



Understanding Puraścaraṇa

For any mantra anushtāna, it is recommended that we complete our practice in a manner similar to a puraścaraṇa. The practice of puraścaraṇa follows the principle of daśāṁśa, meaning each step is one-tenth of the previous step. In simple terms:

- First, you repeat the mantra a set number of times as part of your anushtāna.
 - This is the total count of sankalpa you did. Let's assume this is *1000 malas*.
- Then, you perform a **homā** (fire offering) equal to 10% of the mantra count.
 - So in this case, daśāṁśa homa should have *100 malas* of āhutis
- After that, you do **tarpaṇa** (ritual offering of water or oblations) equal to 10% of the homa offerings.
 - In this way, tarpaṇa must be done for 10 malas
- Next, you do **mārjana** (sprinkling consecrated water on yourself) equal to 10% of the tarpaṇa count.
 - In this way, mārjana must be done for 1 malas (108 counts)
- Finally, you offer **bhojana** (feeding others, usually Brahmins or devotees) equal to 10% of the mārjana.
 - Thus, in this example 11 people must be fed

In case one is unable to do any of the steps of the puraścaraṇa, then double the count of mantra japa can be used as a substitute. For example, if one is unable to do 100 malas of homā, then one can do 200 malas of japa as a substitute of the homā step.

Tips for Planning a Homa

- It is advised to take a medium sized homa kunda if you are planning to do homa with a high number of āhutis like 5000 or more āhutis.
- If the number of āhutis that you have to do is large, for example 10000 āhutis, then you may want to split the homa into multiple sessions. For e.g., you can do the homa with 2500 āhutis in each session and do it split across 4 sessions. For each session, you have to repeat the whole process.
- The time taken to complete a homa can vary from 2-4 hours, depending on the number of āhutis and the length of the mantra. So plan appropriately such that you can perform the homa without disturbance.
- Initially, it may not be possible to estimate the wood required for a homa as it depends on many factors. You can plan for an initial small homa like 2500 āhutis and then estimate the required wood. All you need is a little fire to give āhutis. It is not required to make a big fire. To avoid making the fire big, you can keep only part of the wood stick in the fire instead of placing the whole wood in the center of the homa kunda.
- After each homa, you must clear out the ashes and do visarjan in a water body.



Homā

Homā is the primary fire ritual and second step of the puraścaraṇa to be done after mantra anusthāna. Homā can also be done as prescribed.

Materials Needed

1. Copper Homa Kunda (do not buy one made of steel or iron), even small one is fine
2. Homa ladle (a spoon with a long handle) – wood or a copper ladle with a wooden handle
3. Ghee (approx 250gm)
4. Camphor
5. Black sesame and homa samagri (500 gm)
6. Sindoor/kumkum
7. Sandalwood powder or paste
8. Raw unbroken rice for akshata
9. Flowers
10. Agarbatti
11. Water in a container (**dhārapātra or panchapātra**)
12. Raisins (dried grapes/kismis)
13. Material for 1 diya (deepam, oil, wick)
14. Matchbox
15. Firewood (mango) or copra (dry coconut)
16. Sweets for Naivedyam
17. One piece of jaggery (to be used in purnāhuti)
18. Small red cloth (to tie the purnāhuti)

Preparation Notes

1. Make sure that the wood you are using is dry.
2. Wood will make the fire stronger. If you are in areas where smoke is a problem, you may do the entire homa using a copra (dry coconut) instead of wood.
3. Keep some camphor handy to ignite the fire.
4. Keep two separate cups of melted ghee: one cup with plain ghee and one cup of ghee mixed with black sesame seeds and homa samagri. The cup of ghee with sesame seeds and homa samagri is to be exclusively used for the main āhutis of the Homa
5. Use a wooden ladle for giving āhutis. Or a copper one with a wooden handle.
6. Prepare one diya of oil or ghee.
7. Prepare purnāhuti: Take a small piece of jaggery and tie it in a red cloth.



