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Ages 1
and up



Create a Diya (lamp) - a cultural representation

This activity is for children to get an understanding of cultures and their respective festivals. Diwali or Deepavali, known as the festival of lights, is an Indian cultural festival where lighting diyas (lamps) is a big part of the celebration. Through this activity, children can learn how to draw and colour their own diya!

Learning benefit/skill development

- Provides learning about different cultures and their significant festivals.
- Gives children an opportunity to explore creativity with free hand drawing and/or colouring.
- Develops hand and eye coordination as well as concentration skills

What you'll need

- Paper
- Pencils, crayons or textas – preferably brown and yellow
- A picture of a diya for children to use as a reference

Instructions

1. Show your child some images of a diya and explain the significance of this during the Diwali celebration. Information can be found here -

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali>

2. Encourage your child to draw the shape of a diya.
3. Now it's time to colour! Colour in the frame with yellow or orange colours, with the bottom of the diya (the bowl) in brown. The bottom bowl of an actual diya is made out of clay.

Please note

- The colours mentioned above are a true representation of a diya. However children can explore their imagination to use different colours if they prefer.

