

Diwali Rangoli Art Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand the cultural significance, patterns, and techniques used in creating traditional Rangoli designs for Diwali.

Read the front of each card to learn about Rangoli art. Use these to test your knowledge of how patterns and colours are used during the festival of Diwali.

What is Rangoli?

A traditional Indian art form where patterns are created on the floor using materials like coloured sand, rice flour, or flower petals.

During which festival is Rangoli most commonly created?

Diwali, which is known as the Festival of Lights.

Why do people create Rangoli designs at the entrance of their homes?

To welcome guests and to invite good luck and prosperity into the home during the festival.

What does 'symmetry' mean in a Rangoli design?

It means that if you draw a line down the middle, both sides of the pattern look exactly the same.

What are common shapes used in Rangoli patterns?

Geometric shapes like circles, squares, triangles, and petal-like curves.

Besides coloured sand, what natural materials might an artist use to make Rangoli?

Flower petals, grains, pulses, or coloured rice flour.

True or False: Rangoli patterns are usually meant to be permanent.

False. They are temporary designs created to celebrate a special occasion.

What is the main purpose of using bright colours in Rangoli?

To reflect joy, celebration, and the spirit of the Festival of Lights.

How does Zara the zebra describe a Rangoli pattern?

As a beautiful example of repeating shapes and balanced patterns that she sees all around her.

What is a 'grid' in the context of Rangoli?

A network of dots drawn on the floor first, which acts as a guide to help the artist draw precise, symmetrical patterns.

Are Rangoli designs usually simple or complex?

They can be both; they range from simple, small designs to very large, intricate patterns that cover a whole floor.

What do the patterns in Rangoli often represent?

Nature, flowers, birds, or abstract symbols that represent happiness and auspicious beginnings.