

WELCOME TO LIFE COMPASS BY FORTUNE COMPASS

1. Getting Started

Turn on your Life Compass by pressing the *Fortune Button* (○).



The left side button is a “5-way switch” that moves up an down (▲, ▼) to choose items from menus or lists, right and left (▶, ◀) to step to the next or previous item or screen, and also can be pressed (●).

The Fortune Button ○ is used to save or enter choices and to step to next screen.

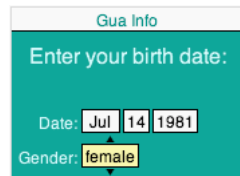
The first time you power on your Life Compass you use ▲, ▼ to set the *language*, then toggle ▶ to set the *operating mode*. For simpler operation choose *Basic*, however the default setting (“Advanced”) is usually the best choice. Save these settings by pressing ○.



Use the next screens to personalize your Life Compass. Enter your name using ▲, ▼ to set each letter (hold the button to scroll thru letters), then use ▶ to step to the next letter. Press ○ to save your name. Accept as correct by toggling ▶ or return to editing by toggling ◀.

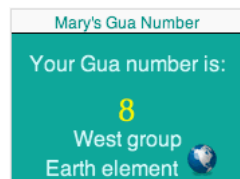


Now enter your birth date in similar fashion. Press ○ when finished to save the information.



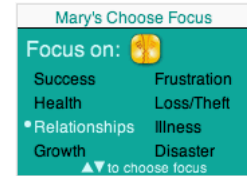
2. Element

The current person's [element](#) with icon is shown in both the Gua Number and Eight Direction screens. Step to the next screen either by toggling ▶ or pressing ○.



3. Choose your Focus

Start by deciding what you wish to achieve: *Success, Health, Relationships* or *Spiritual Growth*. Then activate that intention by setting that for your focus direction.



Next, step to the Focus compass by pressing ○. Notice that if your

chosen direction is *behind* you the compass will show an arrow pointing to it. When you have aligned the compass directly toward your focus direction some “glitter” appears to indicate you receive favorable energy (qi) that supports your intention whenever you face this direction.



Finally, to activate your intention, you must **change** your environment so you spend time facing in this direction! For example, move your computer screen to face Success, the living room furniture to face Relationships, or the head of your bed to face Health.

Performing all three of these steps (state your intention, find that direction with your compass, then adjust your environment) is the key to realizing your goals and achieving the results you desire.

4. Personal and House compass

Your Life Compass has built in software to locate your favorable personal energies (called the *ming gua* in Feng Shui) and also compass screens to help analyze homes and buildings (Flying Star and *Ba Zhai* (Eight Mansions) compass) to see their energies.

Personal compasses are **round** (like Focus and Eight Directions), while house or building compasses (Eight Mansions and Flying Stars) are **square**.

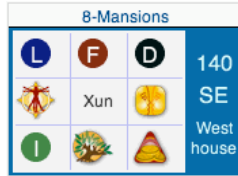


The **square** compasses represent a grid that should be overlaid onto a floor plan to identify which areas or rooms have certain energetic qualities.



5. Ba Zhai (Eight Mansions) Compass

The **Ba Zhai** (8-Mansion) compass uses the Ba Gua map and house orientation (direction) to indicate which rooms of a dwelling are **most suitable** for bedrooms, study, kitchen, etc. You then use the *Min Gua* (8-direction compass) to orient desks and beds within the favorable room.



Start by measuring the [Facing Direction of the door](#).

Each building is identified as a "West House" or "East House". Ideally a person's East or West grouping (shown on the Gua Info screen) will match that of their House grouping.

There are many web resources with information on *Ba Zhai*. Here is one [good article](#).

This compass, like the Flying Stars described below, can be viewed in **facing** or **rotated** view (see "Orientation of Charts"), as set in Preferences. Pressing the 5-way switch (●) 'freezes' or 'unfreezes' the compass heading but may rotate the Ba Zhai chart if in rotated view.



6. Chinese transliterations

You can also choose traditional Chinese Feng Shui terms (such as *Shengqi* instead of *Success*) by pressing the 5-way switch (●) to alternate between Chinese Pinyin or your language when in the Eight Directions, Focus Compass or Choose Focus screens.



7. Introduction to Flying Star Feng Shui

Flying Star Feng Shui can be used to assess the auspicious and inauspicious influences on a building during varying periods or cycles of time.

The Sam Yuen Flying Star method as programmed into your Fortune Compass is based on 20 year "Periods" and generates charts that show the three primary stars (**base** year or **natal** star in the center of each square, **mountain** or sitting star in the upper left, and **water** or facing star in the upper right).

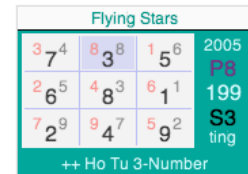
Each of the nine squares is called a "Palace" which corresponds to a room of the house or building being analyzed.

The sequence in which these stars change from one square to the next is called the Flying Star sequence.

Interpreting combinations of stars in each square requires considerable study and skill. Several [books and web links](#) for your consideration are given on our web site.

8. Flying Stars on the Fortune Compass

Flying Stars and Eight Mansions *Ba Zhai* compass screens follow the Eight Directions (Ming Gua) compass in the screen sequence.



Use ▲ and ▼ to set the Year of construction and ● to store the facing direction.

