

Camp@Home - Activities

This activity idea was originally part of a Durham Scouts Camp@Home event. It has been adapted for broader use as part of the Scouting from Home programme

Activities at home should always be risk assessed and supervised by parents/carers, taking note of the specific safety advice provided



Rangoli Rice Pictures

In keeping with the Camp@Home2 international Jamboree theme, why not try making some rangoli pictures. These are traditional Indian decoration and patterns made with rice, particularly during festivals.



A Rangoli is a colourful design drawn on the floor near the entrance to a house to welcome guests. During Diwali, Hindus draw bright Rangoli patterns on the floor by the front door to encourage the goddess Lakshmi to enter their homes.

Rangoli can be square, rectangular or circular. They are traditionally drawn using rice grains, flour, sand or chalk and to make rice rangoli pictures you'll need:

- 4 cups rice
- 3-4 tsp vinegar
- food colouring
- Wax paper
- essential oils (optional)



Warning

Dye will transfer onto whatever surface you are using, so this is best done outside or on a tray/plate or plastic table covering.

Instructions

Combine all the ingredients. You need about 1 tsp vinegar for every cup of rice, but stay on the lower end to reduce the smell a bit. Add in a drop of peppermint oil to make it a little more pleasant smelling as well.

Shake until the colour is evenly distributed.

Set out on wax paper to dry. Make sure to spread it out so that it dries quickly!

Alternative – Use Salt instead of Rice

Add food colouring to salt

Make in advance to ensure food colouring is not as transferable

Add salt gradually until you get the colour you want

Top tip, put salt into a container and add food colouring a little at a time. A container with a lid will allow you to shake the salt to mix in the food colouring.

Alternatively, if you have chalk you can make a rangoli pattern or picture outside your own door.

Making a Rangoli Rice Picture can count towards the following activity badge requirements:



Beavers Creative Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/beavers/activity-badges/creative/>

This activity could meet the following requirements:

1. Try a Craft



Cubs Artist Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/cubs/activity-badges/artist/>

This activity could be one of the three things needed to complete the Cubs Artist Activity Badge requirements



Scouts Artist Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts/activity-badges/artist/>

This activity could get you started on the requirements for the Scouts Artist Activity Badge



Explorers Creative Arts Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/explorers/activity-badges/creative-arts/>

This activity could get you started on the requirements for the Explorers Creative Arts Activity Badge, and if you stick at it could also count towards your Chief Scouts, Queen's Scouts or Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.