

# Indian Art

## Learning Objective:

To explore and create rangoli patterns.



Do you know  
what rangoli  
patterns are? Have  
you seen or made  
one before?

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**Rangoli is an art form from India which involves using coloured salt, rice or natural materials to create a pattern. Usually the patterns are in a circle shape, are quite large and take a long time to make.**



Have you seen these patterns before?

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Can you  
remember what  
Diwali is?



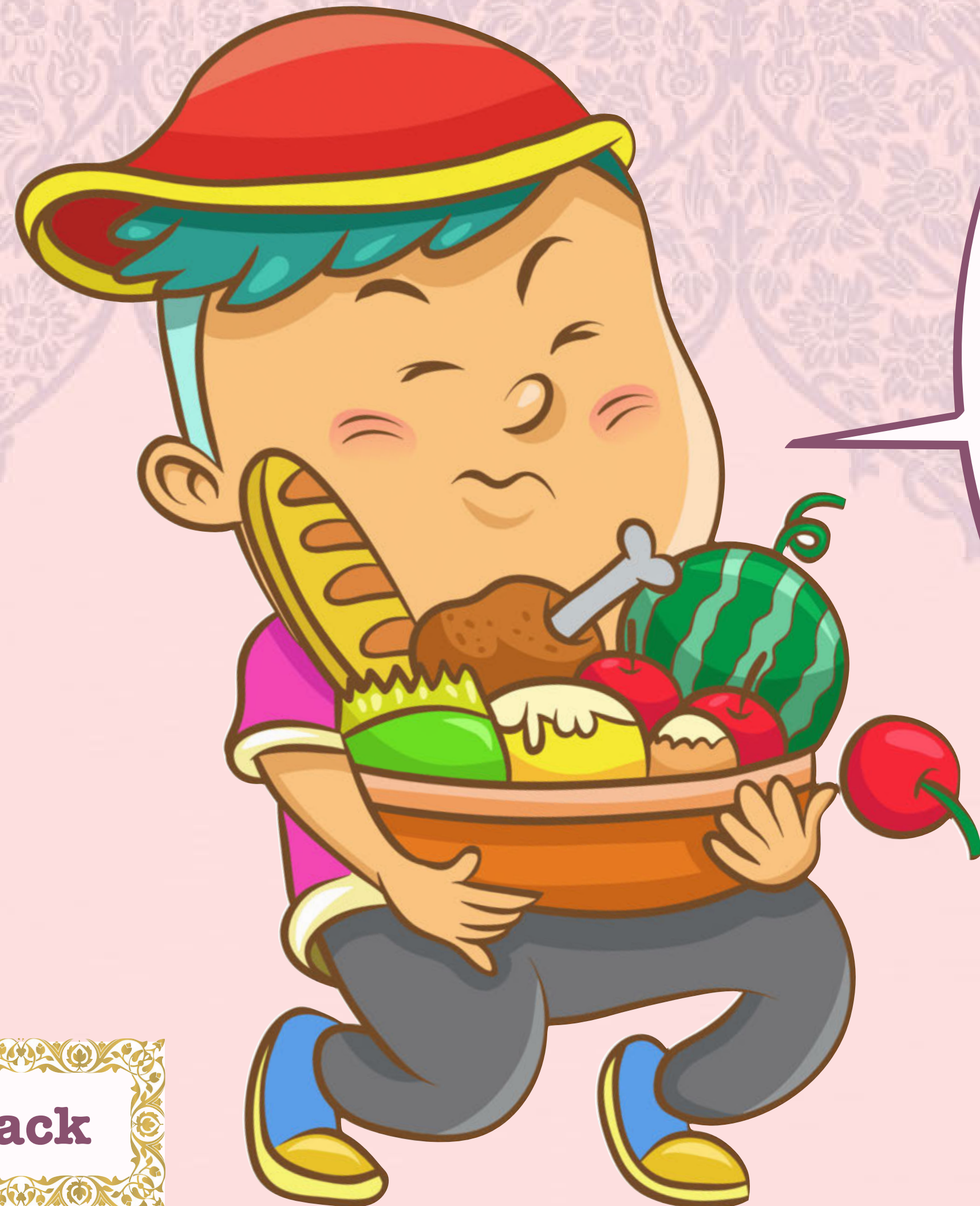
**Rangoli designs are made for  
Diwali and other Indian  
festivals. Diwali is the  
festival of lights that is held  
in honour of Lakshmi (the  
goddess of wealth and  
prosperity).**

**Rangoli patterns are made  
during this festival to bring  
good luck and to represent  
spirituality.**

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Did you know  
there are three main  
elements artists include  
when making a rangoli  
pattern? Do you know  
what they are?

