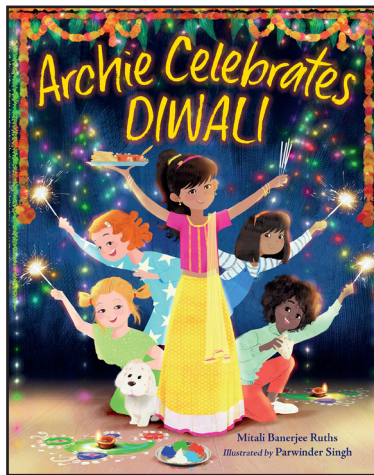


Archie Celebrates DIWALI

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"[C]ompelling, accurately reflecting the reality of children who celebrate religions outside the mainstream American culture . . . This sweet picture book about sharing Diwali will ring true in many households."
—*Kirkus Reviews*



About the Book

Who doesn't love Diwali?

Archana's favorite holiday is here! Her family throws a party every year, and this year, she's so excited she invites three of her friends from school. But then Archie gets nervous. What if they don't like Diwali as much as she does? And then on top of everything, a thunderstorm knocks out the power right in the middle of the festival of lights. Will this Diwali be a total disaster?

About the Author

Mitali Banerjee Ruths grew up celebrating Hindu festivals with her family. She is an American living in Canada who sometimes still dreams about being an astronaut. This is her first book.

About the Illustrator

Parwinder Singh has been drawing since childhood. He worked in animation before creating children's books. He loves exploring art styles and traveling to different places. He is the illustrator of *Let's Eat! Mealtime Around the World*.

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My Celebration

Archie is excited and nervous to share Diwali with her friends. Is there a holiday or tradition from your family or community that would be fun to share with friends? What is your celebration like?

My Celebration Is: _____

Decorations

Food

Clothing & Accessories

Other

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Find Your Way

The power's out! Help Archie and her friends find their way to the lamps.



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Word Search

L G K F A M I L Y X N S H P K
I M T U W G N O V E M B E R L
G O C T O B E R B F W S S M F
H I G E M F P V G N Q S P U T
T E M P A R E M A H A R A N I
S N Y S B O Z S H O L I D A Y
D I W A L I U E T M M A B B S
C E L E B R A T E I I P T V A
I D K S B R T G B N V D K I N
D D B X K K R A M A Y A N A S
M Z D I M I H R L V N S L K K
F R I E N D S L L E O G W D R
E G Y M K D Z A L U T U L H I
G D A X D U I N G G M V A E T
P P S Z U B P D O I Q A M J S

CELEBRATE
RAMAYANA
FAMILY
BINDI

FESTIVAL
GARLAND
BANGLES
SANSKRIT

MAHARANI
HOLIDAY
FRIENDS
LIGHTS

NOVEMBER
DIWALI
OCTOBER
DIYAS

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Make Your Own Diyas

Celebrate the festival of lights with these homemade lamps!



You Will Need:

- a large bowl
- a small bowl
- 2 disposable mixing spoons
- 2 cups of flour
- 1 cup of salt
- ½ cup of water
- ½ cup of acrylic paint, any color
- various gems, glitter, beads, or sequins
- a cookie sheet
- small tea lights or battery-powered candles
- optional: nontoxic varnish, like Mod Podge or PVA glue, and a brush

Directions

1. In the large bowl, mix together the flour and salt.
2. In the small bowl, mix together the water and paint.
3. Slowly add the water-paint mixture from the small bowl to the flour-salt mixture in the large bowl. Knead the mixture until it becomes a smooth dough. You may not need all of the water-paint. If the dough gets too sticky, add a little more flour.
4. Roll the dough into four or five 3-inch balls. Press your thumbs into the center of each one to make a spot big enough to fit a tea light or candle. (But don't put the lights in yet!)
5. Decorate your diyas with gems, glitter, beads, or sequins.
6. Place them on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake in the oven at 200 degrees Fahrenheit for about 3 hours, until hardened.
7. Optional: Once the diyas have cooled, brush them with nontoxic varnish like Mod Podge or PVA glue to seal. (This isn't required, but it will make your diyas shiny!)
8. Place your tea lights or candles in the diyas. Let them shine in the dark.

