

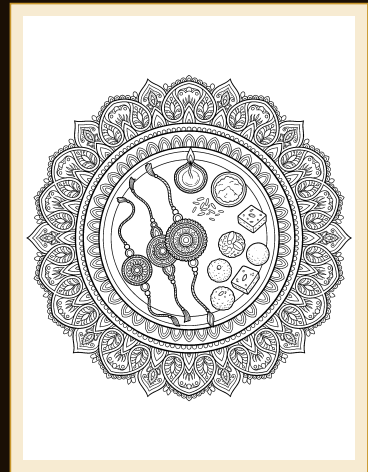
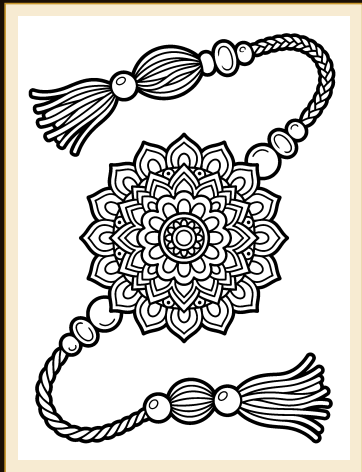
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RAKSHA BANDHAN DIY STARTER

Three colouring sheets · the story · a wisdom card



WHAT'S INSIDE

- The story of the thread that protects — traced to its source
- Three colouring sheets, easy to detailed, for the whole family
- A talapatra wisdom card to cut out and keep

Print on A4 at 100% scale. Plain paper is fine — thicker paper holds crayon and sketch pen better.

Free to print, share and photocopy for your family, school or temple.

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THE STORY

THE THREAD THAT PROTECTS

A rakhi is only a thread. It has no clasp, no weight, no worth you could sell. And yet it is one of the oldest promises we still keep — that someone in this world is looking out for you.

The Mahabharata tells of Krishna cutting his finger, and Draupadi tearing a strip from her own garment to bind the wound without being asked. Years later, when she stood alone and without protection, it was Krishna who came. A small kindness, remembered and repaid.

Another telling speaks of Indrani, who tied a blessed thread on her husband's wrist before battle — not armour, but courage. The thread did not stop the blows. It reminded him that he was loved, which is a different kind of shield.

This is why the thread goes on the wrist and not around the neck. It sits where you can see it, all day, while you work — a promise you keep looking at.

"A small kindness, remembered and repaid."

TALK ABOUT IT

Draupadi bound Krishna's wound without being asked.

Ask your child: who would you tie a rakhi for, and why?

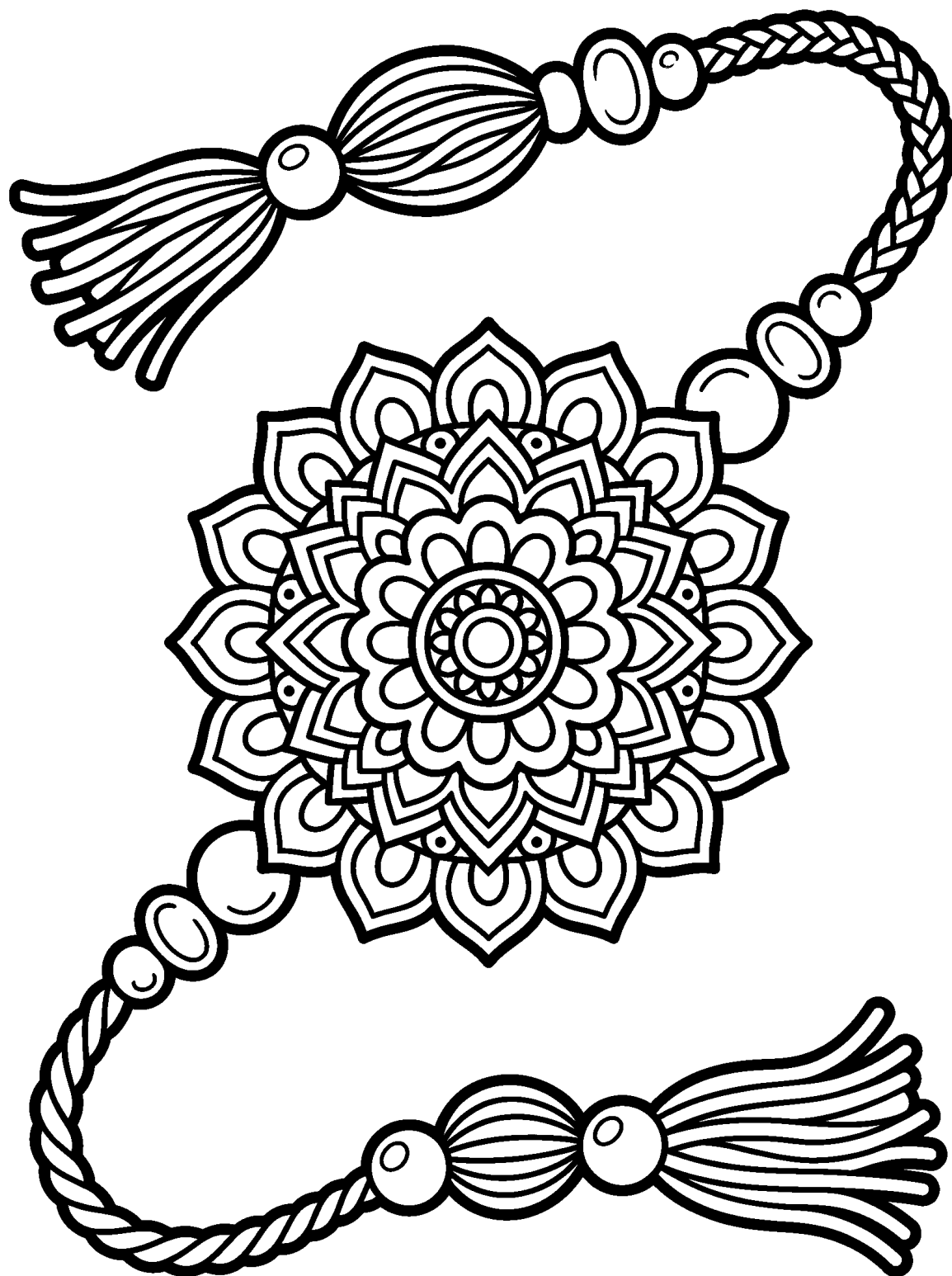
Protection can be a promise, not just strength.