The "Flying Stars" compass screen displays lots of information, including:

- *Year of construction* ("2005")
- *Period number* ("P8")
- *Compass direction* (199)
- *Mountain* ("S3")
- [Mountain name](#) ("ting")
- *Nine "Palaces" with their star numbers*
- *Chart configuration interpretation*
- *If compass is 'live' or 'stored'*

The period number (by definition) is always the center number in the center square. As you rotate the compass or change the period, numbers on the chart instantly change.

9. Entering the Building's Year

The year that a building was completed is shown at the top right of the screen. Toggle ▲ to increase and ▼ to decrease the year. Hold ▲▼ to automatically scroll until the number you want comes into view. As the year changes, the Period (see below) is automatically calculated.

10. Periods

Similar to how an individual has a *Gua number* based on their birth year, a building has a *Period*, based on the 20-year cycle in which it was completed. The Fortune Compass displays the period as "P7", P8, etc. corresponding to the following years:

P9	2024–2044
P8	2004–2024
P7	1984–2004 "Upper Era"
P6	1964–1984
P5	1944–1964
P4	1924–1944 "Middle Era"
P3	1904–1924
P2	1884–1904
P1	1864–1884 "Lower Era"

11. "Storing" the Facing Direction compass reading

Once you have the compass properly aligned with the [Facing direction](#) (by standing inside the house facing out the front door or major windows for example), you can 'store' or 'freeze' the compass reading by pressing the 5-way switch (●).

Storing the compass reading lets your move your compass without the reading changing. When the compass is stored or 'frozen' the direction and reading will be drawn **shaded** (see below).

Stored	Normal
	

When the compass reading is 'frozen' or stored, the compass information is drawn shaded, as shown in the SW1 example above.

Pressing the 5-way switch ● a second time removes the shading and returns to live compass readings.

12. Chart Configurations

Charts are classified as having one of ten configurations. The [configuration](#) name is displayed at the bottom of the screen, indicating favorable, unfavorable and mixed layouts.

Flying Stars			
4 ³	8 ⁸	6 ²	2006
5 ²	3 ⁴	1 ⁶	P8
9 ⁵	7 ⁹	2 ⁷	349
			N1
zen			
++ Ho Tu 3-Number			

Analysis of a chart can reveal many aspects of a house or building. Here is a [basic reference](#) to provide some information. We strongly suggest consulting a Feng Shui [professional](#) or reference books for detailed interpretations, activators and cures.

13. Orientation of Charts

The Fortune Compass offers three choices for how it orients Flying Star charts. These three choices are **South**, **Facing** and **Rotated**. Your choice is made from the Preferences screen (located in Extras).

South draws charts with South at the top of the screen. This is the traditional orientation for charts that you will find in many Feng Shui books.

Flying Stars			
3 ⁷	8 ³	1 ³	1972
2 ⁴	6 ⁸	6 ⁸	P8
7 ⁹	9 ²	5 ⁹	289
			W3
sin			

Facing draws charts with the Facing direction at the top of the screen. This makes it easier to overlay the chart on floor plan drawings of the building you are analyzing.

Flying Stars			
1 ³	6 ⁸	5 ⁹	1972
8 ³	4 ⁶	9 ²	P8
3 ⁷	2 ⁴	7 ⁹	289
			W3
sin			

Rotated acts the same as Facing except that when frozen, the chart rotates with the compass so that the chart remains oriented to the building. (e.g. the facing palace is always drawn oriented toward the building's facing direction.)

Flying Stars			
7 ⁹	2 ⁴	3 ⁵	1972
9 ²	4 ⁶	8 ³	P8
5 ⁹	6 ⁸	1 ³	349
			W3
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The South palace is always shaded in blue to help keep you oriented and to help see the effects of these different orientations.

Note that some Feng Shui books only draw charts with south at the top so take care to understand the orientation being used.

14. Using "Rotated" chart orientation

The *Rotated* chart orientation is difficult to explain but very easy to use! To use this orientation, start by pointing the compass in the building's facing direction and then 'storing' the compass reading by pressing the 5-way switch.

When you have selected the *Rotated* chart orientation from the *Preferences* section of the *Extras* screen, the charts will be drawn in 'facing' orientation such that the **facing palace** at the **top center** of the chart.

As you turn the compass the facing palace appears to move however the chart is actually being redrawn such that it always remains 'pinned' to the stored facing direction.

This is quite useful because as you rotate the compass the 'top' of the compass always reflects the palace that you are looking at.

16. Learn more about your compass

To learn more about how to store Friends or Guest birth dates, calibrate the compass, personalizing color schemes, etc. please see the [tutorial videos](#) and [support documentation](#) on our web site.

15. Sharing 'good fortune' with a Guest

You can easily share finding best directions with friends using the **guest** feature.

From the initial *Welcome* screen, toggle ▼ to access the Guest birth date entry screen.

Use ▲ and ▼ to set their birth date. Notice that a full date is not necessary, just whether their birth month is before or after the Chinese Solar New Year for their year.

Guest information (vs your own or a stored Friend & Associate) is shown with the 'guest' icon in the title bar instead of a person's name.

Switch between guest, your own, and stored Friends & Associates using ▲ and ▼.



*To protect privacy, guest information automatically erased when you power off the Fortune Compass. If you wish to permanently store a birthdate, use the add **Friends & Associates** feature from the Extras men.*