

HEPHAESTUS

Greek name Ἥφαιστος

Latin name Vulcanus

Name in your language

Parents Zeus and Hera

Role blacksmith of the gods, god of fire, volcanoes, metallurgy

Home Mount Olympus

Attributes hammer, tongs

Hephaestus was the blacksmith of the gods; he had his palace on Mount Olympus and his workshop under a volcano. There, he forged all of his inventions, like Hermes' winged sandals or Eros' bows and arrows. Should you encounter an indestructible weapon owned by someone from Greek mythology, rest assured: Hephaestus must have manufactured it. His inventiveness came of use in one particularly awkward episode on Mount Olympus. Look up Ares' ID to see the details. After Hephaestus learned of Aphrodite's infidelity, he forged an unbreakable net. Its links were so thin that the net was invisible to the eye. He hid it in the spot where Aphrodite and Ares met in secret, according to Helios' recount. As soon as the two gods arrived and embraced, Hephaestus pulled the net and... he caught them in it. The view – the mighty Ares and the beautiful Aphrodite caught together in a net – was too memorable not to be shared with the other Olympians. Hephaestus called for the other gods, who came to scorn and ridicule Aphrodite and Ares. The divine blacksmith taught the lovers a good lesson.