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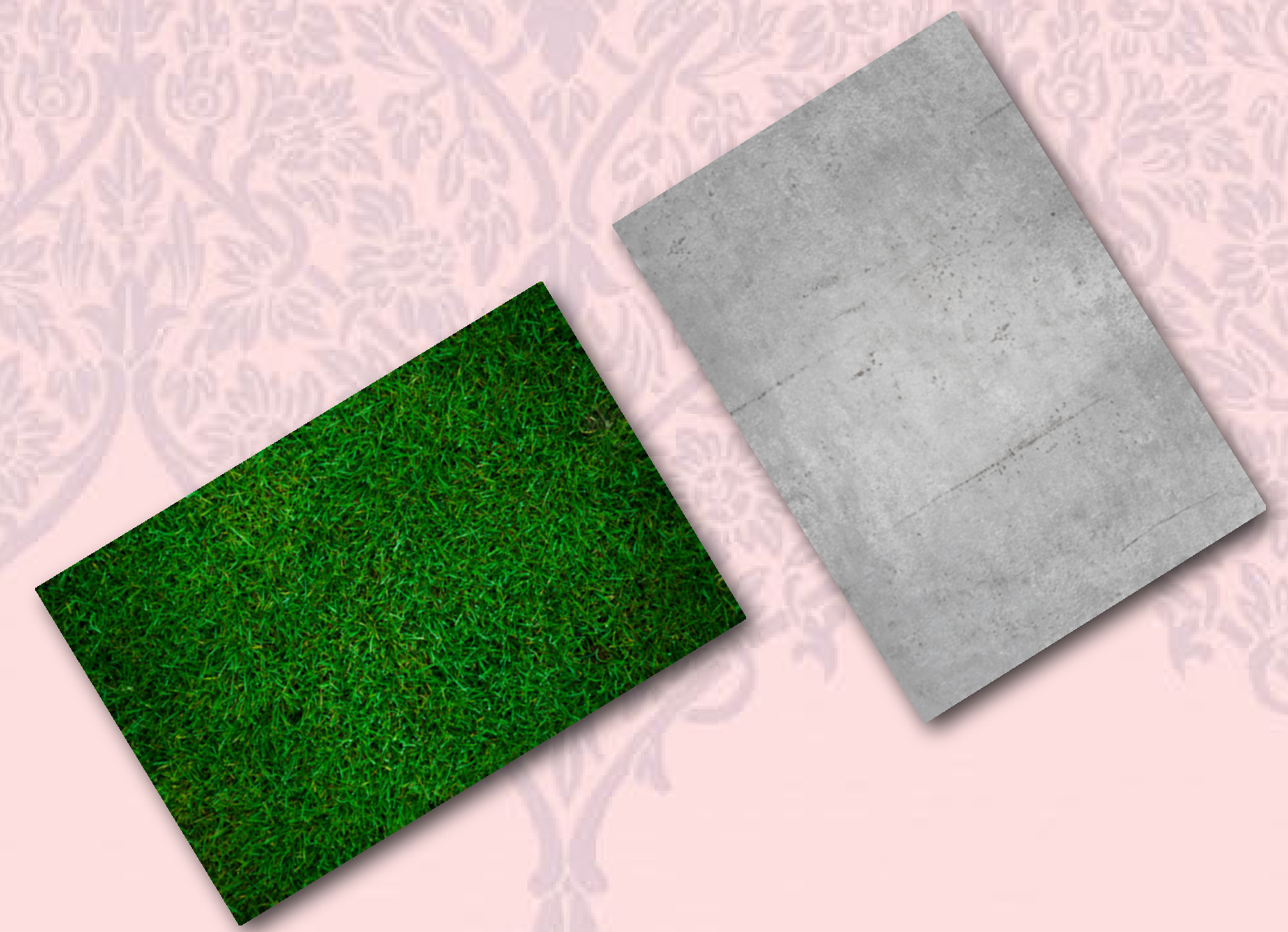
# The three main elements in a rangoli pattern are symbols, materials and background.



