

A Hindu Wedding Answers



Mandap: This is a special altar with a canopy above where the wedding ceremony takes place.



Flowers: There are many flowers at a wedding ceremony to symbolise the love that will bloom between the couple.



Garlands: These are worn around the neck. They are exchanged by the bride and groom.



Mangala sutra: This is a symbolic necklace of black and gold beads, given to the bride by the mother of the groom.



Kum-kum powder: This is a red powder. Near the end of the ceremony the groom puts a mark of kum-kum powder on his bride's hair parting.



Mehndi patterns: These are painted on to the hands and feet of the bride using henna.

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Sacred fire: Offerings are made to the fire and the couple take seven steps around the fire.



Safa: This is a traditional turban sometimes worn by the groom. It often has a decorative feather on top.

Did You Know...?

The arrival of the groom at the wedding venue is called the Baraat.

Did You Know...?

The language used for a Hindu wedding ceremony is Sanskrit.

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