

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Kesar and the Lullaby Birds

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Picture Book | 5-7 Years | Grades K-2

Key Themes:

Caring for a baby sibling; folktales and oral storytelling; grandparents and multigenerational families; handicrafts and traditional art forms

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Kesar's baby sister Kamal will not sleep. Their entire village in the Great Rann of Kutch is kept awake by the infant's cries and her parents are exhausted. When Kesar and Kamal's ba comes to visit, her stories give Kesar a wonderful idea. Perhaps what Kesar needs to put her baby sister to sleep is a little bit of desert magic!

A vibrant celebration of traditional artisans from India, this picture book is a sweet sibling bedtime story at heart, featuring a big sister who figures out how to care for her baby sister with some help from her grandmother's lovingly made gifts.

[Preview the book here.](#)



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A 2023 Skipping Stones Honor Award Winner

“Set in the Kutch region of India, the bright colors, intricate patterns, and delicate details of Indian attire and architecture are standout features.” —

Foreword Reviews (STARRED)

Resources for the classroom

Educator Guide

Overview of Lippan Kaam (Video)

Author’s Note

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Book Trailer (Video)

Author Read Aloud (Video)

Pronunciation Guide



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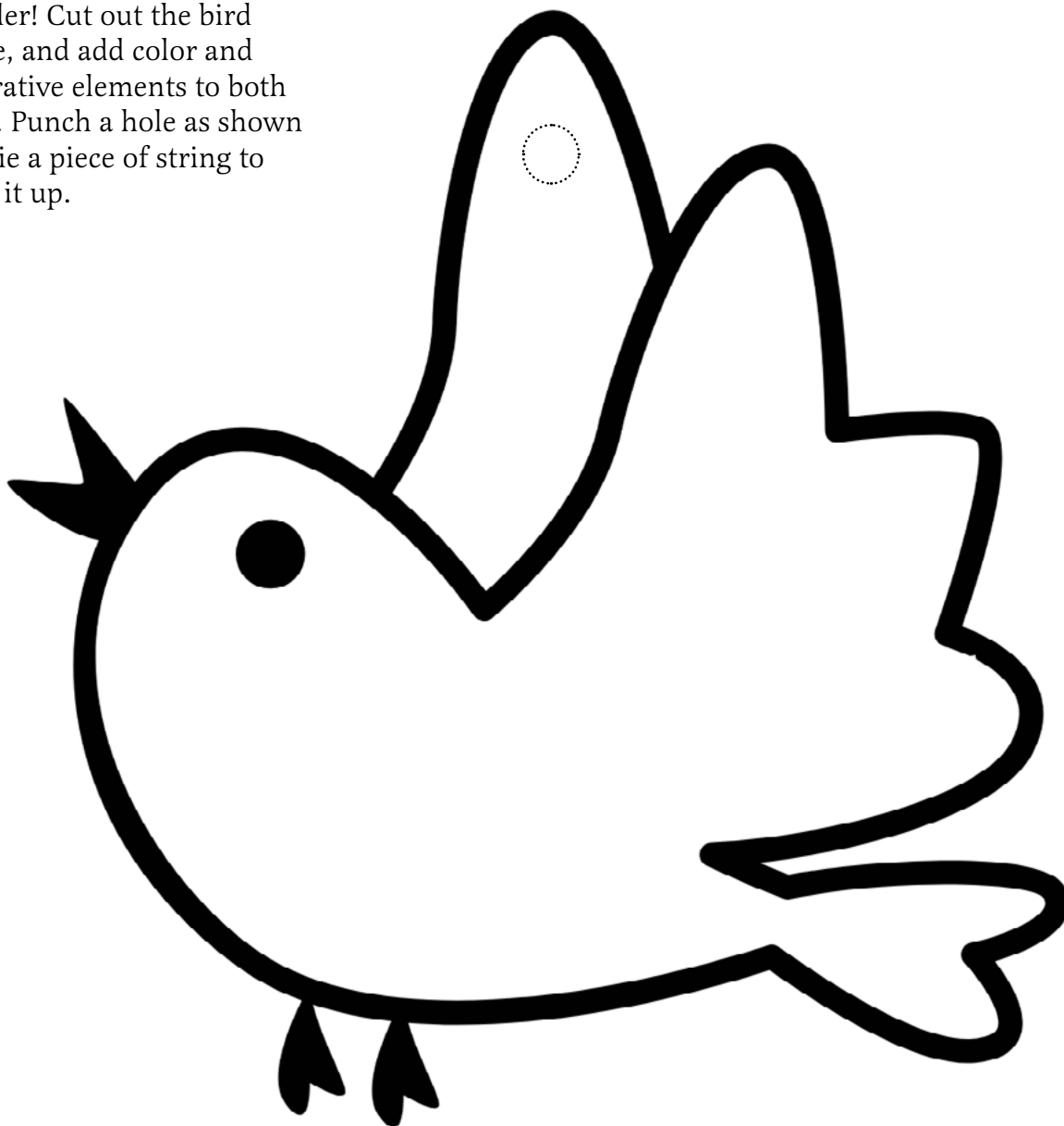