Source: Mahabharata and Puranic Raksha Bandhan traditions.

Retellings differ between regions — this is the most widely told version.

THE RAKHI

Start here — big, simple shapes. Ages 3+



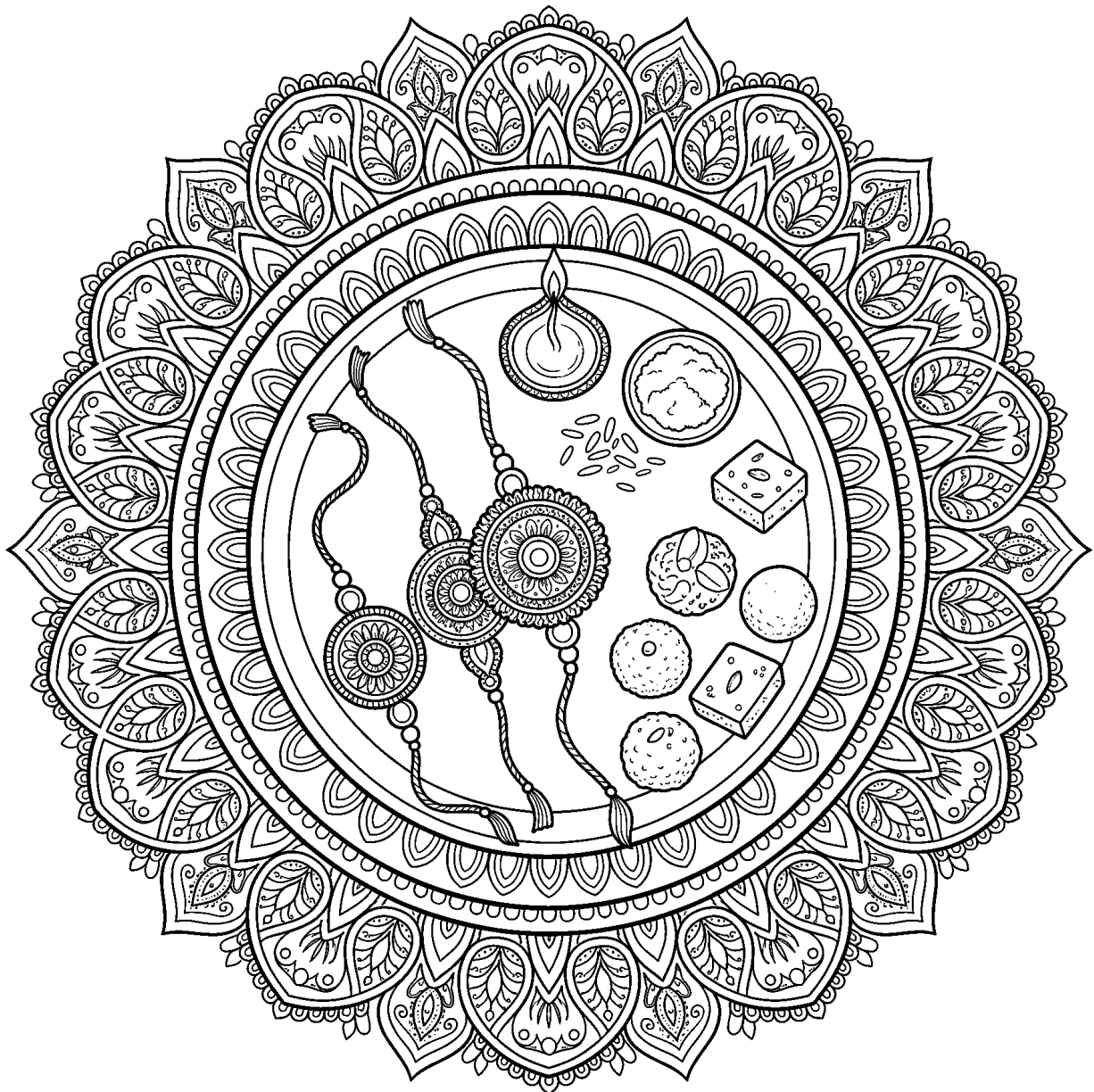
TYING THE RAKHI

A little more detail. Ages 6+



THE FESTIVE THALI

For patient hands. Ages 9+ and grown-ups



CUT OUT AND KEEP

YOUR TALAPATRA WISDOM CARD



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Every sheet in this kit can be coloured digitally on our website — tap to fill, undo anything, and save your artwork to share. No app to install.

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MAKE THE RAKHI YOURSELF THIS YEAR.

Our DIY kits bring this same artwork onto soft cotton t-shirts and a large pooja backdrop, with fabric markers and a storybook. Colour it together, then wear it through the festival. T-shirt kit Rs 999 · backdrop set Rs 1,499 · reserve with Rs 300.