Preparation (Pūrvangam)

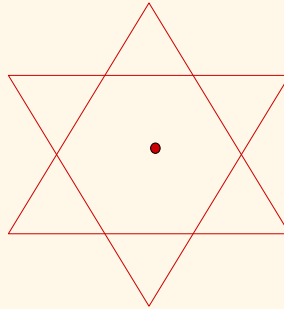
1. Place the homa kunda such that you are seated facing East or North or North-East.
2. Start with mentally saying a prayer to Ganesha, Kuladevi, and any other devatas you like; Rishis, Gurus etc, asking them to make the process successful.
3. Pray to Shri Ganesha to remove obstacles. Pray to Kamakhya, pray to Tara and to Batuka Bhairava to make your homa successful.

शुक्लाम्बरधरं विष्णुं शशिवर्णं चतुर्भुजम् प्रसन्नवदनं ध्यायेत् सर्व-विघ्नोपशान्तये	śuklāmbaradharaṃ viṣṇuṃ śaśivarnaṃ caturbhujam prasannavadanaṃ dhyāyet sarva-vighnopaśāntaye
अगजानन-पद्मार्कं गजाननं अहर्निशम् अनेकदं तं भक्तानां एकदन्तम् उपास्महे	agajānana-padmārkaṃ gajānanaṃ aharniśam anekadaṃ taṃ bhaktānāṃ ekadantaṃ upāśmahe
वक्रतुण्ड महाकाय सूर्यकोटि-समप्रभ निर्विघ्नम् कुरु मे देव सर्व-कार्येषु सर्वदा	vakratuṇḍa mahākāya sūryakoṭi-samaprabha nirvighnam kuru me deva sarva-kāryeṣu sarvadā

4. For water purification, cover the water pitcher with one's palm without touching the water and chant.

गङ्गे च यमुने चैव गोदावरी सरस्वति । नर्मदे सिन्धु कावेरी जलेऽस्मिन् सन्निधिं कुरु ॥	gaṅge ca yamuneścaiva godāvari sarasvati narmade sindhu kāveri jale'smin sannidhiṃ kuru
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5. Chant the वं (Vam) beeja 11 times
6. Do achamana.
7. Do prāṇāyāma two times with any mantra.
8. At the base of the homa kunda, draw a six pointed star (as shown) on homa kunda with red sindur dipped in ghee or water. Chant the batuka mantra 10 times and at the center of the yantra place a flower, sindur and kapur, imagining it as an offering to Batuka. (like shown).



Sankalpam (taking the vow)

Take Akshatas in your right palm, close it and make a fist. Keep your left palm on your right thigh with the palm facing up. Now, put the right fist on the left palm.



You may use your own words if you wish or you can use the the following text:

ममोपात्त-समस्त-दुरित-क्षय-द्वारा श्री-परमेश्वर-प्रीत्यर्थम् श्री वटुक भैरव-प्रसाद-सिद्ध्यर्थम् अद्य शुभ-दिने शुभ-मुहूर्ते श्री वटुक भैरव-होम-कर्म यथा-शक्ति करिष्ये	mamopāṭṭa-samasta-durita-kṣaya-dvārā śrī-parameśvara-prītyartham śrī-vatuka-bhairava-prasāda-siddhyartham adya śubha-dīne śubha-muhūrte śrī-vatuka-bhairava-homa-karma yathā-śakti kariṣye
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Agni Pratishthāpana

1. Arrange wood or copra along with camphor in the homa kunda.
2. Light the diya.
3. Using an agarbatti, take fire from the diya and light the camphor in the homa kunda saying:

ॐ भूर्भुवः सुवरं	om bhūr bhuvaḥ suvarom
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Invocation (Āvāhana)

Add 8 drops of ghee to the homa kunda with the mantra:

ॐ भूर्भुवः सुवः स्वाहा	om bhūr bhuvaḥ suvaḥ svāhā
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Similarly, offer the following mantra 16 times:

रं अग्नये नमः स्वाहा	raṁ agnaye namaḥ svāhā
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Dikpala Offerings

Starting from the east side of the homa kunda, put one spot of sindur in each direction (Instead of sindoor, you can also use akshata or flowers), just outside of the kunda Keep placing with these dikpala mantras. Each of these are dikpalas who guard the directions.

