

# INDIA



## Books:

- Bash, Barbara (1996). **In the Heart of the Village: The World of the Indian Banyan Tree** ISBN# 0871565737.
- Demi (1997). **One Grain of Rice; A Mathematical Folktale** ISBN# 9780590939980.
- Ejaz, Khadija (2001). **Recipe and Craft Guide to India** ISBN# 9781584159384.
- Kajda, Falaq (2011). **Festivals of the World India** ISBN# 9781608701018.
- Kipling, Rudyard (1997). **Rikki-Tikki-Tavi** ISBN# 0688143202.
- Schmidt, Jeremy (1994). **In the Village of the Elephants** ISBN# 0802782264.
- Sheth, Kashmira. (2008). **Monsoon Afternoon** ISBN# 9781561454556.

## Crafts:

- A rangoli is a colourful design made on the floor near the entrance to a house to welcome guests. At Diwali, Hindus draw bright Rangoli patterns to encourage the goddess Lakshmi to enter their homes. Printable Rangoli patterns can be found at <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/rangoli-colouring-pages.htm>.
- Make a fun elephant mask. [http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/elephant\\_mask.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/elephant_mask.htm).
- Lots of simple Indian theme crafts can be found at <http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/india/index.htm>.

- Make an Indian worry doll. These dolls can be made for many cultures. Directions can be found at <http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/worry-dolls-665252/>.



## Activities:

- Have a local yoga instructor teach a class with some basic poses.
- Hire a henna tattoo artist.  
[http://www.aboutfacesentertainers.com/henna/regions/north\\_america/united\\_states/northeast.htm](http://www.aboutfacesentertainers.com/henna/regions/north_america/united_states/northeast.htm)
- Request a donation of Indian food from a local restaurant for the kids to sample.
- Encourage kids to answer questions on the website Free Rice. For each correct answer ten grains of rice will be donated to the World Food Programme.  
<http://www.freerice.com/>
- The board games chess and Parcheesi both originated in India. Have an experienced chess player teach the basics to younger kids. Host a Parcheesi tournament.
- Demonstrate how to wear a sari. Directions can be found online at <http://saree-sari-india.blogspot.com/2009/09/how-to-wear-saree.html>.

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