## Preparations for Ganesh Puja

## We have put the following guidelines together to help you prep for the puja beforehand.

Below is an image of what you should aim for when decorating the puja altar.



Ensure that the place where the puja is to be performed is clean and tidy

Place the wooden pedestal next to a wall. If you are on a table don't worry.

Fold and place the red cloth on the left half of the pedestal and the white one on the right half as shown above.

Make a swastik with wheat grains on the middle of the red cloth and a circle with the rice grains as shown in the photo.

Place Bhagwan's idol or photo in the top middle of the pedestal resting on the wall behind.

Keep the oil lamp and incense stick stand on a neatly folded kitchen foil piece. Place the matchbox next to it.

Place 5 individual bowls/containers each with milk, honey, sugar candy water, yogurt and ghee with a spoon each.

Fill a kalash (copper pot) with fresh water and place a spoon in it.

Decorate an aarti plate.

Draw a Swastik on the coconut. An example of a Swastik is shown in the image below

Put the coconut, fruit and betel leaves in one steel plate.

Place all the other puja items in a large steel plate.

Keep all the food items for prasad next to the altar.

Decorate the altar to the best of your ability with rangoli's and flowers (as pictured above). You may wish to decorate a chair for Bhagawan to sit on with two handkerchiefs. You can also place a footstool, cushion or mat for Bhagawan to rest His lotus feet on.

## Send us your pictures

Why not send us your altar and puja pictures with us, so that we can share on social media.

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