See diagram below:

From 1 to 10 start from the East and go clockwise.

For 11 - When you say om agneya namah, put a drop on the fire, and for 12 - when you say om ātmane namaḥ touch your chest.



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Placement Indicator	No	Mantra
	1	ॐ इन्द्राय नमः (om indrāya namaḥ)
	2	ॐ अग्नये नमः (om agnaye namaḥ)
	3	ॐ यमाय नमः (om yamāya namaḥ)
	4	ॐ निऋतये नमः (om niṛṛtaye namaḥ)
	5	ॐ वरुणाय नमः (om varuṇāya namaḥ)
	6	ॐ वायवे नमः (om vāyave namaḥ)
	7	ॐ सोमाय नमः (om somāya namaḥ)
	8	ॐ ईशानाय नमः (om īśānāya namaḥ)
	9	ॐ ब्रह्मणे नमः (om brahmaṇe namaḥ)
	10	ॐ शेषाय नमः (om śeṣāya namaḥ)
Put a drop of sindoor in the fire	11	ॐ अग्नये नमः (om agnaye namaḥ)
Place the sindoor touching your heart.	12	ॐ आत्मने नमः (om ātmane namaḥ)

Preparation

Offer the following mantras with ghee āhutis:

ॐ प्रजापतये स्वाहा, प्रजापतये इदं न मम	om prajāpataye svāhā, prajāpataye idaṃ na mama
ॐ इन्द्राय स्वाहा, इन्द्राय इदं न मम	om indrāya svāhā, indrāya idaṃ na mama
ॐ अग्नये स्वाहा, अग्नये इदं न मम	om agnaye svāhā, agnaye idaṃ na mama
ॐ सोमाय स्वाहा, सोमाय इदं न मम	om somāya svāhā, somāya idaṃ na mama
ॐ भैरवाय नमः स्वाहा	om bhairavāya namaḥ svāhā
ॐ कामाख्या देव्यै नमः स्वाहा	om kāmākhyā devyai namaḥ svāhā



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ॐ तारा देव्यै नमः स्वाहा	om tārā devyai namaḥ svāhā
ॐ कार्तिकेयाय नमः स्वाहा	om kārṭikeyāya namaḥ svāhā
ॐ गुरुभ्यो नमः स्वाहा	om gurubhyo namaḥ svāhā
ॐ परमगुरुभ्यो नमः स्वाहा	om paramagurubhyo namaḥ svāhā
ॐ परमेश्ठिगुरुभ्यो नमः स्वाहा	om parameṣṭhigurubhyo namaḥ svāhā
ॐ परापरगुरुभ्यो नमः स्वाहा	om parāparagurubhyo namaḥ svāhā
ॐ शिवाय नमः स्वाहा	om śivāya namaḥ svāhā
ॐ गृहदेवताभ्यो नमः स्वाहा	om gr̥hadevatābhyo namaḥ svāhā
ॐ कुलदेव्यै नमः स्वाहा	om kuladevyai namaḥ svāhā

Navagraha Offerings

Give āhutis with the following mantras for the nine grahas:

