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**G**orgeous Courtney Cox has style in abundance, and it is now on display in the sensational French country-style love nest she has been redecorating in readiness for her marriage to her *Scream* co-star David Arquette.

All is ready for the moment he carries his bride across the threshold of the multimillion dollar mansion, nestled in the ultra-exclusive, tranquil Los Angeles suburb of Brentwood.

For the past 12 months, Courtney has been lovingly adding her special touch to the glamorous home.

Courtney bought the house before she and David announced their plans to marry, but from the outset she was redecorating it for a couple.

She loves all things French - from food through to landscaping - and has given her sun-soaked terrace a French Impressionist look, with bougainvillea blossoms and terracotta pots. She enjoys nothing more than rolling up her sleeves for some do-it-yourself work and going out shopping for antiques.

Courtney doesn't like the idea of tradesmen trampling through her home while she's away filming and will only allow work to be done while she's available to personally supervise.

She has bought and sold four homes in the past seven years, but now that she has settled down with David, she just wants to stay put.

One thing Courtney did take from one of her old houses was the six-burner commercial stove given to her by ex-boyfriend Michael Keaton. Just like her alter ego Monica in *Friends*, Courtney is a great cook and loves preparing such dishes as pasta primavera, garlic chicken and - David's favourite - shepherd's pie. After dinner, a quiet night cuddling on the sofa is all this famous couple want.

The only intrusions into this bliss might come from Courtney's two dogs, Max, a German shepherd, and Rags, a border collie, who have the run of the French-inspired gardens.

David met Courtney on the set of the hit horror movie *Scream* and credits her with his victory over heroin. Their love blossomed and they knew they would make the big commitment.





**Courteney's stunning home bursts with positive feng shui. Here's what the experts say:**

- Courteney's immaculate white decor symbolises innocence and purity and gives a peaceful and welcoming feeling, according to the ancient Chinese art.
- The flowers will boost her fame – yellow and orange blooms invite good health plus a flow of invigorating energy – vital for the on-the-go actor. Luckily, her lover David's floral offerings are fresh – wilted arrangements bring only bad luck.
- Love is in the air – the tall, red candles are a sure-fire feng shui sign of romance. Framed pictures of happy loved ones give a stimulating, alive feel and abundant good luck. Savvy Courteney avoids the feng shui no-no of old photos of long dead ancestors or stark abstracts.
- Like her alter ego on *Friends*, Courteney is ruthlessly tidy, which allows good energy or chi to flow freely.
- Her kitchen is at the heart of an active social life, combining an array of delicious fresh food with her communication network (the phone). According to feng shui, cooking a little more than you need encourages more guests to arrive.
- Courteney's kitchen is still in need of some energy work! As she prepares food, her back is to the door which, in feng shui, gives her the unflattering title of Peevish Cook and allows enemies to sneak up from behind. The cure is simple. With a mirror placed above the stove, any problems will be banished and good feng shui will reign.



**You, too, can use some of the fabulous energy-giving ideas that work in Courteney's home. Try rich-coloured candles, potpourri, fresh flowers in your birth colours, and photos of smiling family and friends – but no dead ancestors, please!**

