

Coloring Page: Diwali Diya

Instructions: This page has been formatted for coloring on either the computer (using software such as Microsoft Paint) or on paper (just click "Print" on the top menu of this screen). If you get stuck, there are examples of colored pages on the website! Try to learn the story of each picture as you go along.



Diwali, or Deepavali, is the Festival of Lights and a time of celebration for Hindus. During this time, people light small lamps of clay, which are called *diyas* or *deepams*. These lights represent the triumph of good over evil, and are kept burning throughout the night in houses to welcome the Goddess Lakshmi. Fireworks are also burst during this festival to scare away evil spirits. Diwali comes at the end of the harvest season in India, so most farmers thank the Goddess for the bounty of the past year, and pray for a good harvest for the following year.