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Thank you for requesting me to perform your Vastu Shanti Ceremony. This ceremony is the traditional ceremony performed for the sanctification of the home to generate a peaceful and harmonious environment in which to live and to prosper and to cleanse the house from negative influences.

Please note that this ceremony can be done with or without Homa (Fire offerings). The ingredients vary slightly for each type of ceremony. Without Homa requires more flower offerings.

Below are the items you will need to purchase for the ceremony. Please let me know in advance which type of ceremony you wish to be performed.

1. VASTU SHANTI (GRHA PRAVESH) with HOMA (Fire sacrifice)

Please consider the environment — say NO to plastic bags and use green shopping bags.

coconuts [with husk if possible]	2	
bananas	6	
Seasonal Fruit	4 kinds	
betel leaves	1 pkt;	
betel nuts (whole);	5	
turmeric powder;	50 gms	
Kumkum powder	1 container	
cloth [yellow or red] (please NO synthetic material!)	1 meter	
flowers	2 bunches	
camphor blocks	5 blocks	
rice [white]	1 kg	
rice flour 500 gms	500gms	
matches or lighter	1 unit	
incense sticks	1 pkt	
fresh dates	100 gms	
Dollar coins (washed)	5	
havan samagri	1 pkt	
ghee	250gms	
Limes or lemons	8	
round pumpkin (medium size)	1	

(if an apartment - then omit limes and pumpkin)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

wood for fire — unused, unblemished twigs;
mango leaves — unblemished x 10;
3 banana leaves
trays and vessels [brass, copper, steel];
new tea towels OR 1 roll paper towels;
2 cups of raw rice cooked

2. VASTU SHANTI (GRHA PRAVESH) PUJA without HOMA

Please consider the environment — say NO to plastic bags and use green shopping bags.

coconuts [with husk if possible]	2	
bananas	6	
Seasonal Fruit	4 kinds	
betel leaves	1 pkt;	
betel nuts (whole);	5	
turmeric powder;	50 gms	
Kumkum powder	1 container	
cloth [yellow or red] (please NO synthetic material!)	1 meter	
flowers	5 bunches	
camphor blocks	5 blocks	
rice [white]	1 kg	
rice flour 500 gms	500gms	
matches or lighter	1 unit	
incense sticks	1 pkt	
fresh dates	100 gms	
Dollar coins (washed)	5	
Limes or lemons	8	
round pumpkin (medium size)	1	

(if an apartment - then omit limes and pumpkin)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

mango leaves — unblemished x 10; v trays and vessels [brass, copper, steel]; new tea towels OR 1 roll paper towels; 1 cup rice (cooked)

Instructions

I will arrive half an hour before the puja - please have all the puja items ready as per the list - all fruit to be washed.

The family should take a bath before the ceremony and wear clean clothes. Loose fitting white clothes for men are preferable (kurta pyjama or dhoti and anga vastra) and coloured for ladies. Jeans are not suitable.

All preparation should be completed before the ceremony starts as all fiddling and ferreting in the kitchen during the ceremony is discouraged.

Explanations will be given in English before and during the ceremony, all chatting and gossiping is to be avoided so that those who are serious can concentrate fully on the Puja.

Please note:

1. If fire alarms have been installed and they cannot be successfully de-activated then Homa (fire offerings) will not be performed – only **Vastu Puja** will be done. In order to deactivate the alarms you will need to remove the batteries and check that the electricity supply is disconnected. Check the deactivation procedure by holding a bunch of incense under the alarm to see if it is still active.
2. Until now we have avoided setting fees for Pujas, since it is our sacred duty and not our business, but due to the fact that some yajamanas have been unfair in their charity, indifferent to the value of our time and unmindful of the cost of living to which we too are subjected, we are now compelled to set a minimum dakshina of \$300 per ceremony.