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OU'VE GOT MORE going for yourself than you know what to do with: a killer job, friends who make you feel cooler than J.Lo's posse, and a cozy home you wrung out of your own paycheck and decorated like a page straight out of *House & Garden*. The only problem is, you want a guy to

share it all with and none has materialized. Maybe you should adopt a few principles from feng shui, a Chinese tradition of positioning the objects in your surroundings in order to generate positive energy, prosperity, health and love.

"It's a deep, esoteric philosophy," explains Judith Wendell of Sacred Currents, a feng shui design and consulting firm in New York City. Basically, the Chinese believe that everything—from a butter knife to the Backstreet Boys—is made up of *chi*. "*Chi* is energy," explains Wendell. "Inanimate objects have *chi*, but it's slow and dense, unlike that of living things like people or plants. You want *chi* to circulate smoothly around you and your surroundings. The better the *chi* flow, the better your interactions with people." Especially those with a gaze and a swagger like Benicio Del Toro's.

Feng shui also focuses on directions—north, east, south, west—breaking them down into nine sections, like on a ticktacktoe board. Each section corresponds to different goals. Southeast, for example, represents wealth, while southwest indicates love and romance. You can increase your chances of meeting Mr. Right—and pump up your overall love flow wherever you go, say feng shui adherents—by following a few easy suggestions for keeping your *chi* moving southwest, straight to the source of romance. (Don't worry if you have a bad sense of direction—just grab a compass.)

So stop complaining to your coworkers and two cats and take control of your love life: Start activating the right

feng shui to spark love so hot it will make Bogey and Bacall's movie pairings look like forgettable buddy flicks.

● STEP NO. 1

Bone Up on the Bedroom Basics

Put those Lara Croft biceps to good use by moving your bedroom furniture to the most feng-shui-friendly places. Your goal: to keep the *chi* flowing smoothly in and around the most action-packed room of your home.

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● Go two for two. Noah was onto something when he loaded up his ark—the pair symbolizes a doubling of happiness. So either arrange items in sets of two or place objects representing the number two around your bedroom: Hang a postcard of a couple kissing or a framed photo of you and your best friend. Or place two candles, two bud vases or a pair of 'N Sync dolls on your bureau. Steer clear of going solo, cautions Denise Linn, author of *Feng Shui for the Soul* (Hay House), as single items connote loneliness.