The symbols used in the design reflect Indian culture.



The materials used must be found in nature so both rich and poor people can make rangoli patterns.



Rangoli patterns must be created on a clear background.

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Let's look at  
some rangoli  
designs and see if  
we can see the any  
elements in  
them.

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**How were the  
colours kept apart?**

**What materials were  
used to make this?**

**What do you think  
the background  
is?**

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**What colours can  
you see and how  
were they blended?**

**What was used to  
make this?**

**What do you think  
the background  
is?**

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**What shapes and  
colours were used?**

**What natural  
materials can you  
see?**

**What do you think  
the background  
is?**



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**What Indian  
symbols can you  
see?**

**How was this  
rangoli made?**

**What do you think  
the background  
is?**

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**What patterns can  
you see?**

**Is there symmetry  
in this rangoli?**

**What do you think  
the background  
is?**

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Today you will be making your own rangoli designs. Look at the steps on the next slide to see how to make a rangoli pattern. Your teacher pre-made coloured salt for you to use.



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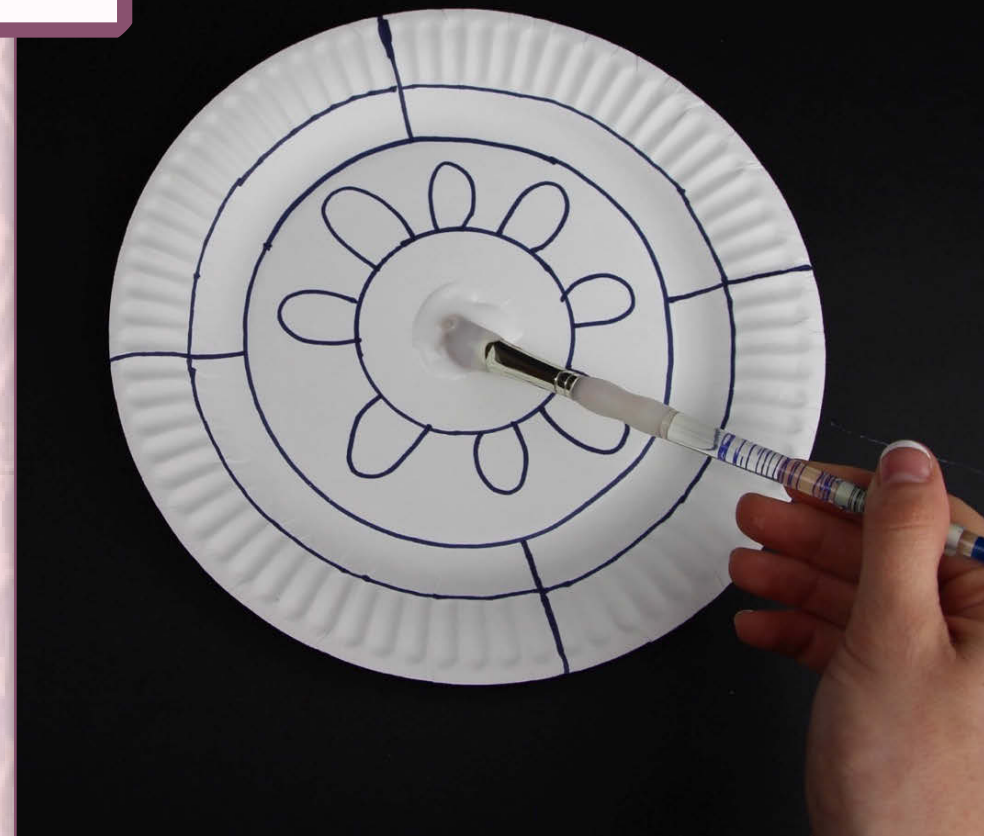


