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Items Required in Preparation for Vivaah Sanskaara or Hindu Wedding

Important Notes

NOTE: This list is based on the performance of a three-day wedding which includes Matkoo, "Cooking or Farewell" night and the day of Wedding itself. Please select parts which are applicable to your ceremony.

NOTE2: The Brahma Vivaah or Hindu Wedding as we know it is a mixture of TRADITION as well as RELIGIOUS injunction. This list is a description of what is needed for the RELIGIOUS or aspect or main Sanskaara. While there is some overlap of the aspects, all the traditions are not included here. The elders or someone with experience can be consulted in the area of common TRADITIONS of a Hindu Wedding.

Matkoo/Haldi Night:

(Note these items will be needed throughout the 3 days) **If a 2 or 1 day wedding, these items are still required.**

ITEMS FOR MATKOOR CEREMONY:

- ❖ A Bedi at least 3' x 3' and 4 inches deep. (Ideally, this should be as shown in diagram below)



Suggested Approximate Dimensions

- ❖ Small fig tree
- ❖ Bamboo sprout - or bamboo post going up the middle
- ❖ Kalsaa and Parai decorated with Gobar and 'Dhan'(paddy rice)
- ❖ Deeya to place on Kalsaa and Parai
- ❖ Havanakund
- ❖ All Items And Leaves/Flowers Regularly Required For A Pujaa (see link)
 - (Note on above): extra mango leaves, Sopaarie, paan leaves, washed rice and coins will be required

TRADITIONAL ARTICLES:

- ❖ Ookkri & Musala (mortar and pestle)
- ❖ Sil & Lodha (Masala stone/brick and stone base)
- ❖ Pirhaa (wedding bench)
- ❖ Harriss (shaped like a "step")
- ❖ 9 Kangan:
 - Kangan is a yellow strip of cloth containing: Sopaarie, dyed rice and a coin.
 - One Kangan must be prepared with a penknife for the bride/groom to wear.

Cooking or Farewell Night:

- ❖ Parched Laawaa (paddy rice) must be prepared on this night for wedding day.

NOTE: In case of a single day wedding, this must be done the night before.

Vivaah Sanskaara (Wedding Day):

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS:

- ❖ Pundit will face north.
- ❖ Two additional seats to be set on the eastern and western side of the bedi for bride and groom
- ❖ Pirhaa will be placed on the western side of bedi
- ❖ All Items And Leaves/Flowers Regularly Required For A Pujaa (see link)
 - (Note on above): extra mango leaves, Sopaarie, Paan leaves, washed rice and coins will be required
- ❖ **All Items mentioned under “Matkooor” section will be in use on Wedding Day.**
- ❖ Maalaa for Dolahin's father to place on Dolahaa
- ❖ Soop and "fan" to sift Laawaa
- ❖ Sindoor in a container
- ❖ Mangalsutra
- ❖ Two Maalaa for garlanding
- ❖ Wedding bands , if being exchanged
- ❖ Kanyaa Daan
 - (Must contain the following ingredients)
 - Coin, doobgrass, mustard oil, Haldi, rice, flowers, a piece of gold for Dolahaa.
 - This must be wrapped in a Loie or Loyaa.
- ❖ A piece of cord must be used to tie both Dolahaa and Dolhin together.
 - Must be long enough for them to move freely.

*******PLEASE NOTE*******

As with other ceremonies, there may be slight variations depending on region, circumstances and traditions. Please cross-reference this list with your Pundit to ensure all requirements are met.