



Pomegranate Art & Giving Tree Instructions

Create a Giving Tree filled with leaves of gratitude and pomegranate seeds of good deeds. Discuss the good deeds that you include in your tree and what you truly want to appreciate more. (Inspired by *The Blessed Pomegranates: A Ramadan Story About Giving*)

Materials Needed:

- A2 Poster Paper (16.5 x 23.4 inches)
- A4 colored paper (white, green and red/pink/orange/yellow - the various colors of pomegranates)
- Brown craft paper roll
- Pencil
- Print-out guide with shapes (pomegranate, pomegranate inside shape, pomegranate seed, and the leaves)
- Wood glue or standard glue
- Scissors
- Black Markers

Instructions:

Prepare Your Workspace

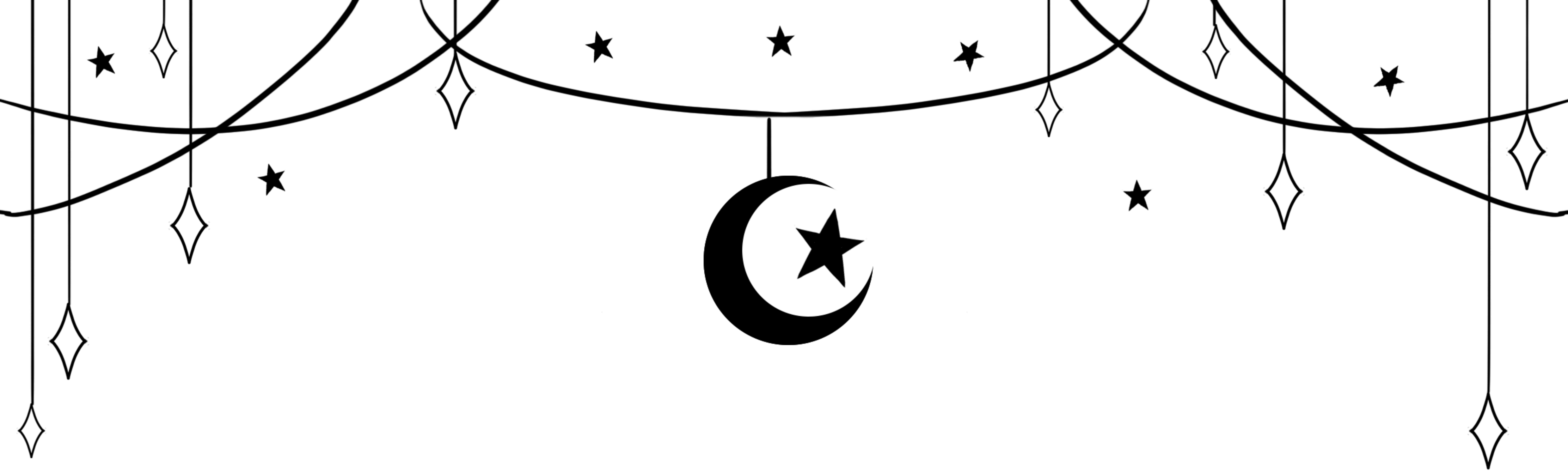
- Gather all materials before starting.
- Create a list of 8 words describing things, people, and feelings that you are grateful for in your life .
- Create a list of 21 good deeds that you can do to show your gratitude.

Cut Out the Shapes

- Cut out the shapes from the printout.
- Tree:
 - Get some brown paper and cut it to size if it's craft paper. (Make sure to leave space for the leaves)
 - Fold the paper in half.
 - Draw out a tree shape with a trunk, branches, and roots.
 - Carefully cut out the tree shape from the paper using scissors.
 - Glue down the tree so that its roots are close to the bottom of the page.

Prepare the Leaves:

- Take 3 sheets of green paper and fold twice.
- Do this by overlapping the leaf shape onto the paper and cut along the shape.
- Repeat to as many times as you would need to fill the tree. Use the 8 word list and a marker to write each word on a leaf.
- Place these leaves aside.



Prepare the Pomegranate Inside Shape:

- Take white paper and cut out the shape on folded paper where it will open like a card.
- Do this by overlapping the shape onto the paper and cut along the shape.
- Do this 3 times.

Prepare the Pomegranates:

- Take 2 pages of your pomegranate's chosen color and cut out the shape on folded paper where it will open like a card.
- Use the pomegranate shape and overlap it onto the paper and cut along the shape.

Prepare the Pomegranates Seeds:

- Take the "leftovers" of the color(s) you chose for your pomegranates and stack them.
- Use the seed shape, overlap it onto the paper and cut along the shape. Do this repeatedly until you have 21 seeds.
- Use the 8 word list and a marker to write each word on a leaf.
- keep these seeds aside.

Sticking the Pieces Together:

- Plan the layout of your leaves.
- Glue the plain leaves on and above the branches.
- Glue the leaves with your words around the edges of your tree's leaves leaving room for the pomegranates in the center.
- Plan your layout of your Pomegranates within this center space
- Glue each pomegranate.
- Stick down with glue the seeds inside the center of each pomegranate.
- Stick down 7 seeds in each pomegranate.

Decoration:

Use the leftover paper to make grass, more leaves, and decorate the page.

Story Connection:

Adam and Alia receive clean red pomegranates from their grandmother who delivers this auspicious gift as the Blessed Pomegranates. She wants them to learn that the true secret of Ramadan is giving and kindness. As they share their pomegranates with others, they discover a simple truth: the more they give, the happier they feel. Just as pomegranate seeds unite to form beauty, thoughtful deeds unite hearts to enhance our world.

Giving multiplies happiness.