

# Rangoli: A Diwali Craft

Today, I'm going to be guiding you through a paper-plate craft called rangoli- let's get started!

## What is a Rangoli?

A rangoli is a specific art form that originates from the country of India, often made throughout a variety of Hindu celebrations such as birthdays, weddings and festivals such as Diwali. The purpose of rangoli is to welcome good luck, being thought of as a positive pool of energy while resembling nature as well. When you enter a house with rangoli, it is said that a sense of calmness will be brought on to you and your family. Traditionally, it is a pattern created on the floor with materials such as rice, dry flour, colored sand and even flower petals! Using simple materials found at home, create your own rangoli.

## What you WILL need is:

- A paper plate
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- A pencil
- Craft glue or clear tape

Once everyone has all their materials, you can start crafting!

## How to make it:

Here is your step-by-step process:

1. Gather different colored tissue papers and your pencil- With your pencil, draw a different shape for each different color (remember to draw a few shapes per color). They can be any shape you want, but make sure they're small enough to leave room for lots of shapes on your plate!
2. Once you've finished drawing, cut all the shapes out with your scissors
3. Turn your paper plate upside down, and organize a pattern with all your shapes (but don't glue anything yet!) Make sure your shapes fit into a place, while keeping them in a circular design.
4. Once you have a pattern you like, glue all your shapes to the plate's bottom (try to stay in the circle).
5. Lastly, cut out a shape design on the plate's rim. The edges of a rangoli vary, so it can be any shape you want- and you're done!

How to make it- Now with photos!





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