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# Pancha Ganapati: Rangoli

Pancha Ganapati is a Hindu festival celebrated between December 21 - December 25. It honors Lord Ganesh, the patron of Arts and Culture. Families decorate a shrine to Lord Ganesh in their homes, along with tinsel, strung lights, ornaments, and rangoli. Rangoli is an art form from India, most commonly seen during Diwali, in which patterns are created on the floor in living rooms or courtyards using materials such as colored rice, dry flour, colored sand, or flower petals. Create your own rangoli, and maybe even use the colors associated with Pancha Ganapati: yellow, blue, red, green, and orange.

# 1



### Gather materials:

- Heavyweight Paper
- Colored Sand
- Foam / Felt Shapes
- Sequins / Gems / Rhinestones
- Cardboard Roll
- Scissors
- Glue

# 2



Begin by creating a tool to dispense sand onto your paper, similar to a tool used in India when creating rangoli. Slightly bend a cardboard roll and cut it in half.

### NOTE:

You can also use your hand, a spoon, sifter, or any tool to help pour the sand in a controlled manner.

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Draw a circle on your paper in any size. You can use a lid or any circular object to trace.

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In this project we will be creating 3 layers of colored sand. You can add more or less layers if you'd like. Begin by creating the smallest layer in the center of your circle. Fill the entire circle with a thin layer of glue.

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Pour a small amount (about 2 tablespoons) of colored sand into the cardboard tool created in Step 1.

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Go directly above the section of glue and lightly tap the cardboard using your finger or other hand. By lightly shaking the sand, you can decide how much sand comes out with each tap.



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Fill the circle with sand and give the page a good shake to make sure the sand spreads evenly. Dump any excess sand out afterward.

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Repeat Steps 4-7 for each remaining ring. Use the glue to make an outline of your circle larger than one inch each time.

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Use your cardboard tool and tapping method to add different colored sand to each ring. Shake the page and dump each color out before beginning the next color.

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Using the precut shape pieces, create a pattern inside your circle. Start by adding one piece to the center section. Then add a shape above it, below it, and on each side.



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You can create many patterns using different shapes, colors, and placements. If there's enough glue, the shapes will stick on top of the sand. But if needed, add a small amount of glue to secure them down.

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Lastly, use sequins, gems, or rhinestones to embellish your rangoli. You can even create another layer on the outside using these materials or place them on top of your shapes!

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When you're done embellishing, leave your piece to dry for a couple of hours and you're done!