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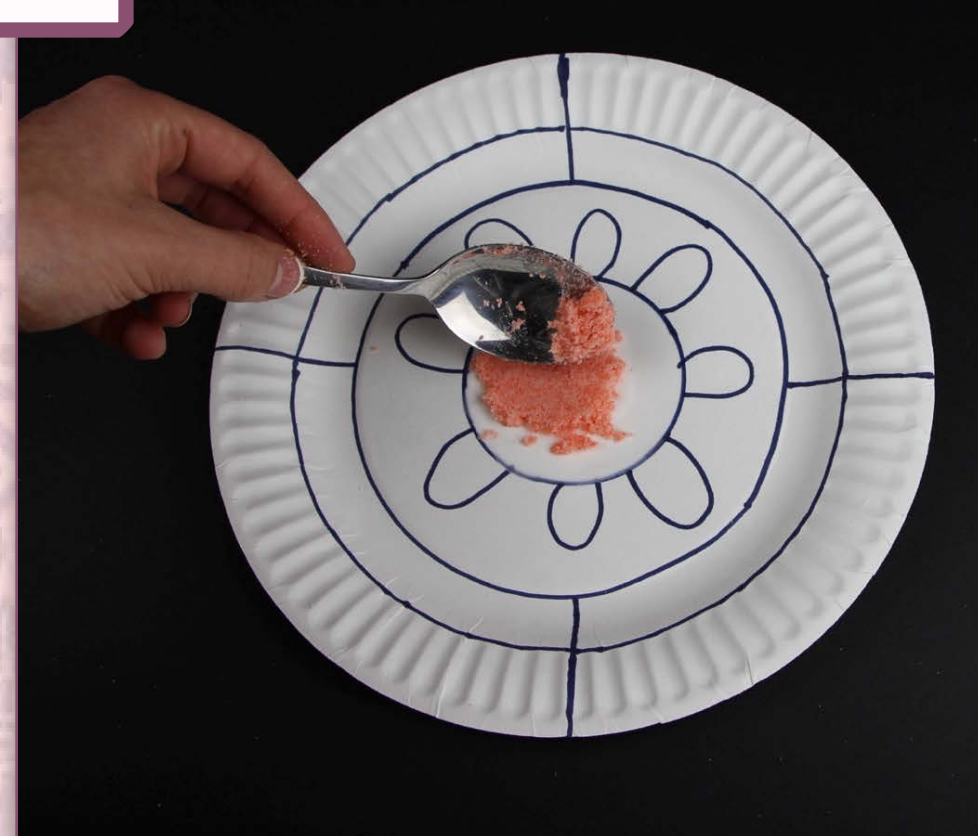
Use the outlines or draw your own rangoli outline on a paper plate. You can use pencil or felt pens to do this.

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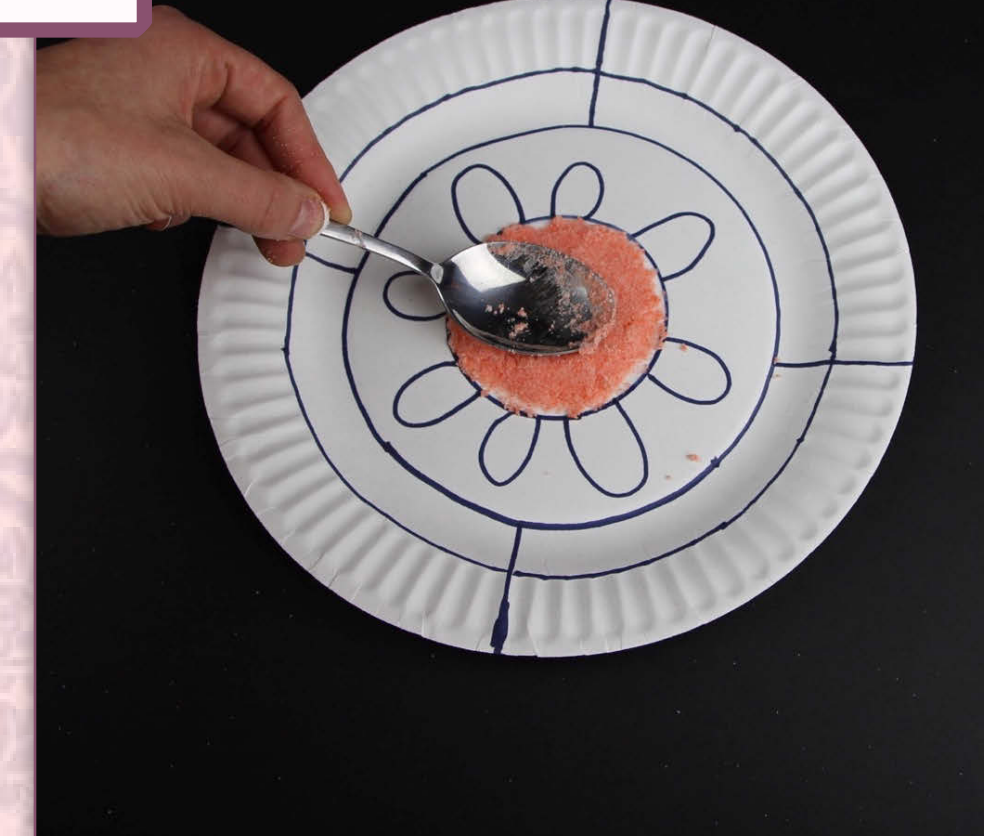
Start in the middle and paint a thick layer of PVA glue on the plate, in one section.

