



# Perfect Diyas

Tara comes home from school. She looks excited.“What is the matter, Tara? You look excited” asked her mom. ” Yes mama. Our teacher has given us a very interesting assignment,” said Tara.“Assignment? What is that Tara?” asked her mom.



"Mama, teacher has asked us to  
make Diyas. Please help me to  
buy clay and colors.

I want to make the perfect Diyas  
mama". said Tara to her mom.



"But why do you need clay and colors to make Diyas Tara? Why don't you make use of the old materials to make Diyas?" said her mom. Tara quite didn't like that idea. But mom insisted that she use the old materials which are at home to make the Diyas.



"Mama, please. All that I need is clay and colors  
to make Diyas. Please help me to buy. All my  
friends are buying clay and colors from the nearby  
store. They all will be making beautiful new  
diyas and I will be  
making diyas from old materials? My friends  
will laugh at me mama". Tara said to her mom.



"But my dear you will also make the perfect diyas if you listen to me. Instead of buying clay and colors from the store, why don't you try something new and unique? Try to make use of old materials and turn them into new ones". Mom told Tara.



"Turn old into new? What? Mama is that even possible?" asked curious Tara, "Yes, my dear very much possible. Tara this is called as recycling." told her mom. "But mama, recycling is done with waste materials. I don't want to use waste and unwanted materials to make my diyas." Tara was not happy about her mom's idea.



"Tara, you should learn how to turn old materials into new and reusable things. Remember, nothing is waste or unwanted.

It is just that one should know how to make good use of what we generally think is waste". I will teach you how to use these materials to make new diyas". Mom explained to Tara



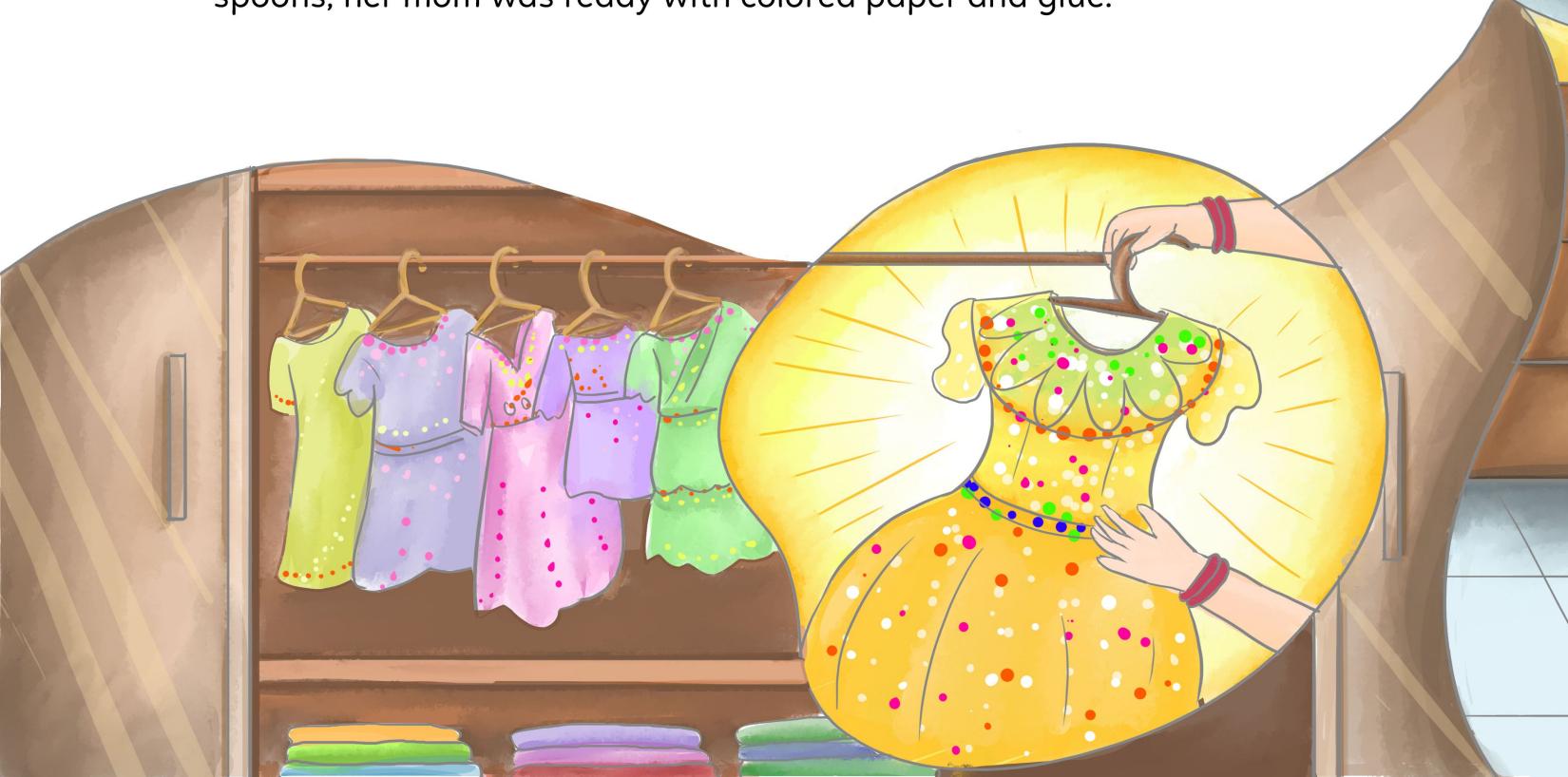
Now Tara got curious. She wanted to know how to make new diyas from old materials.

"Mama, please show me. As I have only two days to make diyas and show to my teacher. From where will I find old materials that I can use to make diyas?" asked Tara.



"Tara, look around our house. You will find many. Lets start with old diyas which we bought last year. Then, there are a lot of spoons that we are not using. Oh, remember those shiny stones on your frock which is too small for you now? Let us bring all that and start making your diyas".

Tara quickly collected all the things that her mom told her. By the time Tara collected all the old diyas and spoons, her mom was ready with colored paper and glue.



First they washed the old diyas of the dust and wiped them dry. Then, with the help of her mom Tara slowly colored the spoons in pink and white. Her mom cut the paper into feather shapes and painted them blue and green. She cut small portion of paper in the shape of peacock neck. After sometime they both finish making diyas.



Tara is astounded to see what they have made. One is a beautiful lotus diya and the other one a peacock diya. Her joy knew no bounds. She kisses her mom and thanks her. Next day Tara shows in her class the diyas she has made and how she has used old materials to make the beautiful diyas. All her friends and her teacher love her diyas. Ofcourse, she has made the perfect diyas.

