

*PRETEND YOU WERE A  
QUEEN IN INDIA. HOW  
WOULD YOU  
DECORATE  
YOUR  
ELEPHANT?*



## **India's Painted Elephants**

India's royalty would paint their elephants and adorn them with gold and silver to look more impressive. Today, the tradition continues to attract tourism and to show respect for elephants which are an important part of the Hindu religion.

Until 2013, an Elephant Festival was held every year in India. Animal activists are concerned about the colored powder used to paint the elephants and that the performances were not humane.