ॐ सूर्याय नमः स्वाहा	om sūryāya namaḥ svāhā
ॐ चन्द्राय नमः स्वाहा	om candrāya namaḥ svāhā
ॐ मङ्गलाय नमः स्वाहा	om maṅgalāya namaḥ svāhā
ॐ बुधाय नमः स्वाहा	om budhāya namaḥ svāhā
ॐ बृहस्पतये नमः स्वाहा	om br̥haspataye namaḥ svāhā
ॐ शुक्राय नमः स्वाहा	om śukrāya namaḥ svāhā
ॐ शनैश्चराय नमः स्वाहा	om śanaiścarāya namaḥ svāhā
ॐ राहवे नमः स्वाहा	om rāhave namaḥ svāhā
ॐ केतवे नमः स्वाहा	om ketave namaḥ svāhā

Pray to Shri Prajapati for forgiveness for any mistakes till now and offer a ghee āhuti using the following mantra:

ॐ प्रजापतये नमः स्वाहा	om prajāpate namaḥ svāhā
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Invoke Ganapati in Fire

1. Say the following to welcome Ganapati into the homa agni:

ॐ श्रीमहागणपतिप्राणशक्त्यै नमः अत्रागच्छ। आवहितो भव। स्थापितो भव। सन्निहितो भव। सन्निरुद्धो भव। अवकुण्ठितो भव। देव प्रसीद प्रसीद।	om śrīmahāgaṇapatiprāṇaśaktyai namaḥ atrāgaccha। āvahito bhava। sthāpito bhava। sannihito bhava। sanniruddho bhava। avakuṇṭhito bhava। deva prasīda prasīda।
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2. Offer Panchopachara Pujā to the fire

Offer a little sindur or sandalwood powder (just a pinch) in the fire.	लं पृथिव्यात्मने नमः। गन्धं समर्पयामि।	laṃ pṛthivyātmāne namaḥ। gandhaṃ samarpayāmi।
Offer flower to the fire.	हं आकाशात्मने नमः। पुष्पं पूजयामि।	haṃ ākāśātmāne namaḥ। puṣpaṃ pūjayāmi।
Light an agarbatti and show to the fire.	यं वाय्वात्मने नमः। धूपं आघ्रपयामि।	yaṃ vāyvātmāne namaḥ। dhūpaṃ āghrapayāmi।
Show deepam to the fire.	रं अग्न्यात्मने नमः। दीपं दर्शयामि।	raṃ agnyātmāne namaḥ। dīpaṃ darśayāmi।
Offer naivedyam to the fire.	वं अमृतात्मने नमः। नैवेद्यं समर्पयामि।	vaṃ amṛtātmāne namaḥ। naivedyaṃ samarpayāmi।
Offer a flower/Akshata to the fire.	सं सर्वात्मने नमः। सर्वोपचारान् समर्पयामि।	saṃ sarvātmāne namaḥ। sarvopacārān samarpayāmi।

3. Give 21 āhutis with the following mantra in the fire:

ॐ गं गणपतये नमः स्वाहा।	om gaṃ gaṇapataye namaḥ svāhā।
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4. Do a camphor ārti to Ganapati
5. Complete the steps for Mahāganapati invocation with this udavasana mantra (while gesturing towards your heart), say:

यथा स्थानम् प्रतिष्ठापयामि	Yathā sthānam pratishtapayami
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Batuka Prāna Pratisthapana – Invoking śrī Batuka in Fire

1. Visualize Vatuka Bhairava and pray to him to come inside the agni. You can also keep a photo of Vatuka near the kunda and pray to him. **Imagine that Batuka IS the homa agni.**
2. Chant the following Batuka dhyana sloka meditatively:

करकलितकपालः कुण्डली दण्डपाणिः तरुणतिमिरनीलो व्यालयज्ञोपवीति । क्रतुसमयसपर्याविघ्नविच्छित्तिहेतुः जयति वटुकनाथः सिद्धिदः साधकानाम्॥	karakalitakapāḥ kuṇḍalī daṇḍapāṇiḥ - taruṇatimiranīlo vyālayajñopavīti । kratusamaya-saparyāvighnavichhiti hetuḥ jayati vaṭukanāthaḥ siddhidaḥ sādhakānām॥
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3. Do the following **nyāsas** of Batuka Bhairava. Nyāsas must be done with certain mudras, however, if you are not familiar with the mudras, then simply chant the mantras.

