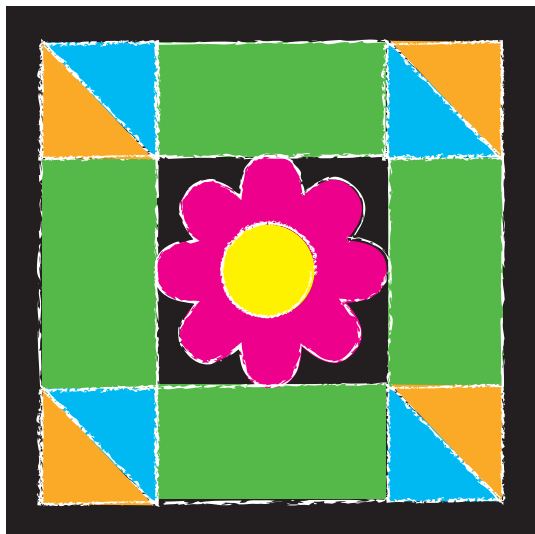


Diwali Rangoli



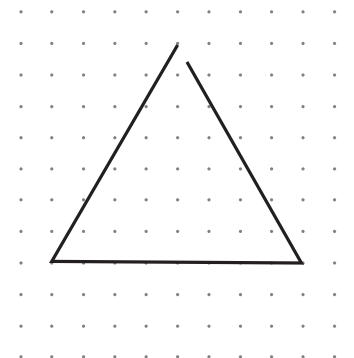
Rangoli is a drawing made on the ground near the entrance, outside the home. The purpose of making Rangolis in Diwali is to welcome the Goddess Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of wealth, prosperity, light, wisdom, fortune, fertility, generosity and courage. She is also the goddess of beauty, grace and charm.

Traditionally the designs were made with the fingers using flour, rice, and coloured chalks, but for this activity you can use grains, pluses, coloured beads, coloured pencils even paints.

The designs are usually symmetrical and geometric, ie squares, rectangles, circles, or lines. The drawings are usually inspired by nature, leaves, trees, flowers, stars, the moon and animals too.

Have a go at creating your own Diwali Rangoli design. Use the dot grid to help you on the next page if you like or use one of the templates provided. You can use white chalk on black paper or you can stick coloured beads to your design. Be as creative as you like!

- 1 First design your Diwali Rangoli either freehand or using the grid on the next page to help you.



- 2 Colour in the shapes using paints, or coloured pencils. You could even use beads if you like!

You could even simply draw your design onto black paper using white chalk then colour in the shapes with coloured chalks or paints.



Please remember to recycle this activity

