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Little Lights, Big Celebrations!

Diwali EYFS Activities Pack | Ages 2–5



Practitioner Guide

Suggested ages: 2-5.



Learning opportunities

Communication and language; early mathematics; fine motor development; expressive arts and design; sensory exploration; personal, social and emotional development.



SEND adaptations

Offer visual choices, reduced instructions, larger materials, extra processing time, adult modelling, alternative ways to respond and sensory opt-outs.



Cultural inclusion

Diwali is celebrated in different ways. Invite family knowledge respectfully without expecting any family to represent a whole community.

Safety

Supervise activities, check materials for age suitability, avoid choking hazards, manage sensory sensitivities and use battery-operated lights rather than real flames.



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What Is Diwali?

Diwali is a festival of light celebrated by different communities and families in different ways. For some people it is a time for light, celebration, family, kindness and traditions. Every family may celebrate differently, and some families do not celebrate Diwali.







What can you see?

What do you notice about the lights and colours?

How might people celebrate together?

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A Little Activity to Share

Would you like to share a pattern, decoration, story or tradition?

You can choose to join in, or simply draw and talk about something you enjoy.

Every family is different. Sharing is optional, and everyone is welcome.

A Pattern



A Decoration



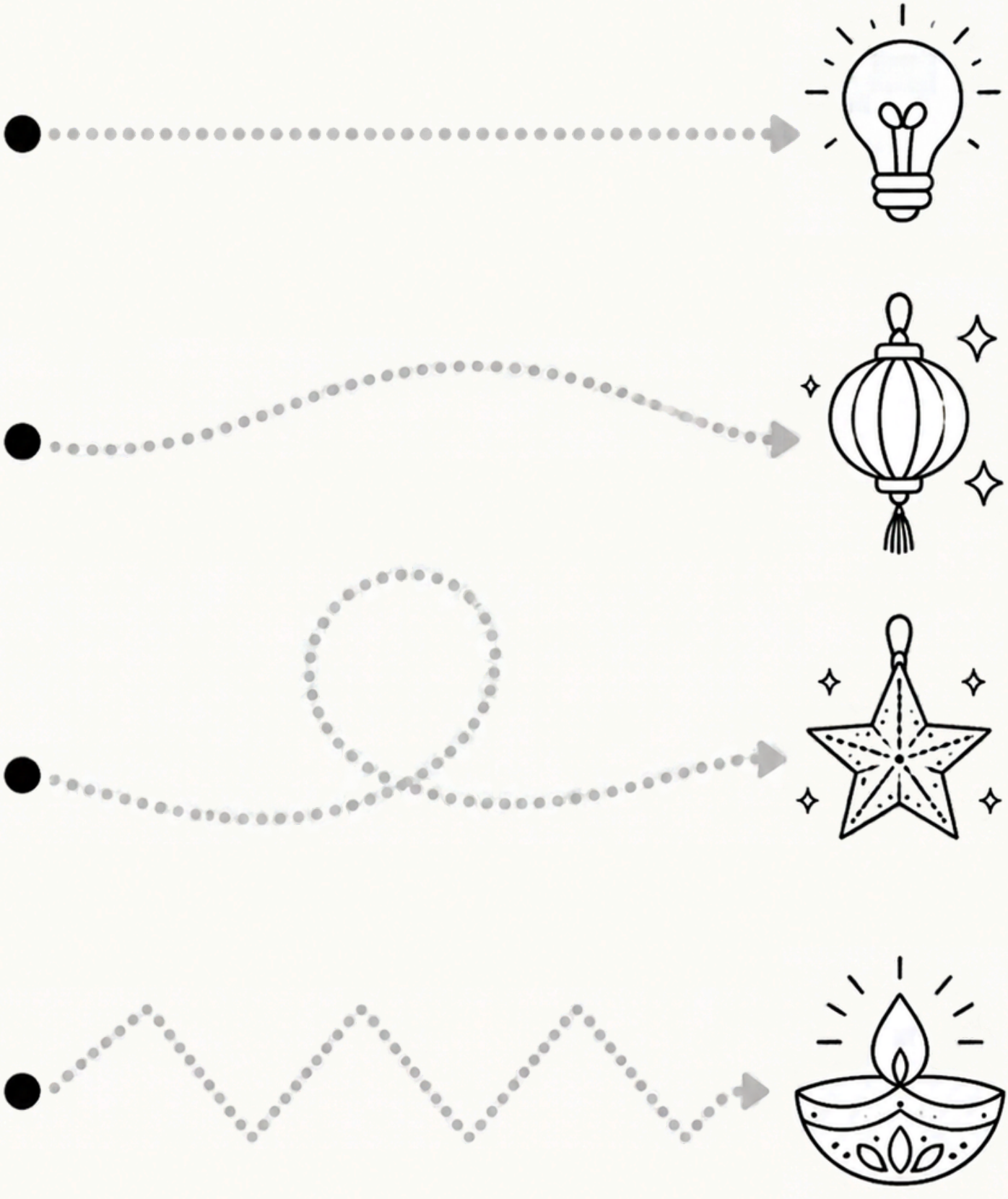
A Story





Trace the Light

Trace from the start dot to the finish.



Find the Match

Find the pictures that match.














You can point to the matches.

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Explore With Your Senses

1



Explore colourful paper shapes.

2



Make rangoli patterns with large loose parts.

3



Compare smooth and textured materials.

4

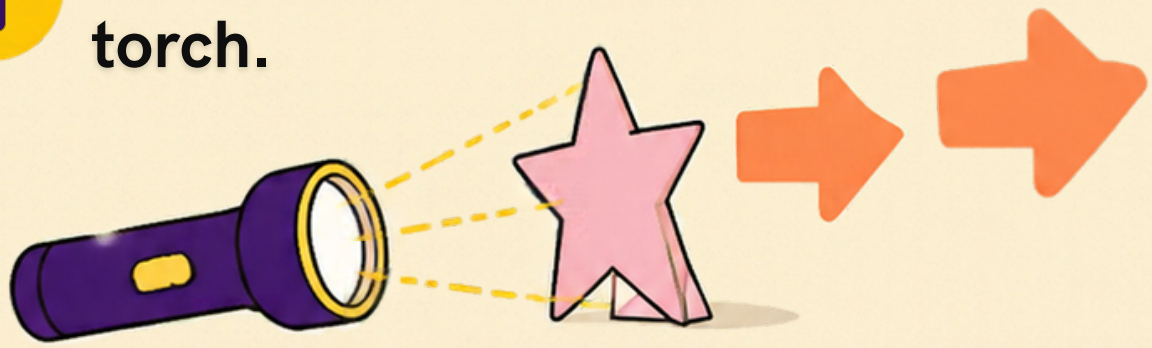


Listen to gentle celebration sounds.

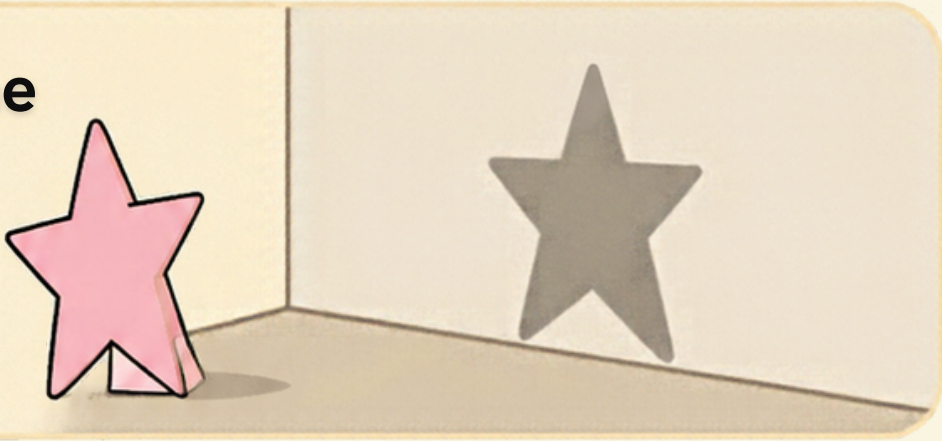
Adult reminder: Check for allergies and choking risks. Avoid small loose parts for children who may mouth objects. Offer sensory opt-outs.

