



Feng Shui aquariums are becoming increasingly popular, as they are not only attractive, but are thought to enhance the lives of those who care for them. You can create your own Feng Shui aquarium at home, by following these simple tips.

The ideal Feng Shui aquarium will incorporate all 5 elements of Feng Shui,

- **Wood** is represented by the plants,
- **Water** will be present in the aquarium,
- **Earth** is present as the gravel in the bottom of the tank,
- **Fire** should be represented in the colours of the fish chosen (reds, yellows, gold's and oranges), and
- **Metal** is represented by the use of grey rocks and stones around and in the tank.

A well established Feng Shui aquarium in the right area of the house is believed to be an amazing source of positive energy, wealth, career opportunities, abundance, luck and family health. Goldfish draw in good energy, and the types of fish you include in the Feng Shui aquarium are important as well. Colours that have a bright and vibrant feel to them such as gold shades and yellows should be selected.

Placement

The placement and shape of the tank is important, as tanks which are not located in the right area of the home can attract bad "chi" (energy). The number one spot for keeping an aquarium is in the south eastern part of the house. Placing a tank here will attract positive energy in the fields of wealth and abundance. The next best place is the northern area of the house, as a tank in this area will promote energy in the career fields. Placing a tank in the eastern parts of the house will help in the areas of family and health. Avoid the kitchen or bedroom, as placing a tank in these rooms this will promote bad "chi" which will transfer to those around it, bringing unwanted energy and bad luck.

Placement of Tank

The shape of a Feng Shui tank should be round, hexagonal or cylindrical. Because the round symbol is said to be wholesome, infinite and never ending, a circular tank is considered especially good luck. If you can't get a circular shaped tank then a rectangle tank will be fine. Square shaped tanks are said to draw in negative energy and bad "chi", so this shape is best avoided.

Types of Fish

You can use any type of fish for your Feng Shui aquarium as long as you keep them healthy and happy. Traditionally in China, the Arowana is considered the best source of fish to generate wealth. In Australia, Arowana aren't available, but tanks here can still benefit from the second most popular fish in Feng Shui, the Goldfish. If used correctly, Goldfish will promote wealth.

Fish Colours

The colour of the fish chosen also plays a big part in Feng Shui aquariums. Brighter colours such as red, yellow and blue promote good "chi". Darker colours such as black can also be good when accompanied by gold coloured fish, but there should always be more gold than black e.g. 2 gold and 1 black, 8 gold and 1 black. Many combinations are possible, however care should be taken to adhere to the guidelines for the correct use of numbers.

Number Combinations

There are certain optimal combinations of fish which will result in the best Feng Shui. The number 9 is considered ideal, so if you have room, have 9 fish in your tank. If space allows for the addition of more fish, use multiples of 9 (9, 18, 27 etc). 3 is another good Feng Shui number and 3 fish will still deliver good Feng Shui in a small aquarium.

Water Quality

The water quality for a Feng Shui aquarium should be the same as that in which the fish are normally kept. However, a Feng Shui tank should have very clear water with no tannins or darkness in the water at all. Keep the water crystal clear to generate good luck and abundance. If you have less than perfect water the bad water "chi" will be sent out into the room and attach itself to those around it, bringing bad luck.

Feng Shui Aquarium Ornaments

Some ornaments that can be used in a Feng Shui aquarium are:

- Pebbles (bright or metal shades preferably).
- Small trees (plastic)
- Small coins that promote wealth and that don't affect the water chemistry (no copper)

The ideal time to establish a Feng Shui aquarium is just before Chinese New Year, so that your house can benefit from good energy for the entire year. They are easy to establish and care for, and will prove an attractive part of your house all year around.