करन्यास	Karanyāsa
ॐ हां वां ईशानाय नमः अङ्गुष्ठाभ्यां नमः ॐ ह्रीं वीं तत्पुरुषाय नमः तर्जनीभ्यां नमः ॐ हुं वूं अघोराय नमः मध्यमाभ्यां नमः ॐ ह्रैं वैं वामदेवाय नमः अनामिकाभ्यां नमः ॐ ह्रौं वौं सद्योजाताय नमः कनिष्ठिकाभ्यां नमः ॐ हः वः पञ्चवक्त्राय महादेवाय नमः करतलकरपृष्ठाभ्यां नमः इति करन्यास ॥	om hrām vām īśānāya namaḥ aṅguṣṭhābhyām namaḥ om hrīm vīm tatpuruṣāya namaḥ tarjanībhyām namaḥ om hrūm vūm aghorāya namaḥ madhyamābhyām namaḥ om hraiṁ vaiṁ vāmadevāya namaḥ anāmikābhyām namaḥ om hrauṁ vauṁ sadyojātāya namaḥ kaniṣṭhikābhyām namaḥ om hraḥ vaḥ pañcavaktrāya mahādevāya namaḥ karatalakarapṛṣṭhābhyām namaḥ



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हृदयादिन्यास ॐ हां वां ईशानाय नमः हृदयाय नमः ॐ ह्रीं वीं तत्पुरुषाय नमः शिरसे स्वाहा ॐ हूं वूं अघोराय नमः शिखायै वषट् ॐ हैं वै वामदेवाय नमः कवचाय हुम् ॐ हौं वौ सद्योजाताय नमः नेत्रत्रयाय वौषट् ॐ हः वः पञ्चवक्त्राय महादेवाय नमः अस्त्राय फट् इति हृदयादि न्यासः ॥	Hṛdayādinyāsa om hrām vām īśānāya namaḥ hṛdayāya namaḥ om hrīm vīm tatpuruṣāya namaḥ śirase svāhā om hrūm vūm aghorāya namaḥ śikhāyai vaṣaṭ om hraiṁ vaiṁ vāmadevāya namaḥ kavacāyai hum om hrauṁ vauṁ sadyojātāya namaḥ netratrayāya vauṣaṭ om hraḥ vaḥ pañcavaktrāya mahādevāya namaḥ astrāya phaṭ iti hṛdayādi nyāsaḥ ॥
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ऋष्यादि न्यास श्रीबृहदारण्यकऋषये नमः (शिरसि) अनुष्टुप छन्दसे नमः (मुखे) श्रीवटुकभैरव देवतायै नमः (हृदये) ॐ बं बीजायै नमः (गुह्ये) ॐ ह्रीं वटुकायेति शक्तये नमः (पादयोः) ॐ कीलकाय नमः (नाभौ) विनियोगाय नमः सर्वाङ्गे इति ऋष्यादि न्यास ॥	Rṣyādi Nyāsa śrībṛhadāraṇyakaṛṣaye namaḥ (śirasi) anuṣṭup chandase namaḥ (mukhe) śrīvaṭukabhairava devatāyai namaḥ (hṛdaye) om baṁ bījāyai namaḥ (guhye) om hrīm vaṭukāyeti śaktaye namaḥ (pādayoḥ) om kīlakāya namaḥ (nābhau) viniyogāya namaḥ sarvāṅge iti ṛṣyādi nyāsaḥ ॥
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4. Say the following to Shri Batuka Bhairava. This invocation connects to the essence of **Batuka Bhairava** and his attributes, calling for presence, vitality, and sustained well-being.