Light and Shadow

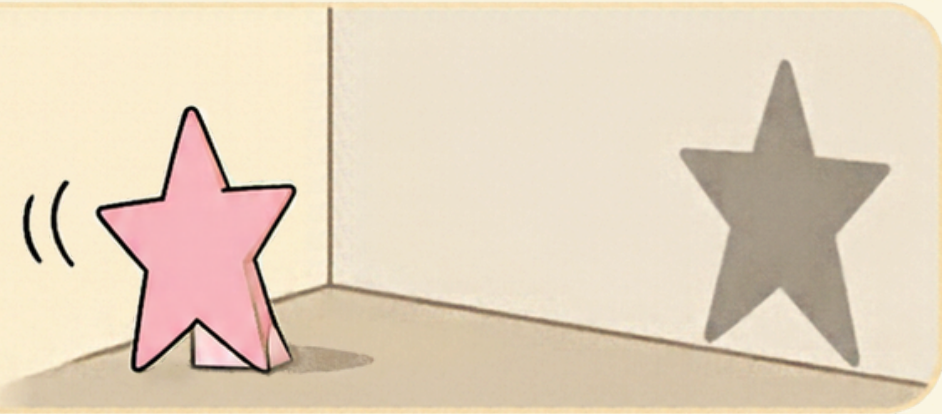
1 Shine the torch.



2 Observe the shadow.



3 Move the object.



Safety: Never shine a torch into anyone's eyes. Use battery-operated lights rather than real flames.

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Let's Pretend






Who would you like to invite?

What could we make together?

Families celebrate in different ways, and some families do not celebrate Diwali.

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My Favourite Part



Colours and patterns



Lights and lanterns



Making something

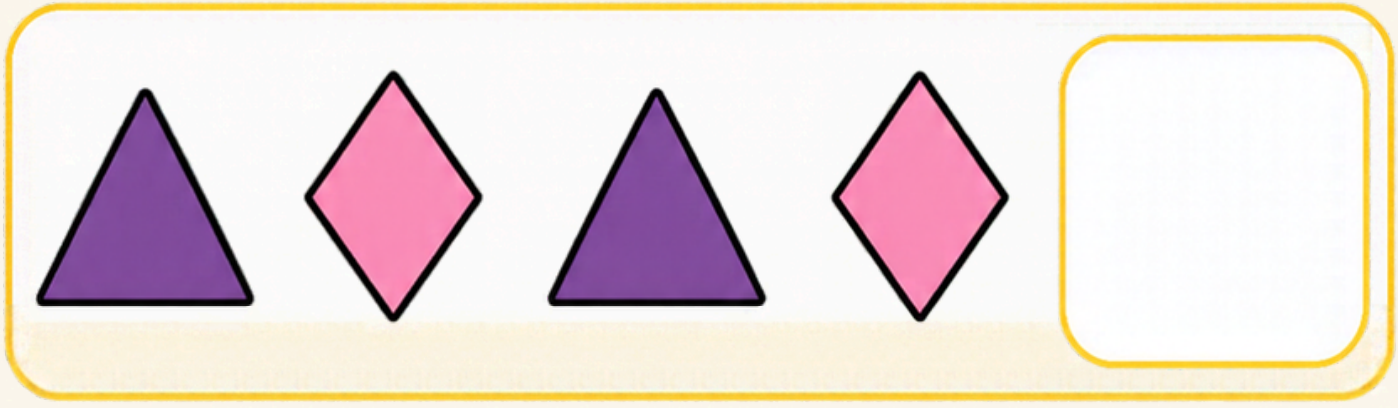
Draw, point, select a picture or share your choice.

What Comes Next?

Can you finish the pattern?



