



CHANGE FOR THE BETTER: Feng Shui furniture is becoming popular in the city

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Why are many Puneites trying out Feng Shui furniture? *PT* reports

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**S**TART off with a wooden centre table, add low seating chairs and create a background with paints that will brighten the atmosphere. Yes, we are talking about decor, but with a twist. Feng Shui furniture is becoming popular in the city, and many people are opting for it to bring positive energy into their homes and workplaces.

Astrologer Anupam Kapil explains the concept. "Feng Shui is the equivalent of the Indian *Vastu Shastra*. An atmosphere of harmony and positive energy is created using objects made from wood or metal and placed at strategic points in the home or workplace. It is also directly related to colour therapy." Kapil, who has studied the art, has also incorporated Feng Shui furniture in his home. "I have a pentagon-shaped dining table. I have also bought an oval-shaped table for the living room to create a sense of peace and stability."

Furniture designer Sonia Revankar says Feng Shui furniture is considered cool and contemporary by many. "Many of my clients ask for items that have a specific shape, size and colour. For example, one of my clients wanted square-shaped low seating chairs in green colour for her living room so that her family would have stability."

Sayali Shinde, a lecturer at a local MBA col-

rest of the decor in the house. Having used other elements of Feng Shui, she decided to do the same with her new coffee table. "I got a custom-made wooden coffee table, which has black and orange colours. Black symbolises success in your career, while orange signifies confidence and energy." What has been the impact of the change? Shinde says that any activity conducted at her home has produced positive results till now.

Hotelier Subhash Sanas took help of Feng Shui when decorating his home and office. "I have followed the basic rules of Feng Shui. I have square tables which have been placed at strategic areas at my workplace and home. The tables face the North Eastern direction, which is supposed to bring you good luck. We have also added small pyramids at the hotel for prosperity."

Many Puneites seem to be influenced by the idea of Feng Shui furniture. Stylist and designer Preeti Baney says, "I usually follow a mix of Feng Shui and *Vastu Shastra*. I have utilised various elements and artefacts of Feng Shui at home. I have a dining table and a centre table with fishes carved on them. The fishes symbolise energy and happiness, and I am really happy with the purchase."

So if you're looking to make a change in your surroundings, you could perhaps try Feng Shui.