# THE FAMILY SUNDAYS
# RUBIN AT HOME



## HOLI RANGOLI

## ABOUT

Celebrate Holi, the festival of colors and love, which signifies the victory of good over evil and marks the arrival of spring. Rangoli are geometric or nature-inspired patterns made during Holi celebrations in India. Take inspiration from this traditional art form and create your own floral and geometric designs using bright and vibrant hues!

## MATERIALS

1. Paper towels, toilet paper, or coffee filters
2. Spray bottle filled with water or a bowl of water and spoon
3. Cardboard or plates to protect your workstation
4. Markers
5. Scissors



Durga Killing the Buffalo Demon
Nepal; 12th-13th century

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Step 1**  Prepare your workstation. The markers will soak through the paper, so place a piece of cardboard or a plate underneath while you are working. It is also a good idea to have a second piece of cardboard or plate designated as a drying area.

**Step 2**  If you are using a paper towel or toilet paper, cut the sheets into circles, because rangolis are usually circular. If you are using a coffee filter you can skip this step.

**Step 3**  Inspired by rangoli designs, nature, and geometric shapes, draw your own design onto the paper with your markers. Use lots of colors! You can just make outlines of the shapes or color them in.

**Tip**  While drawing your designs, make sure to only apply light pressure—too much and your paper will rip!

**Step 4**  Once your design is complete, take your spray bottle or bowl of water and begin to wet the paper. Notice how the ink spreads across the paper and interacts with the different colors. You can wet it a little or a lot!

**Step 5**  As you create more designs, think about how the ink spreads and bleeds through the paper. Try to create different shapes, use different colors, and even fold your paper while drawing and wetting the paper to create different patterns. Tip: Before starting your next design, wipe down your work area and make sure it is dry.

**Step 6**  Let your designs dry overnight or microwave them for 5 seconds at a time.