



WELCOME TO  
THE WEDDING CEREMONY OF

*Saimin  
&  
Anjali*

11.17.2024



# Hindu and Jain Wedding Ceremony

## 1. Baarat

The groom arrives with his family, relatives, and friends, singing and showing off their dance moves. It's time to celebrate!

## 2. Swagatam

The groom arrives with his family and are greeted by the bride's family, who perform a welcoming ritual. The groom's shoes are stolen by the bride's family, if they're quick enough!

## 3. Ganesh Puja

The ceremony starts with a prayer to Lord Ganesh, who is the remover of obstacles and provider of good luck. He is also the provider of peace, truth and happiness.

## 4. Madhupark

The bride's parents wash the groom's feet with milk symbolizing the belief that the groom is a form of Lord Vishnu.

## 5. Kanya Aagman *The Bride's Arrival*

The bride will make her grand entrance and is accompanied down the aisle by her brothers and uncle to meet the groom at the Mandap.

## 6. Jaimala *Exchanging of Garlands*

The couple exchanges fresh flower garlands, signifying acceptance and respect for one another.

## 7. Kanyadaan

The parents of the bride give their approval by placing her hand over the grooms'.

## 8. Grantibandhan *Tying of the Knot*

The sister of the groom ties the wedding knot by putting rice, flowers, durva, turmeric and coin as a symbol of the permanent union between the bride and groom.

## 8. Mangal Pheras

### *Circling of the Holy Fire*

The couple will go around the holy fire four times which represent the goals in life of: Dharma (Religion & Ethics), Artha (Wealth & Prosperity), Kama (Love & Family), and Moksha (Spiritual Liberation).

## 9. Saptapadi

### *Seven Steps*

The bride and groom will take seven steps together. Each step signifies a vow that they promise to uphold together:

1. Share joy and sorrow, pleasure & pain
2. Protect their family
3. Devotion to each other and their duties
4. Endure life's troubles side by side
5. Care for each other
6. Live faithfully and honestly
7. Promote peacefulness and goodness

## 10. Kansar Bhojan

The couple offers sweets to one another four times for the nourishment of the bone, muscle, skin and soul to symbolize their union.

## 11. Mangal Sutra, Sindoor, and Exchange of Rings

The Mangal Sutra is a necklace that the groom ties around the bride's neck. The groom then applies sindoor (a red powder) in the center part of the bride's hair to symbolize his commitment to her. Last, they exchange rings as a symbol of their eternal love.

## 13. Aashirwad

### *First Blessing as Husband & Wife*

The newlyweds will seek blessings from their parents and are showered with rice and flowers as the ceremony concludes.

## 14. Vidaai

### *Farewell to the Bride*

The bride bids farewell to her family with tears of joy and sadness. The bride will throw a fistful of rice behind her shoulder wishing her childhood home good health, prosperity and happiness.





## Our Family

### Grandparents of the Bride

Late Mohanbhai & Savitaben Patel  
Late Somabhai & Savitaben Patel

### Grandparents of the Groom

Late Bhupatrai & Late Bhanumati  
Ratilalbhai & Kanchanben Doshi

### Parents of the Bride

Rajendra & Nayana Patel

### Parents of the Groom

Bhavin & Darshana Doshi

### Brother of the Bride

Monil Patel

### Furry Best Friend

Late Jax Doshi

---



## Our Bridal Party

### Bridesmaids

Bhakti Patel  
Bhavi Doshi  
Disha Patel  
Isha Patel  
Kejal Doshi  
Krishna Patel  
Leah Ogradnik  
Saval Desai  
Shivani Patel  
Vidhi Patel

### Groomsmen

Adit Shah  
Alvi Kabir  
Arvind Rajabhathor  
Gautam Chainani  
Jenil Shah  
Monil Patel  
Praveen Prakash  
Sapan Shah  
Shalin Shah  
Sooraj Bawa  
Suraj Kumar

### Flower Girls

Mila Patel  
Mila Patel - Popat  
Sia Patel  
Vira Patel-Popat

### Dog of Honor

Milo Patel





*Thank you!*

We are truly grateful for your presence at our wedding celebration. As we circled the holy fire, exchanging vows and promises, your love and support enveloped us in a way that made this sacred moment even more profound. In the warmth of the flames, we felt the rich traditions of our heritage come alive and having you there to witness our union brought us immeasurable joy. Your laughter, blessings, and shared stories added to the vibrant tapestry of our celebration.

Thank you for being a part of the rituals that bind us together, for joining us in the joyous festivities, and for making our special day unforgettable. We hope you felt the spirit of togetherness and celebration that embodies an Indian wedding

With all our love,  
Jaimin & Anjali