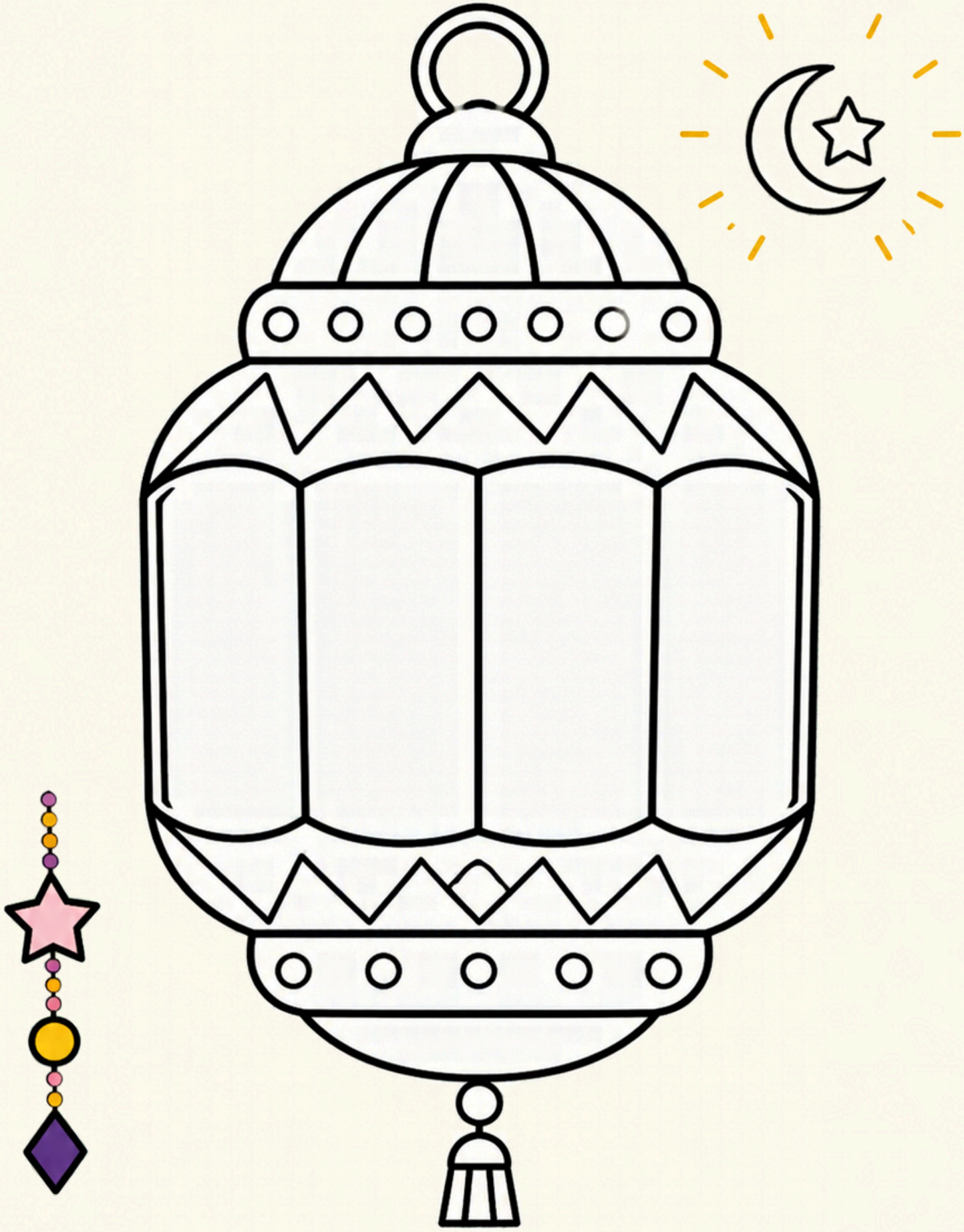




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Light Up the Lantern

Choose colours to decorate your lantern.



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Make a Greeting Card

Happy Diwali



Adult help may be needed for cutting.

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Count the Diyas

Count each group. Point to or mark the matching number.



1 2 3 4 5



1 2 3 4 5



1 2 3 4 5



1 2 3 4 5



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Match the Colours

Match each picture to the colour.













