

Grade 3 Art Assessment: The Art of Rangoli

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the cultural significance, geometric patterns, and artistic techniques used in Diwali Rangoli.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you express your ideas clearly. Show your creative thinking in the final drawing section.

Rangoli is an ancient art form originating from the Indian subcontinent, often created on the floor during Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Artists use materials like colored sand, rice flour, or flower petals to create intricate designs. These patterns are not just for decoration; they are created to bring good luck and to welcome guests into the home. Rangoli designs often feature geometric shapes and nature-inspired motifs, relying heavily on symmetry to create a sense of balance.

Word bank: Symmetry · Diwali · Pattern · Geometric · Welcoming · Pigment · Festival of Lights · Repetition

1. Identify two materials that could be used to create a traditional Rangoli design. (2 marks)

2. Zara the zebra loves patterns! Explain why symmetry is important when designing a Rangoli pattern. (3 marks)

3. What is the main purpose of creating a Rangoli design during the Diwali festival? (2 marks)

4. Describe the difference between a geometric pattern and a natural motif in Rangoli art. (4 marks)

5. Max the monkey wants to create a Rangoli design that costs £5.00 for colored sand. If he buys three bags of sand for £1.20 each, how much change will he receive? Show your math working. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are preparing your home for Diwali. Write a short paragraph (5 sentences) describing your chosen design. Explain what shapes you have included, the colors you have chosen, and why you believe your design will be welcoming to guests. (5 marks)

Draw: In the space below, sketch an original Rangoli design. Ensure your design uses at least one line of symmetry and includes both geometric shapes (like triangles or squares) and natural motifs (like flowers or leaves). (5 marks)



Extension challenge: Total: /25