

the feng shui bagua

Adapted from **Clear Your Clutter with Feng Shui** – Chapter 8

An in-depth study of the feng shui bagua can take many years and after reading or listening my book you may be interested to read up on it further. However, for the purpose of getting you motivated to clear your clutter, I am just going to explain it in very basic terms and with a very simple diagram.

Let's say you want to apply the bagua to your home. First, get a clear sheet of plastic and a pen that can write on that type of surface. Draw a square and divide it into 9 boxes – 3 on the top row, 3 on the middle row and 3 on the bottom row. Label the boxes as shown below:

The feng shui bagua (simplified diagram)



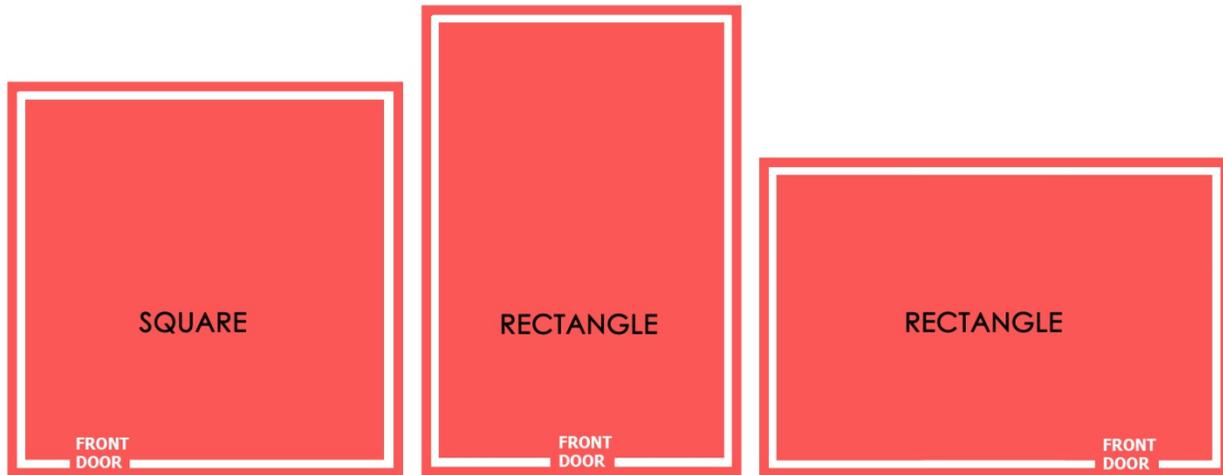
Next, get a sheet of ordinary paper and sketch the plans of your building – just an outline showing all the walls and doorways from a bird's-eye view will do. If you rent space in part of a house, don't draw the whole building, just draw the apartment or the room you live in.

Then turn the sheet of paper until the front entrance to your house, apartment or room is parallel to the lower edge of the sheet, as if you are facing towards it and about to step inside, and place the drawing of the bagua on top of it. The front entrance is the determining factor in how to position the bagua because this is how energy as well as people enter your home.

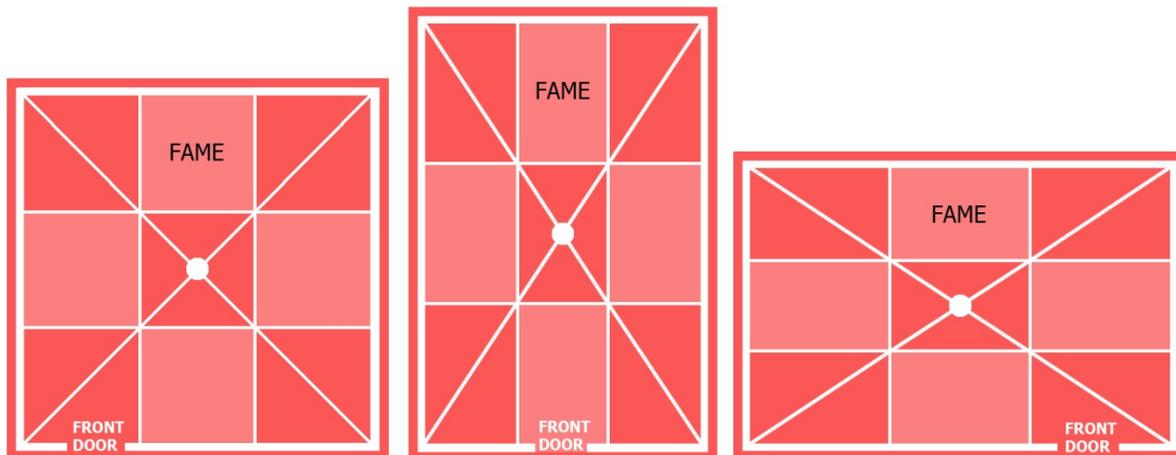
Special note for the Irish and other extra-friendly communities of the world: If you, your family, your visitors and the postman delivering your mail use your back door as your front door, then your back door is the door you use for the purpose of aligning the bagua!

