

Lesson Number	Title of the Lesson	Skills	Activity
31A	Aesthetics at Home	Creative thinking Decision Making	Prepare a 'Rangoli 'design for the front door entrance of your home.
		Problem solving Critical Thinking	

Summary

The living premises apart from being clean must look inviting and pleasant. Wall paintings, decorative items, floor decorations, flower arrangements and other accessories add to the décor. Accessories need not be very expensive. Even less expensive items if arranged aesthetically can give a very pleasant look. For this its very important to make the right selection of accessories and arrange them at appropriate places for maximum impact.

Principal Points

Importance of Aesthetics at Home

- Things kept at proper place saves time and energy
- Uncluttered room allows unrestricted movement
- Uniformity of color in curtains and accessories are pleasing to the eyes
- Appropriate furniture placed well provides rest and comfort
- Good taste and principles of art make living spaces desirable

Build your understanding

Requirements for Flower Arrangement

Vases	Flowers	Pin Holder	Oasis	Twigs	Leaves
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different shapes, sizes, material, color 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normally odd no. used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are of metal base with nails fitted on it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A device to hold flowers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a natural look 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used as fillers to fill up the space between flowers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should match the surrounding, décor, mood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ikebana style uses as less as 3 flowers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pins should be closely placed & rust free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absorbs water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be collected from curved branches, roots 	---

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contrasting vase/matching the flowers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flowers stems of varying sizes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nails should be long enough to hold the stems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be reused 3 to 4 times 	---	---
---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add artificial flowers with fresh leaves to give a natural look 	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be soaked in water till the water enters the core 	---	---
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What is Important to Know

Methods of Flower Arrangement

- Fix the pin holder/oasis in the container.
- Cover the pin holder/oasis with water
- Arrangement can be Triangular, Right angle, Oval, S-shaped
- Odd number of flowers can be chosen of the same color, contrasting color or complementary colors
- Flowers to be plucked early morning when they are fresh
- Cutting and nipping of flowers to be done under water
- Stems to be cut in different sizes the tallest should be 1/1/2 times the length of the vase
- The tallest flower to be arranged first, then others in order of their height
- Stems should be pushed firmly in the pin holder /oasis
- Bigger flowers to be placed at the bottom, medium sized in the center and buds at the top
- Gaps to be filled with appropriate leaves
- Pin holder/oasis to be hidden with pebbles leaves
- Arrangement to be placed against a contrasting background from where it can be viewed

Principles of Flower Arrangement

- Size proportionate to the room
- Arrangement well balanced
- Eyes to travel easily around the whole design
- Flowers of different sizes from buds to full bloom to be used
- Keep the stem ends close together
- Emphasis more on arrangement than the vase
- Too many different colored flowers not to be placed together
- Combination of light & bright colors to be chosen
- Flowers to be placed either higher or lower than the twigs

- Flowers, leaves, vase should complement each other

Did you know

Important points for Rangoli/Floor decoration

- Design to be selected according to the theme of the Festival/Occasion
- Design to be drawn in double lines to fill the color
- Ensure uniformity and balance
- Contrasting colors to be used next to each other
- Neaten the outlines with a scale
- Colors to be filled evenly and pressed to smoothen
- Background to be filled so that the design merges with the floor

Extend your Horizon

Important Points for arranging Accessories

- Paintings to be hung according to size and space available
- Spotlights to enhance the look of the painting
- Paintings to be hung straight
- Color of lamps to harmonize with the décor
- Cushions to be placed randomly to add color
- Too many curios not to be clustered together
- Curios of similar material can form a group

Evaluate yourself

- **Why do you think that accessories are important for decoration?**
- **Name a few accessories which can enhance the look of the room**

Maximize your marks

- **Attempt all the exercises given in the lesson**
- **Draw designs of flower arrangement for the following keeping the principles of design in mind:
Center table, Dining table, Corner table**