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How do Hindus choose the right murti for their puja room?

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There are no universal rules for choosing murtis followed by all Hindus, but there are many guidelines followed by various Hindu communities.

As for which Devata to choose a murti of, typically a Hindu will select their Ishta Devata or personal favorite, most beloved Deity. This murti will be centermost on the shrine, and the most elaborate.



In addition, many Hindus add extra murtis to represent more of the pantheon in their puja room. Usually at least Ganesha is given a place, even if he is not the Ishta Devata.

This ubiquity in most puja rooms makes Ganesha the most popular Hindu Devata, even though he is not the most common Ishta Devata (an honor that goes to his father Shiva, followed by Hanuman).

The main other Devatas found in many puja rooms in addition to the Ishta Devata (or one of them may be the Ishta Devata) include Parvati, Shiva, Vishnu, and Krishna.

As for choosing which specific murti of a particular Devata, for most Hindus it is determined by what they can afford, and the size of murti they are equipped to properly house.

Some say that murtis taller than one's thumb should not be kept at home, but most Hindus do not recognize the validity of this rule, including many Gurus and brahmin priests.