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FESTIVALS, OCCASIONS, AND CELEBRATIONS



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We celebrate a variety of festivals and occasions throughout the year. This lights up our hearts and our homes. We express this joy in many ways. It includes food, home decoration, music, dance, special festive dresses, and people coming together.



By the end of this chapter, you will get familiar with a few visual arts traditions, that create a festive environment. These include floor and wall designs, garlands, *torans*, and lanterns. In this chapter, you will do activities related to local art traditions practised in your homes and in the neighbouring communities.

ACTIVITY 1 Floor and Wall Designs

Have you seen a design made on the floor or the walls? Where did you see it? When do we decorate our floors or walls?

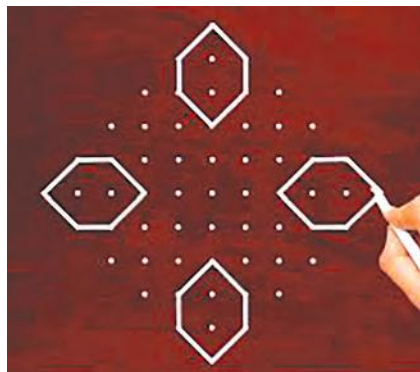
Make a floor design in the space below.



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Rangolis can also be made using dots and lines.

See the samples and create your own patterns by joining the dots.



A large grid of dots for creating rangolis. The grid is composed of several sections of dots. The top two rows have 2 dots each. The next three rows have 2, 2, and 2 dots respectively. The middle section has three rows of 3 dots each. The bottom section has four rows of 4 dots each. Three sample rangoli patterns are shown at the top of the grid:

- A four-petaled flower shape with dots at the centers of the petals.
- A shape with two triangles and two circles, with dots at their centers.
- A square with circles at the corners and triangles at the midpoints of the sides, with dots at the corners and midpoints.

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ACTIVITY 2 Flowers Sing on the String

We use flowers and leaves to make garlands for special occasions. We make *torans* too! Their colour and fragrance make it festive.

Let's make our own garlands and *torans*! You can use flowers, leaves, sticks, paper, beads, thread and other materials.

Step 1: Take a three feet long or your arm length thread.

Step 2: Make a pattern with paper, leaves, flowers, etc., and stick them to the thread to make a *toran*.

Step 3: Display your *toran* at an entrance.



ACTIVITY 3 Make Your Own Paper Lanterns

You made a *jali*; now you can create your paper lantern too! All you have to do is join two edges of the paper to make it a cylinder. Use a variety of **colours** to make your lantern look attractive!



ACTIVITY 4 Make Your Own Clay Lamps

You have already made objects out of clay! Did you make any *deepak* (lamps)? How many different shapes can you make your *deepak* in? Dry your *deepak* in the sun and then paint it with colours and designs! It can be decorated with mirrors, tapes, bindis or drawings. Try to make one!



ACTIVITY 5 Make Jewellery

Make jewellery using any paper, scissors, crayons and glue or tape! Use other materials of your choice to add designs and decorate them.



- Step 1:** Take two strips of paper that can be wrapped around your wrists.
- Step 2:** Colour one strip with the colour of a flower you like.
- Step 3:** Colour the other strip with a different colour.
- Step 4:** Draw some designs, patterns and paste other material to decorate the strips.
- Step 5:** Wrap each strip around your wrist and stick it with glue or tape.

Your bracelets are ready!

Now, you can design and make your own anklets and other jewellery too! Use natural material for these. When they are ready, exchange your jewellery with your classmates or give them as gifts.