# 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

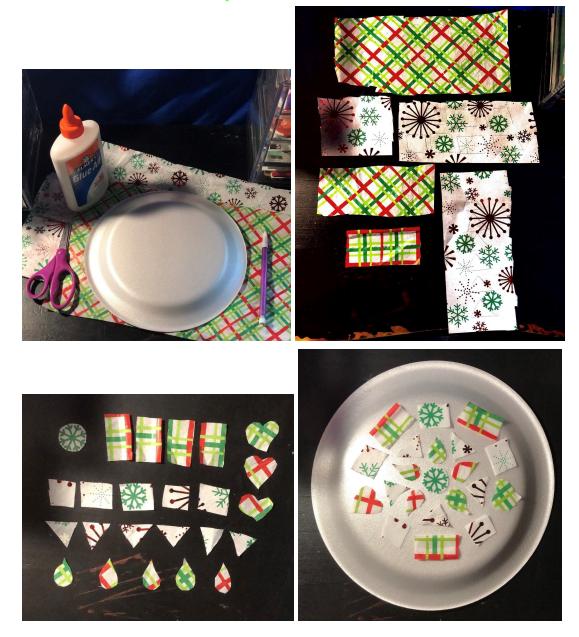
Once everyone has all their materials, you can start crafting!

## 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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