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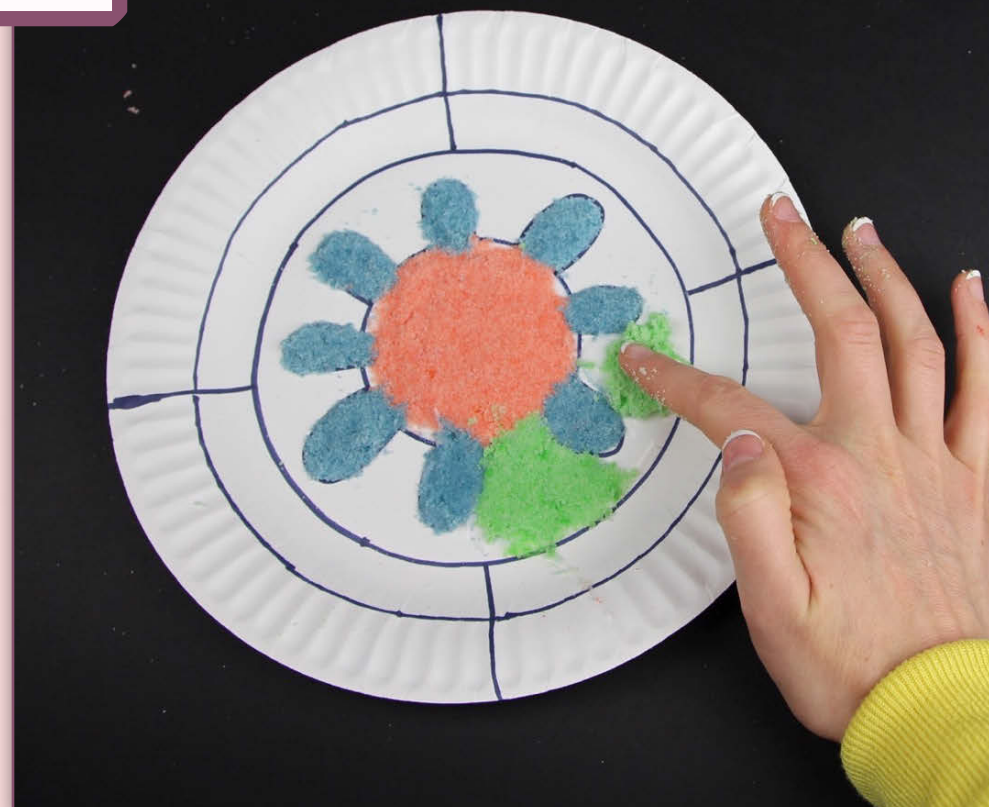
Carefully spoon some coloured salt onto the glue, trying to keep it in the section.

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Pat down the salt using the back of the spoon until the section is filled.

5



Add more coloured salt to the smaller sections and use your fingers to spread it around.

6



Continue doing this until your design is all filled in.

7



You might like to paint the outside edge or continue using the salt to finish the rangoli.

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You could add some sequins or even real flowers to your design.

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# Plenary



**Can you think of other materials you could use to make a rangoli design? Record some ideas below.**



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