अस्य श्री प्राणप्रतिष्ठापन मन्त्रस्य। ब्रह्मा विष्णु महेश्वर ऋषयः ऋग् यजुर् सामाथर्वाणि छन्दांसि। श्री वटुकभैरव देवता	asya śrī prāṇapratīṣṭhāpana mantrasya, brahmā viṣṇu maheśvara ṛṣayaḥ ṛg yajur sāmātharvāṇi chandāṁsi, śrī vaṭukabhairava devatā
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5. Then say to Shri Batuka Bhairava: (asking Shri Batuka Bhairava to come into the fire, settle down in the fire, to be pleased with you, hey Jagannatha (Lord of All) be pleased and reside in this fire).

ॐ वटुकाय नमः अत्रागच्छ। अवहितो भव। स्थापितो भव। सन्निहितो भव। सन्निरुद्धो भव। अवकुण्ठितो भव। देव प्रसीद प्रसीद। देव सर्वजगन्नाथ यावद्धोमावसानकम्। तावत्त्वं प्रीतिभावेन अग्नौ च सन्निधिं कुरु।	om vatukāya namaḥ atrāgaccha। avahito bhava। sthāpito bhava। sannihito bhava। sanniruddho bhava। avakuṇṭhito bhava। deva prasīda prasīda। deva sarvajagannātha yāvaddhomāvasānakam। tāvattvaṃ prītibhāvena agnau ca sannidhiṃ kuru।
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6. Offer Panchopachara Puja to Batuka in the fire:



Offer a little bit of sindur or sandalwood powder (just a pinch) in the fire.	लं पृथिव्यात्मने नमः। गन्धं समर्पयामि।	laṃ pṛthivyātmāne namaḥ। gandhaṃ samarpayāmi।
Offer flower to the fire.	हं आकाशात्मने नमः। पुष्पं पूजयामि।	haṃ ākāśātmāne namaḥ। puṣpaṃ pūjayāmi।
Light an agarbatti and show to the fire.	यं वाय्वात्मने नमः। धूपं आग्नयामि।	yaṃ vāyvātmāne namaḥ। dhūpaṃ āghrapayāmi।
Show deepam to the fire.	रं अग्न्यात्मने नमः। दीपं दर्शयामि।	raṃ agnyātmāne namaḥ। dīpaṃ darśayāmi।
Offer naivedyam to the fire.	वं अमृतात्मने नमः। नैवेद्यं समर्पयामि।	vaṃ amṛtātmāne namaḥ। naivedyaṃ samarpayāmi।
Offer a flower/Akshata to the fire.	सं सर्वात्मने नमः। सर्वोपचारान् समर्पयामि।	saṃ sarvātmāne namaḥ। sarvopacārān samarpayāmi।

7. Do namaskara to the agni who is now Batuka Bhairava himself.

ॐ वटुकभैरवाय प्राणशक्त्यै नमः।	om vaṭukabhairavāya prāṇaśaktyai namaḥ।
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Parivara Devata Offerings:

With each of the following mantras, offer a ghee āhuti into the fire:

आदित्यादि नवग्रहेभ्यो नमः स्वाहा।	ādityādi navagrahebhyo namaḥ svāhā।
चण्डिकायै नमः स्वाहा।	caṇḍikāyai namaḥ svāhā।
समस्त गृहदेवताभ्यो नमः स्वाहा।	samasta gr̥hadevatābhyo namaḥ svāhā।
समस्त स्थानदेवताभ्यो नमः स्वाहा।	samasta sthānadevatābhyo namaḥ svāhā।
क्षेत्रपालाय नमः स्वाहा।	kṣetrapālāya namaḥ svāhā।
योगिनीभ्यो नमः स्वाहा।	yoginībhyo namaḥ svāhā।
धर्माय नमः स्वाहा।	dharmāya namaḥ svāhā।
अर्थाय नमः स्वाहा।	arthāya namaḥ svāhā।



कामाय नमः स्वाहा।	kāmāya namaḥ svāhā।
मोक्षाय नमः स्वाहा।	mokṣāya namaḥ svāhā।
सकल परिवार देवताभ्यो नमः स्वाहा।	sakala parivāra devatābhyo namaḥ svāhā।

Main Offerings (āhutis)

Note: This is the main part of the homā. The number of offerings made here depend on how the sankalpa was taken. If you are doing this for anushtāna completion, then the number of āhutis would be 10% of the number of japa you did for anushtana (dashamsha). So for an anushtana of 1250 malas, the homā āhutis would be 125 malas (ie. 125 x 108 āhutis).

