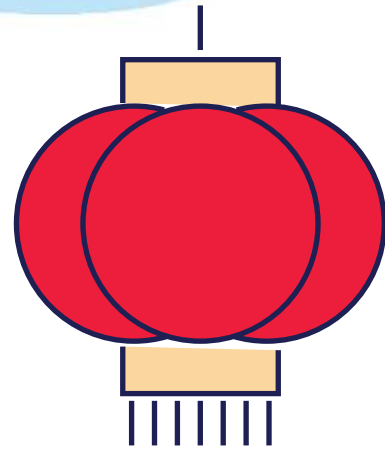
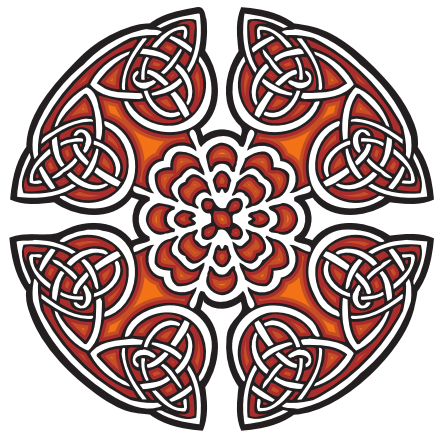
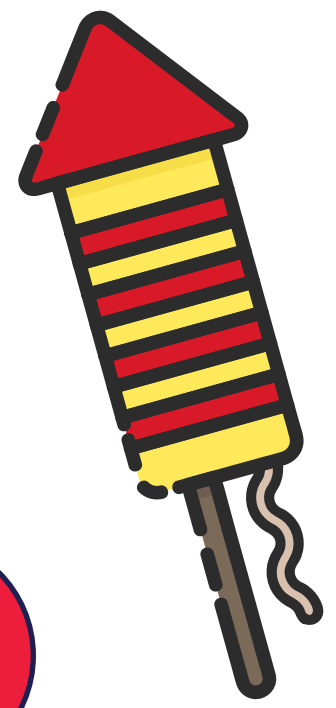




# DIWALI

## THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



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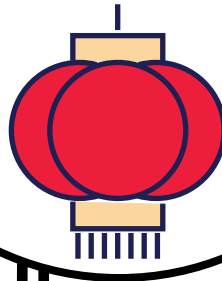


Diwali is a celebration of the beginning of the Hindu New Year and falls on the fifteenth day of the Hindu month of Kartika, but the actual date changes every year.



Some of the foods for Diwali are Sheera, a "sweet fudgy like substance" made with semolina, raisins, saffron and nuts, and Kheer which is a creamy pudding made with sago and rice.

"Shubh Deepavali" is a greeting for Diwali. It means, "Have a successful Diwali."



There are five days to Diwali celebrations. DAY 1: people clean their homes and purchase something precious like gold. DAY 2: people usually create design patterns called rangoli using colored powders or sand. DAY 3: families gather for a prayer to Goddess Lakshmi then gather for a feast and fireworks. DAY 4: first day of the Hindu new year, friends and relatives visit each other and bring gifts. DAY 5 brothers visit their married sisters, who welcome them with a dinner.



During Diwali, paper or oil lanterns are used to honor the spirits of the dead who visit their relatives' houses to wish them well.



Over 800 million people all over the world celebrate Diwali with many traditions and festivities.

The Indian town of Sivakasi provides around 90% of India's famous fireworks.



# DIWALI PAPER CANDLE

Make your own paper candle to celebrate Diwali,  
The Festival of Lights!

## INSTRUCTIONS

**STEP 1:** Print out candle template and cut out three pieces of colored paper. Glue together to form a flame.

**STEP 2:** Cut your paper plate in half to make two candles.

**STEP 3:** Paint your plate any way you like.

**STEP 4:** Glue your candle to the top of your plate, and decorate with beads, glitter, sequins, etc.

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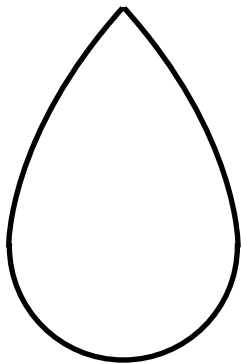
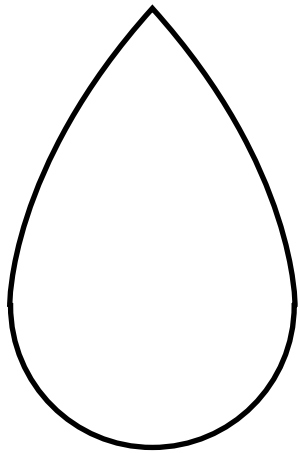
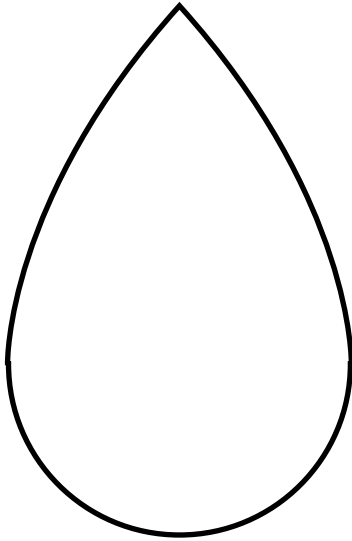
Diwali is the most important Hindu festival, also called The Festival of Lights. The festival celebrates the Hindu New Year.

