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Good Morning Picasso!



Tomorrow is Diwali the Indian festival of lights. It is one of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".



Check out the story of Diwali [here](#).

Facts about Diwali

- Diwali takes place every year, marking the start of the Hindu New Year.
- The word Diwali means “row of lights” in an Ancient language of India. During this festival, people decorate their homes with lights and oil lamps, called diyas.
- For many people, Diwali honours the Hindu goddess of wealth, Lakshmi. The lights and lamps are said to help Lakshmi find her way into peoples’ homes, bringing prosperity in the year to come!
- It’s also a celebration of good triumphing over evil. In northern India, Hindus celebrate the return of the gods Rama and Sita to the city of Ayodhya, after defeating the evil king Ravana!
- But it’s not just about lights and legends — Diwali is a time to have fun with friends and family! It’s a time to clean and decorate your home, too.
- Rangoli is a popular Diwali tradition — beautiful patterns made using colourful powders and flowers. People draw rangoli on the floor by the entrance of their homes to welcome the gods and bring good luck!
- The city of Leicester, in the United Kingdom, holds the largest Diwali celebrations outside of India. Every year, tens of thousands of people gather in the streets to enjoy vibrant shows of light, music and dancing!

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DIYA LAMP

Make your own Diya lamp



Clay Diyas are often used temporarily as lighting for special occasions, while diyas made of brass are permanent fixtures in homes and temples. Especially in Diwali, diyas or candles are representing of enlightenment, knowledge or wisdom.

Task

Click on the image below to make your very own Diya for Diwali.