The next step is to locate the centre of your home so that you can position the bagua over the plans and read off from it where each area of your life is located in the building. If the building is square or rectangular, this is easy. You simply draw diagonal lines from each of the corners to determine the centre point, and line this centre point up with the centre point of the bagua. It has an elastic quality and stretches to fill the rectangular shape.

Examples of symmetrical buildings or rooms:



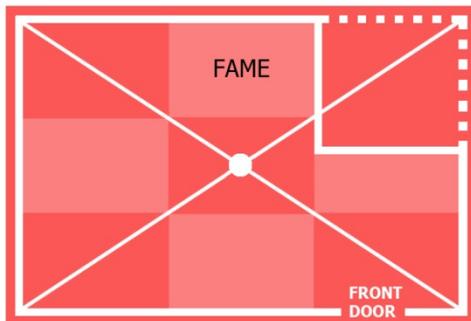
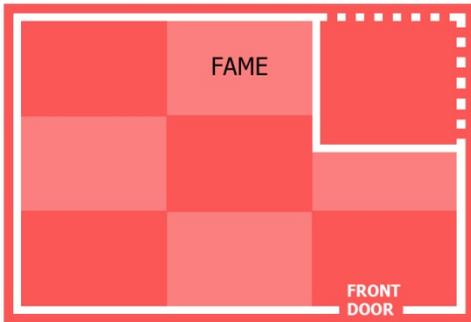
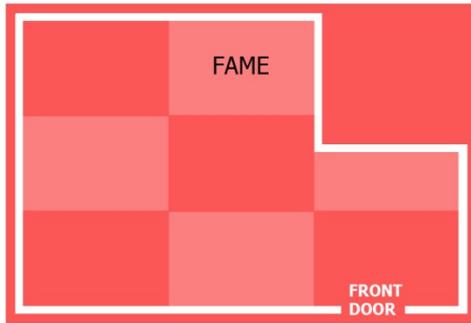
Determining the centre point of a building or room:



missing areas

If the building is an irregular shape, you will first have to square it up before you can draw in the diagonal lines to establish the centre point and line it up with the dot in the centre of the bagua.

In the following example, the entire Relationships area (back right corner) is missing and part of the Creativity area. Unless there are compensating factors or feng shui cures in place to remedy this, the occupant of this space is likely to have difficulty finding or maintaining a successful relationship, and may also be creatively challenged.



baguas within baguas

This is where it gets even more interesting. Not only does the bagua apply to the building as a whole, but there is also a larger bagua for the plot of land it stands on (swivel it to align the lower edge of the grid parallel to the main entrance to the plot of land) and a bagua for each room within the building (align the lower edge of the grid parallel to the doorway to each room).

So that puts paid to any ideas you may have had about secretly shifting your junk to a shed at the bottom of the garden. A junk shed in the far left-hand corner of your garden will sabotage your finances, one in the far right-hand corner will put a strain on your relationships, one in the centre at the back of your garden can damage your reputation, and so on. There is nowhere you can put clutter where it will not affect you!