PS: Dashamsha homa can also be done in several sittings.

Mix some black til in ghee and use this for the rest of the āhutis in this section

Note:

1. The mantra to be used should also be the same as the mantra whose anushtāna was completed (plus svāhā) if this is a dashamsha homā.
2. Take a little til+ghee mixture in your right hand using the thumb, ring, and middle finger (mriga mudra), say the mantra+swaha, and then put it in the fire.
3. Use a counter in your left hand to keep track of the count.
4. Finish all the til+ghee mixture with the last āhuti. Do not keep any remaining mixture with the thought of using it for the next time.

ॐ ह्रीं वटुकाय आपदुद्धारणाय कुरु कुरु वटुकाय ह्रीं ॐ स्वाहा	om hrīm vaṭukāya āpaduddhāraṇāya kuru kuru vaṭukāya hrīm om svāhā।
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Conclusion (Pūrnāhuti)

1. For the following mantras, add ghee āhutis at the svāhā

ॐ भुः स्वाहा। अग्नये इदं न मम।	om bhuḥ svāhā। agnaye idaṃ na mama।
ॐ भुवः स्वाहा। वायवे इदं न मम।	om bhuvāḥ svāhā। vāyave idaṃ na mama।
ॐ सुवः स्वाहा। सूर्याय इदं न मम।	om suvāḥ svāhā। sūryāya idaṃ na mama।
ॐ भूर् भुवः सुवः स्वाहा प्रजापतये इदं न मम।	om bhūr bhuvāḥ suvāḥ svāhā prajāpataye idaṃ na mama।



ॐ श्री विष्णवे स्वाहा। विष्णवे परमात्मने इदं न मम।	om śrī viṣṇave svāhā । viṣṇave paramātmāne idaṃ na mama ।
ॐ नमो रुद्राय पशुपतये स्वाहा । रुद्राय पशुपतये इदं न मम ।	om namo rudrāya paśupataye svāhā । rudrāya paśupataye idaṃ na mama ।

- Pour ghee into the fire to make it a bit strong and say any prayer you know, like **Om Shanti Shanti Shanti** or any Upanishadic mantra that you like or any stotra. People also chant parts of the Rudra Chamakam at this stage. But initially, any generic stotra is fine. No need to add swaha to the stotram, just pour ghee. The aim is to make the fire strong.
- Prepare purnāhuti for the fire if you do not already have it ready. It could be anything small (even jaggery tied in a small red cloth). Touch the purnāhuti to your head and say the following mantra as you put it in the fire:

ॐ पूर्णाहुतिं समर्पयामि।	om pūrṇāhutiṃ samarpayāmi।
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- Bali:** Add kismis (raisins) as bali around the homa kunda in the following order:
Put 1 raisin on East - West - North - South - then again 2 more between East and North East (see below). Total 6 raisins. While putting each raisin, keep saying:

पार्श्वद्वयो नमः। बलिं समर्पयामि।	pārṣadbhयो namaḥ। baliṃ samarpayāmi।
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- Add one final ghee āhuti in the fire:

ॐ अग्नये नमः स्वाहा।	om agnaye namaḥ svāhā।
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- Meditate
- Finally release water from your hand and mentally say that you are dedicating the whole ritual to your Guru.
- Finally when the fire is out, get up and do a pranam.
- Keep the bali raisins somewhere so that animals can eat them.

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