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# Craft an Eid Moon

Eid al-Fitr, Eid for short, is a festival celebrated by Muslim people, who follow the religion of Islam. It marks the end of Ramadan, a holy month for Muslims during which they fast (don't eat or drink) between sunrise and sunset. The dates for Ramadan vary each year because they follow the lunar calendar, which is based on the stages of the Moon. Ramadan begins and ends with a crescent Moon in the sky. This year, Eid coincides with the start of British Summer Time (BST) in the UK, when the clocks go forward one hour, evenings become lighter and spring is in the air.

Eid is a time for celebration, family and feasting, as well as prayers and presents. Whether you celebrate Eid or not, this flowery crescent moon is a pretty decoration to usher in a brighter time of year. To hang your moon, tape a ribbon onto the back near the top. Hold it to check the moon's point of balance, and adjust the position if you need to. You can decorate both sides of your moon if you wish.

## What you need

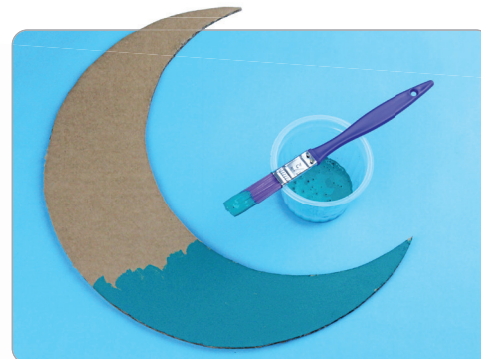
- Two plates, one bigger and one a bit smaller
- Card
- A pen
- Scissors
- Paints
- Coloured paper, gift wrap or magazines
- Glue
- A glue brush
- Foil



1 Place a large plate (26–30cm) on a piece of thick card. Draw around it to make a circle.



2 Place a smaller plate (20–24cm) inside the circle then draw a crescent moon shape.



3 Cut out the moon then paint it, including around the edges. Leave the paint to dry.



4 Cut paper circles of 5–8cm. Fold each in half, and twice more, then cut a curve at the edge.



5 To make flowers 3D, open, cut into the middle, overlap one or two petals and glue together.



6 Glue flowers and leaves onto the moon. Glue rolled balls of foil to the centre of the flowers.

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