



KumKum Pot

In most of India, married women apply red kumkum on their forehead as a symbol of marriage. This red dot is called *kumkum*, or *sindoor*.

In temples, small mounds of kumkum are available for worshippers to use. People dip their thumb into the kumkum and apply it on the forehead or between the eyebrows.

This is a small lacquered pot which is used in the home to contain *Kumkum*. Kumkum is either made from the spice turmeric. When turmeric is dried and powdered and mixed with lime juice, it turns from yellow to a rich red colour.

