

Year 5 Art Assessment: The Art of Rangoli

Learning objective: To understand the cultural significance, geometric patterns, and symmetry used in Diwali Rangoli designs.

Read each question carefully. Use the vocabulary provided to support your answers. Ensure your artistic choices reflect the traditional principles of Rangoli.

Rangoli is a traditional Indian art form where intricate patterns are created on the floor using materials like coloured rice, dry flour, or flower petals. During the festival of Diwali, families create these designs at the entrance of their homes to welcome guests and bring good luck. These designs often feature geometric shapes, floral motifs, and precise symmetry, reflecting the harmony and balance celebrated during the Festival of Lights.

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

1. Identify two materials traditionally used to create a Rangoli design. (2 marks)

2. Why do families create Rangoli designs at the entrance of their homes during Diwali? (3 marks)

3. Explain the importance of symmetry in a Rangoli pattern. How does it affect the viewer's perception of the art? (4 marks)

4. If you were to create a Rangoli, which geometric shapes would you choose to include and why? (3 marks)

5. Max the monkey is trying to design a Rangoli. He wants to use a repeating pattern of triangles and circles. Describe how he could use the principle of rotation to make his design look balanced. (4 marks)

6. Discuss the cultural significance of Diwali as the 'Festival of Lights' and explain how the colours and patterns in a Rangoli help to celebrate this theme. Use your knowledge of art and history to support your answer. (5 marks)

7. Identify one way you could change a pattern's appearance without changing its shape. (4 marks)

Draw: Using a pencil, draw a symmetrical Rangoli design in the space below. Focus on using at least two different geometric shapes and ensure your pattern is balanced from left to right.



Extension challenge: Total: /25