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CHAKLI ART

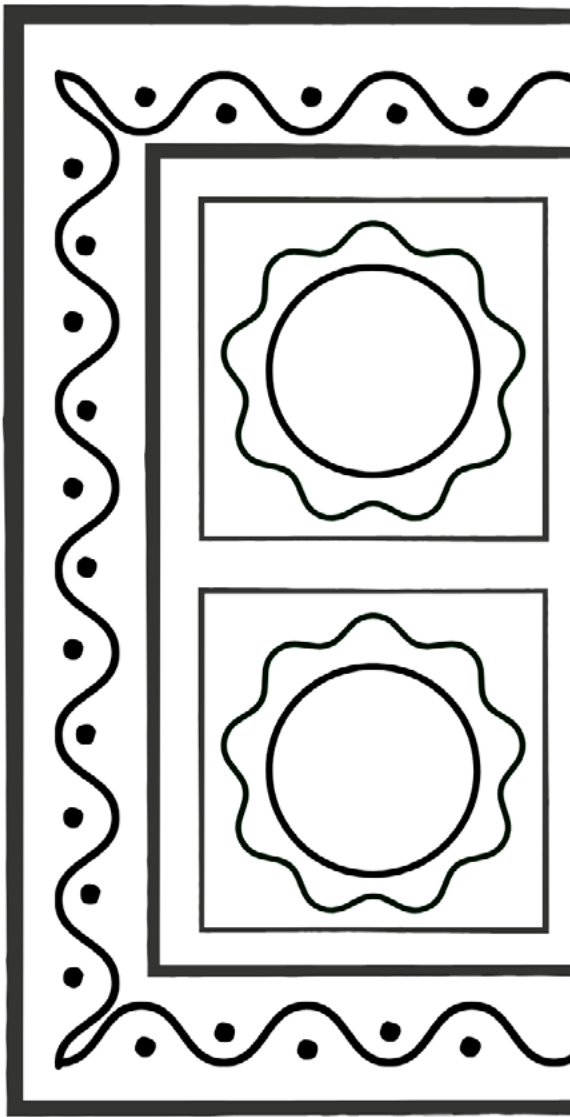
Create your own chakli dangler! Cut out the bird shape, and add color and decorative elements to both sides. Punch a hole as shown and tie a piece of string to hang it up.





