen and protect* this key area.



Wet Bar – is located on the *Center Line* of the house.

Before: An open drain located on the center line of the house along with the mirror reflecting the outside challenges the feng shui. The *Center of the home* is leaking energy in a horizontal and vertical direction.

After: The sink and the mirror are removed creating a balanced and stable key *center* area.



Conversation Pit – The Fire Element

Before: The conversation pit has a double sided fire place giving the home a total of 4 fire places, which is an excess of the fire element for the square footage. The sunken pit between the living and dining area lacks flow and balance.

After: The conversation pit is filled in and one side of the fire place is bricked off, reducing the fire element. The area becomes an extension of the coat closet for additional storage and the feng shui for the living and dining room have both been improved.



Master Bedroom - Key Formative Area

Before: The bedroom/sleeping area is overly exposed to the bathroom area. The $\frac{3}{4}$ wall design, wide door way and the wardrobe mirrors are influencing the sleeping area.

After: The wall has been raised to meet the ceiling, the doorway narrowed and the closets redesigned removing the mirrors. The bathroom and the sleeping area are now two separate areas.



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For more feng shui home improvement ideas and information visit
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MaryAnn Russell is an expert in the field of environmental energy. As a feng shui consultant she has studied all the major schools of feng shui. For over a decade the focus of her research and practice has been on the feng shui factors that truly influence the quality of people's lives. For years she has worked with home owners, business owners, realtors, investors, designers and builders to maximize the potential of their environments. As a feng shui practitioner MaryAnn is continually focused on her passion for homes, remodeling and property renovation. She emphasizes making feng shui relevant, practical and useful so that people can gain the greatest possible benefit from their living spaces.

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