Bagua map: front-door method

The Black Hat (BTB) method most Western books teach. Turn your plan so the wall with the front door is along the bottom edge, then stretch the grid to the outline of the home.

Wealth & Prosperity Wood · number 4 purple, green, gold	**Fame & Reputation** Fire · number 9 red, orange	**Love & Relationships** Earth · number 2 pink, red, white
Family Wood · number 3 green, blue	**Health (centre)** Earth · number 5 yellow, earth tones	**Children & Creativity** Metal · number 7 white, pastels
Knowledge Earth · number 8 blue, green, black	**Career** Water · number 1 black, dark blue	**Helpful People & Travel** Metal · number 6 grey, white, silver

WALL WITH THE FRONT DOOR

The door enters through Knowledge, Career or Helpful People, depending on where it sits along the wall.

- In an apartment, use the door of your own unit, not the building entrance.
- Turn the map; never mirror it. Wealth is always the far-left square, Love & Relationships the far-right.
- A square that is mostly outside the walls (an L-shaped home) is read as missing in this school.
- For a single room, lay the same grid from that room's own door.

Bagua map: compass method

The classical directional method. Each area is fixed to a direction from the centre of the home. Drawn here north-up, the way most Western floor plans are printed. Match its north to your plan's north.

NORTH

Helpful People & Travel Metal · number 6 grey, white, silver NORTHWEST	**Career** Water · number 1 black, dark blue NORTH	**Knowledge** Earth · number 8 blue, green, black NORTHEAST
Children & Creativity Metal · number 7 white, pastels WEST	**Health (centre)** Earth · number 5 yellow, earth tones CENTRE	**Family** Wood · number 3 green, blue EAST
Love & Relationships Earth · number 2 pink, red, white SOUTHWEST	**Fame & Reputation** Fire · number 9 red, orange SOUTH	**Wealth & Prosperity** Wood · number 4 purple, green, gold SOUTHEAST

- Chinese charts are often printed south-up (Fame at the top). "Flipping" the Bagua means turning such a chart a half-circle so its north matches your plan. It never means reflecting it.
- Strictly, the compass method divides the home into eight wedges around its centre; this 3x3 grid approximates them.
- The two methods agree only when the front door faces north. Pick one and use it consistently.

Blank Bagua grid to lay over your plan

Print on paper or acetate, or trace onto your plan. Stretch it to the outside walls; a long home gives long squares. Labels follow the front-door method with the door wall at the bottom.

Wealth & Prosperity	Fame & Reputation	Love & Relationships
Family	Health (centre)	Children & Creativity
Knowledge	Career	Helpful People & Travel

WALL WITH THE FRONT DOOR