

# Eid al Fitr

Eid al-Fitr is a significant Islamic festival that marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting observed by Muslims worldwide.

The name "Eid al-Fitr" translates to "Festival of Breaking the Fast," and it is celebrated with great joy and gratitude. The festival begins with a special prayer at the mosque, followed by gatherings with family and friends, sharing meals, and giving to charity.

It is a time of forgiveness, reflection, and community, emphasising the values of compassion and unity. Eid al-Fitr is also an occasion to wear new clothes, exchange gifts, and enjoy a variety of traditional foods, symbolizing the celebration and gratitude for the strength and patience shown during Ramadan.



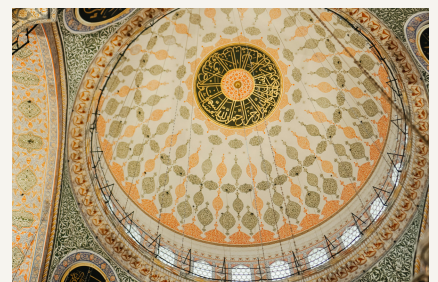
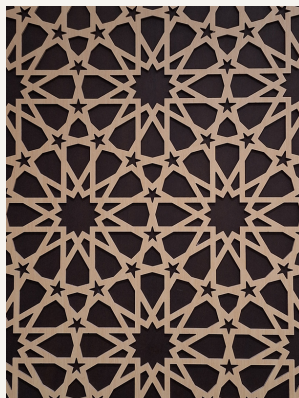
# Islamic Art

Islamic art is a beautiful and intricate form of art that often includes patterns, calligraphy, and vibrant colors. It can be found in various places like mosques, books, and everyday objects.

One of the most fascinating things about Islamic art is its use of geometric patterns. These patterns are made up of shapes like circles, squares, and stars, fitting together perfectly without any gaps. This art form doesn't usually depict people or animals, but instead focuses on creating stunning designs that repeat and flow.

Another important element of Islamic art is calligraphy, which is the art of beautiful handwriting. In many artworks, you can see Arabic script used to write verses from the Quran, the holy book of Islam. This script is not only meaningful but also serves as a decorative element.

## Examples



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## How to...

### Start with a Circle

In Islamic art, everything begins with a circle. It represents unity and the source of all patterns. Even the most complex stars in the Alhambra started as a simple circle!

#### Step 1: The "Foundation" Circle

- Use a compass (or trace a circular object like a roll of tape) to draw a perfect circle in the center of your page.
- Do not change the width of your compass once you start. Keeping the same radius is the secret to perfect symmetry.

#### Step 2: Finding the Six Points

- Place the point of your compass anywhere on the edge of your circle. Draw a small arc that crosses the circle's line.
- Move your compass point to that new intersection and draw another arc.
- Repeat this until you have 6 equal points around your circle. This creates a "**Seed of Life**" shape.

#### Step 3: Connecting the Dots (The Star)

- Use a ruler. Connect every second point to create a triangle.
- Draw an upside-down triangle connecting the remaining three points.
- You now have a perfect 6-pointed star (The Hexagram), a staple of Islamic tiling.

#### Step 4: The "Tessellation" (Optional Challenge)

- If you want to "level up," repeat Step 1 and 2 by drawing new circles centered on the 6 points you just found.
- Notice how the patterns start to overlap. This is called Tessellation—where a shape repeats forever without leaving any gaps.

#### Step 5: The "Aniconic" Decoration

- Islamic art rarely uses "empty" space. Fill your shapes using these three traditional styles:
  - a. **Arabesque:** Flowing, leafy lines that look like vines.
  - b. **Calligraphy:** Write "Eid" or "Peace" in a stylized, blocky font.
  - c. **Bold Color:** Use contrasting colors (like Gold/Deep Blue or Turquoise/Red) to make the geometry pop.

## Digital Tutorial: Islamic Art on Sketchbook (iPad)

### • Step 1: Set Up Your Canvas

- Open Sketchbook and tap the + to create a "New Sketch." Choose a Square Canvas (e.g., 2000 x 2000 pixels). This ensures your pattern is perfectly centered.

### • Step 2: Activate the Symmetry Tool

- In the top toolbar, tap the Symmetry Icon (it looks like a butterfly ). A sub-menu will appear. Choose the **Radial Symmetry** icon (the circle with multiple spokes). **The Magic Number:** Move the slider to 8 or 12 sectors. This will automatically mirror everything you draw into 8 or 12 equal parts—the foundation of Islamic "Star" patterns. **Tap the Padlock icon** in the symmetry bar to lock the center point so it doesn't move while you draw.

### • Step 3: Sketch the "Skeleton"

- Select a thin Technical Pen or Pencil tool. Start from the center and draw one straight line toward the edge. Watch as it instantly creates a star! Try to draw a single "diamond" or "petal" shape within one sector. Because of the symmetry, it will turn into a complex geometric flower or star.

### • Step 4: Use the Ruler for Precision

- Tap the Guides/Ruler icon at the top. Choose the Straight Ruler. You can rotate it to match the angles of your symmetry lines. Use this to "trace" your star edges so they look perfectly geometric.

### • Step 5: Add Color & Layers

- Create a New Layer for coloring so you don't mess up your line work. Use the Flood Fill (Paint Bucket) tool to drop colors into the shapes. Traditional Palettes: Try Deep Blues, Gold, Turquoise, and Terracotta.

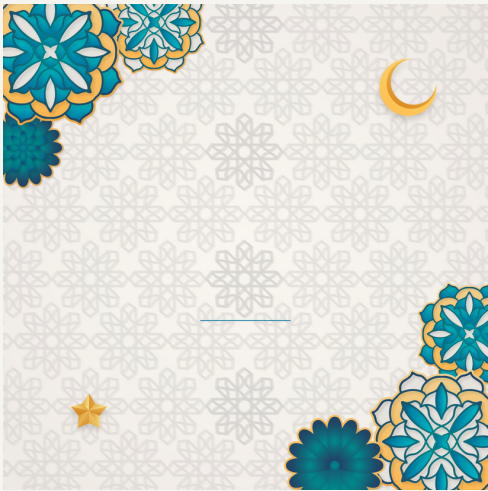
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## Task

Create a piece of Islamic Artwork either on paper or on your iPad.

You should also write a suitable greeting to celebrate Eid.

You may wish to write this in Arabic.



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