

CHALLENGE CARDS

Three Hari Raya themed engineering and science challenges from the engineers at Dyson.



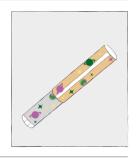
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About the challenges in this pack

Sights of Eid al-Fitr

Science challenge

At the end of the fasting month, astronomers look at the sky with a telescope to see the New Moon. The New Moon is important as it marks the beginning of a new Islamic month and the first day of Eid al-Fitr. We will learn to make our own telescope to help us see objects that are far away.



Sounds of Raya

Engineering challenge

Traditonal Malay music is based around percussion instruments, so drums play a vital role in it. Traditional music performances are common during celebrations, especially during Hari Raya. Let's learn how to make our own drums using a balloon and a container.



Colourful Paper Batik

Science challenge

During Hari Raya, many Muslims open their homes to welcome family and friends for celebrations. A variety of colourful decorations are used to brighten up homes. In this challenge, we will learn how to create our own colourful paper batik decorations.

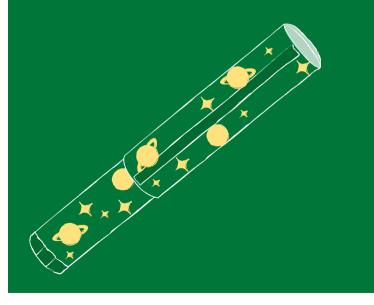


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ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

SIGHTS OF EID AL-FITR

Build your own telescope to look at faraway objects





Instructions for Sights of Eid al-Fitr

- Roll the 20cm × 30cm cardboard into a tube to fit the diameter of the convex lens and the paper towel roll snugly inside. Once rolled, tape the ends of the tube.
- Apply Blu Tack around the edge of the double convex lens. Then, stick the lens inside the end of the tube you just rolled.
- 3. Using sticky tape, mount the double concave lens on one end of the paper towel roll.
- Insert the open end of the paper towel roll into the open end of the tube; this should be a snug fit and require no adhesive. This is your telescope. Decorate it with stickers if you want to.
- 5. Point the telescope at a faraway object and look through the concave lens.
- 6. Slide the paper towel roll in and out of the tube until a clear image is seen.

Materials

20cm × 30cm cardboard

Paper towel roll

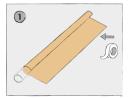
Double convex lens with 30cm focal length

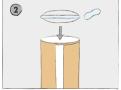
Double concave lens with 10cm focal length

Sticky tape

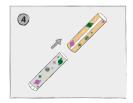
Stickers (optional)

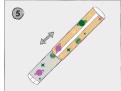














How does it work?

A refracting telescope works by bending light rays with lenses. The convex lens gathers, bends and converges light rays down the tube, forming an image as a result. The concave lens magnifies the image, making the object look closer to you than it actually is.

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

SOUNDS OF RAYA

Make your own drums and create your own sound





Instructions for Sounds of Raya

- 1. Cut the balloon in half across the middle.
- Place the balloon over the mouth of the container. Then, tape the edges of the balloon to secure it in place. Decorate the container with stickers if you want.
- 3. Tap the top of the balloon using the chopsticks or your hands to make a sound.
- 4. Repeat the same steps with a container of a different material. Listen to the difference.

Materials

Empty containers of different materials

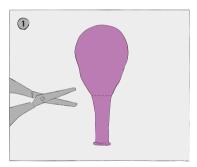
Balloons

Scissors

Sticky tape

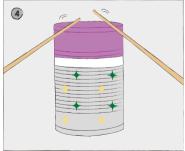
Chopsticks

Stickers (optional)









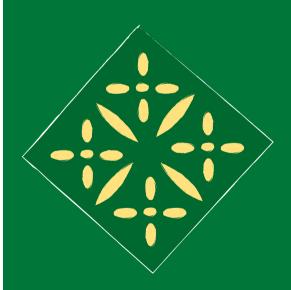
How does it work?

Tapping the balloon causes vibration, rapidly compressing and expanding the air underneath. This causes rapid air changes which reach your ears as sound waves.

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

COLOURFUL PAPER BATIK

Create your own colourful decorations





Instructions for Colourful Paper Batik

- 1. Fill the plate with milk. Then, add a few drops of different food colouring on the milk.
- 2. Place a drop of dish soap on the tip of the cotton swab.
- 3. Touch different parts of the food colouring with the soapy tip, starting with the center. Watch the colours swirl.
- Take a square piece of tracing paper and fold it in half to form a triangle. Fold it in half three more times to make a smaller triangle.

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Plate

Full-fat milk

Variety of food colouring

Dish soap

Cotton swab

Tracing paper

Water colour paper

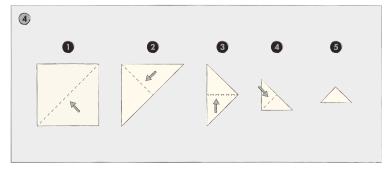
Scissors

Glue stick









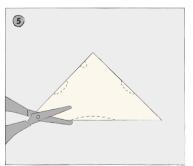
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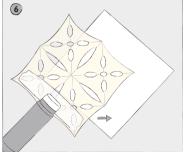
- 5. Using a pair of scissors, cut a variety of shapes into the sides of the triangle.
- Open up the triangle to reveal your batik pattern.
 Then, apply glue onto one side and mount it
 together with the water colour paper.
- 7. Place the paper in the plate with the tracing paper side down for five seconds.
- 8. Remove and peel off the tracing paper to reveal your colourful paper batik.

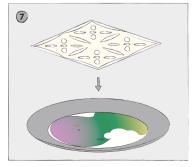
How does it work?

Milk contains fat molecules that don't dissolve in water, while soap contains molecules that are 'water-loving' (hydrophilic) and 'water-fearing' (hydrophobic).

When soap is added to milk, the hydrophobic portion of the soap breaks up the fat molecules and the hydrophilic portion connects with the water molecules of the milk. This pushes the food colouring molecules in all directions resulting in an explosion of colour.









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James Dyson Chief Engineer

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