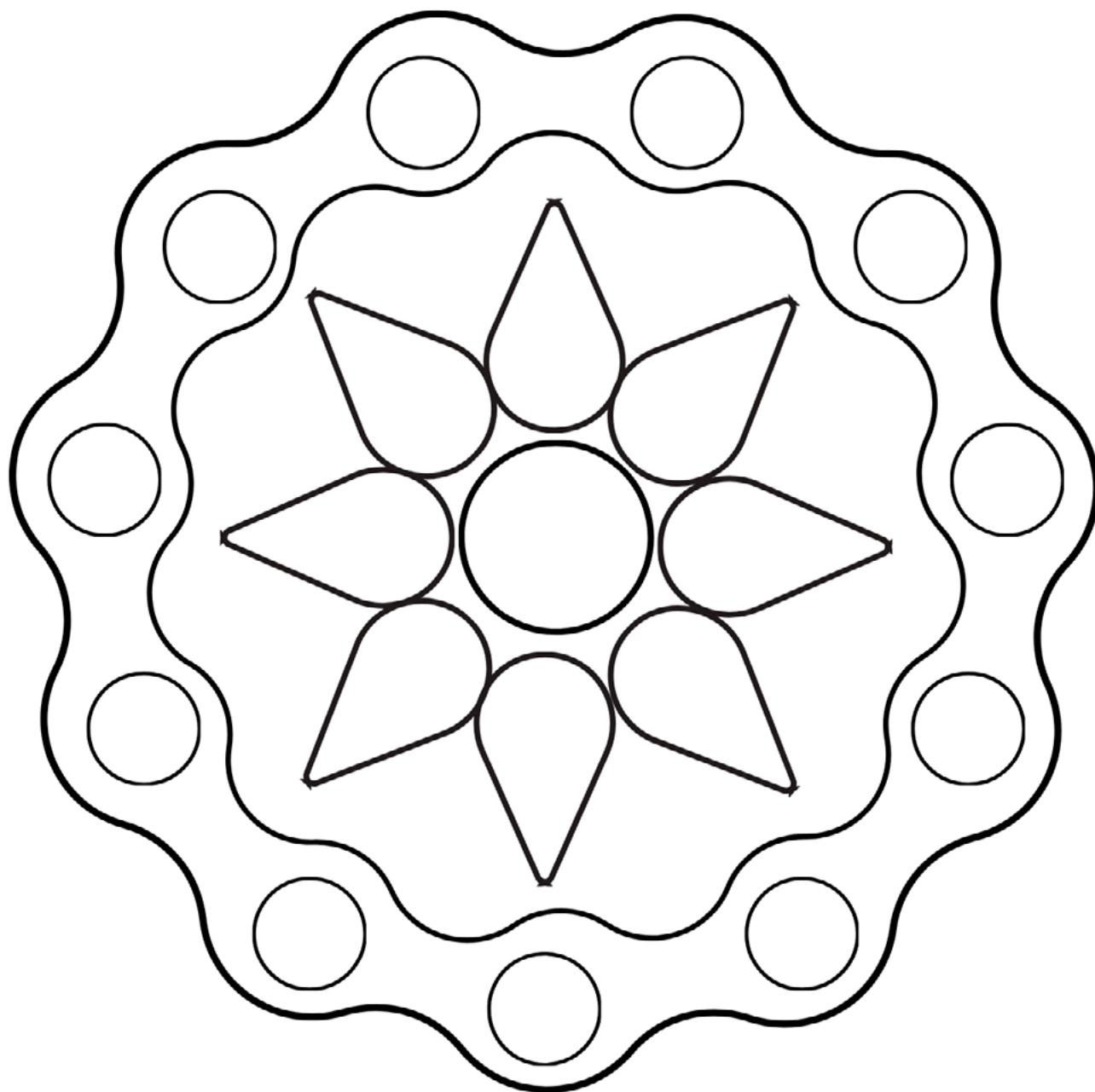
LIPPAN KAAM: SYMMETRY

Can you copy the patterns on the left onto the right side to create a symmetrical motif set? You might need to reverse the direction of some patterns, so go slow!





LIPPAN KAAM: PATTERN



Use this motif to create your lippan kaam!
Instructions can be found in the [Educator's Guide for Kesar and the Lullaby Birds](#).