

Zara's Diwali Rangoli Patterns

Learning objective: To explore the patterns and symmetry used in Diwali Rangoli art and understand the cultural significance of these decorations.

Look at the colourful patterns Zara has found. Use your pencil and crayons to complete the tasks below. Remember, Rangoli is all about bright colours and repeating shapes!

Word bank: Rangoli · Diwali · Pattern · Symmetry · Bright · Celebrate

1. Zara the zebra loves bright colours. Which three colours would you choose to make your Rangoli pattern look happy and bright? (2 marks)

2. Diwali is a festival of light. Why do you think people draw Rangoli patterns near their front doors during this time? (2 marks)

3. Look at a square shape. If you draw a circle in the middle, is it a pattern? Tell us why. (2 marks)

4. Max the monkey wants to buy some coloured chalk for £2. If he has a £1 coin and another £1 coin, does he have enough money? (2 marks)

5. Can you name one shape that you might see inside a Rangoli design, like a circle or a triangle? (1 mark)

Draw: In the space below, draw your own Rangoli pattern for Zara. Start with a dot in the middle and draw shapes around it to make it symmetrical. Make sure it is very colourful!



Extension challenge: Find a partner and look at your Rangoli patterns together. Can you find one shape that you both used? Explain to your partner how you chose your colours.