

## Diwali: The Festival of Lights Drawing Challenge

*Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the Diwali narrative by visualising key cultural elements and symbolism.*

Follow the steps below to create a detailed scene representing the story of Diwali. Use the word bank to add labels to your artwork to show your understanding of the festival's significance.

**Draw:** Create a scene depicting a festive home entrance during Diwali. The style should be vibrant and celebratory. Include a detailed Rangoli pattern on the floor using geometric shapes (triangles, squares, and circles). Draw at least twelve flickering diyas (small clay lamps) arranged in a line. In the background, draw the silhouettes of two figures approaching the home to represent Rama and Sita. Ensure the contrast between the warm glow of the lamps and the night sky is clear.



*Label words: Diyas · Rangoli · Victory of light over darkness · Rama and Sita · Ayrvoda · Traditional patterns*

### Steps:

1. Explain why the people of Ayodhya lit lamps to welcome Rama and Sita home. How does this link to the theme of the festival?
2. Step 1: Draw a large, ornate doorway in the centre of your page. Decorate the ground in front of it with a colourful geometric Rangoli pattern.

3. Step 2: Add rows of small 'diyas' (oil lamps) along the walls and the path to represent the guiding light.
4. Step 3: Label the 'diyas' and the 'rangoli' using the provided word bank.
5. Why are patterns often used in Rangoli art? Consider what these patterns might represent about a family's welcome.