Red

Yellow

Orange

Pink

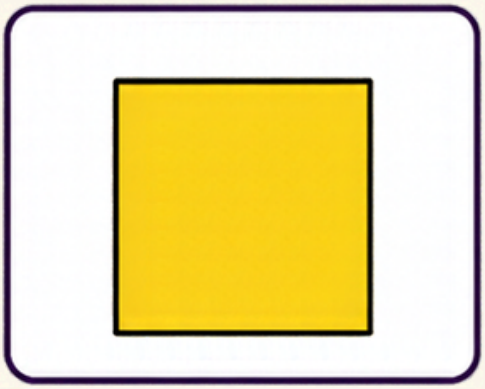
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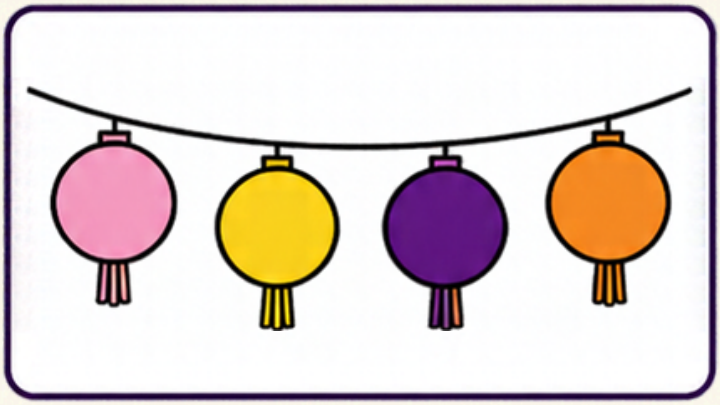
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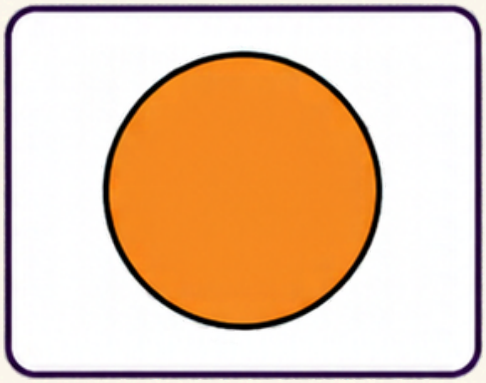
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Find the Matching Shape

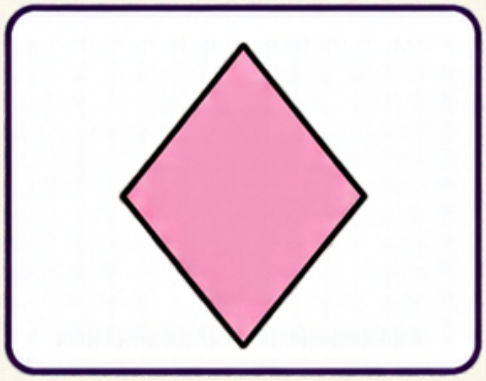
Match the shapes that are the same.



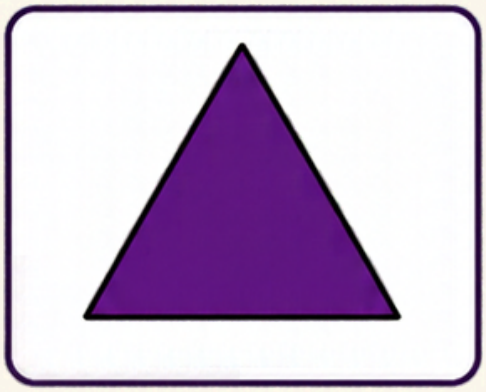


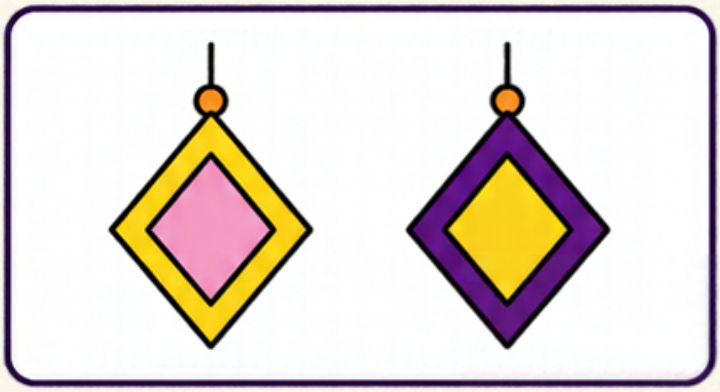












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Diwali Picture Cards



Diya



Rangoli



Lantern



Sweets



Lights



Greeting card

Let's Talk About Diwali



What can you see?



What colours can you find?



Which picture do you like?



What would you like to make?

You can speak, point, sign or use communication aids.

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Decorate a Diya

Colour and decorate your diya.



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My Rangoli Design

Choose your colours and decorate the pattern.

