



Here Is My Contribution to Help Finish Iraivan Temple

Sponsor Stone Chains & Flooring Stones

STONE CHAINS

Among the "wonderments" of Iraivan Temple are the stone chains, each carved from a single solid block of granite. In all, 20 such chains, three feet long, will adorn the spaces. Eight will hang from the corners of the Nandi Mandapam and 12 within the main temple. Asked why these marvelous artifacts are created, the master builder said with a smile, "To show off the extraordinary skill and artistry of the carvers." Of course, they also add an ornate and charming visual masterpiece at the corners, and provoke a sense of awe in pilgrims who encounter them for the first time. The process, which takes around 350 man hours per chain, is so difficult that few have been made in the past hundred years, we've been told. Sponsorship is \$10,000 per chain.

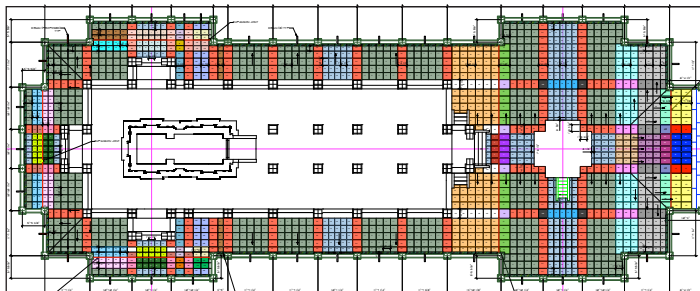


The Chain of Events:
(left) after shaping the stone into a square block, the artisan places it in sand and begins carving the individual links; (below) chains in five stages of the process; two of Iraivan's finished chains

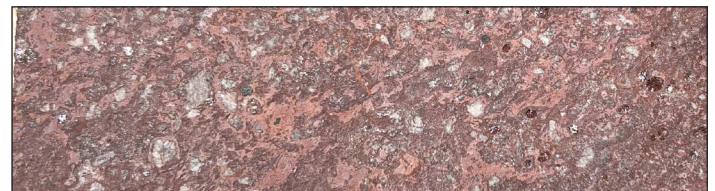


ROSE GRANITE FLOORING STONES

One of the last remaining large projects for Iraivan Temple is the installation of one-inch thick rose granite flooring stones



(sample of the reddish stone below) in the second prakaram, the 6500 square-foot area surrounding the roofed area of the temple. The diagram at left is a detailed map of the project prepared for the tile supplier and the professional installers. The colors indicate the various tile sizes. Sponsorship is \$1,800 for each 25-square-foot section.



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