The name, the festival of lights, comes from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. Diwali is celebrated for five days. On the main day of the festival, families gather together for Lakshmi puja, a prayer to Goddess Lakshmi, and then they gather for feasts and fireworks.

The subject of the celebration represents the triumph of good over evil.

## SUPPLIES

Candle template  
Colored paper  
Paper plate  
Scissors  
Glue stick  
Paint  
Beads







# DIWALI RANGOLI

Let's make a chalk rangoli for the Diwali holiday!

## INSTRUCTIONS

**STEP 1:** Using white chalk, start with a small circle in the middle of your page.

**STEP 2:** Now add petals around the outside.

**STEP 3:** Now just keep adding shapes. You can connect each petal with a line, or build more petals on top of each circle of petals. Get creative!

**STEP 4:** Now color your rangoli design with any colored chalk you like. You can also take this project outside to the driveway or sidewalk!

## SUPPLIES

**Black construction paper**

**Oil pastels or Sidewalk chalk**

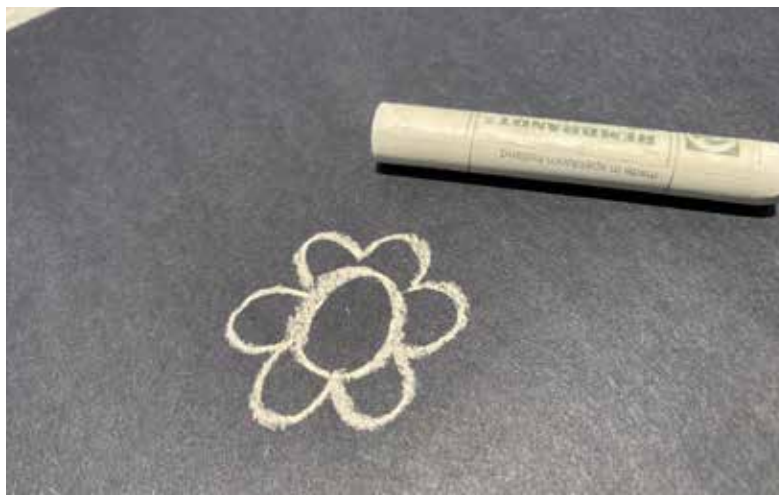
## RANGOLI

Rangoli is one of the most beautiful of Indian folk arts. They are made of colorful patterns materials like colored sand, flower petals, rice flour, or even lentils.

Rangoli is usually drawn on the floor or the entrances of homes. It is supposed to bring good luck, to the house the family, and to welcome guests.

Rangoli designs can be simple shapes, floral, geometric or they can also be very elaborate designs.



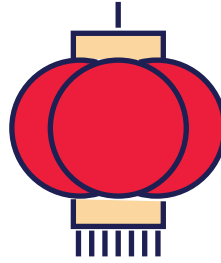


# DIWALI WORD SEARCH

Try to find all the words listed in the list below. Remember, the words can be up, down, diagonal, and backwards!



DIWALI  
HINDU  
CELEBRATION  
FIVE  
NEWYEAR

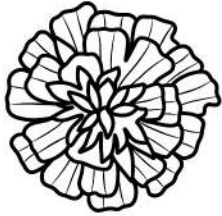
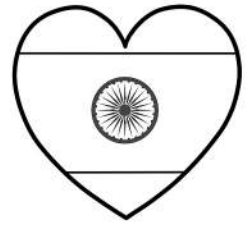


COLORFUL  
RANGOLI  
SAND  
FIREWORKS  
SPIRITS

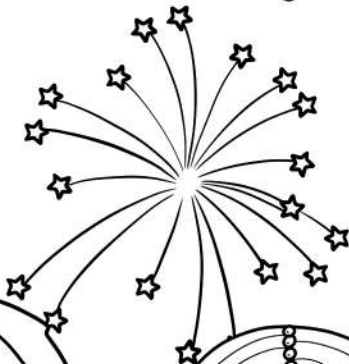
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# HAPPY DIWALI



Diwali, the festival of lights, is a major Hindu holiday that pays homage to the gods and marks the beginning of a new year. Many Hindus call upon Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity, by lighting an abundance of lamps. Not only do these lights welcome the goddess, but light is also a Hindu symbol of knowledge and everything good in the world.



The Diwali festival, which usually starts in late October, lasts for five fun days. During these celebrations, there are lots of feasts, exchanges of special Diwali cards and gifts, fireworks, and spending time with loved ones. Many people also believe that gambling will bring them good fortune for the rest of the year.