



Kwanzaa Celebration

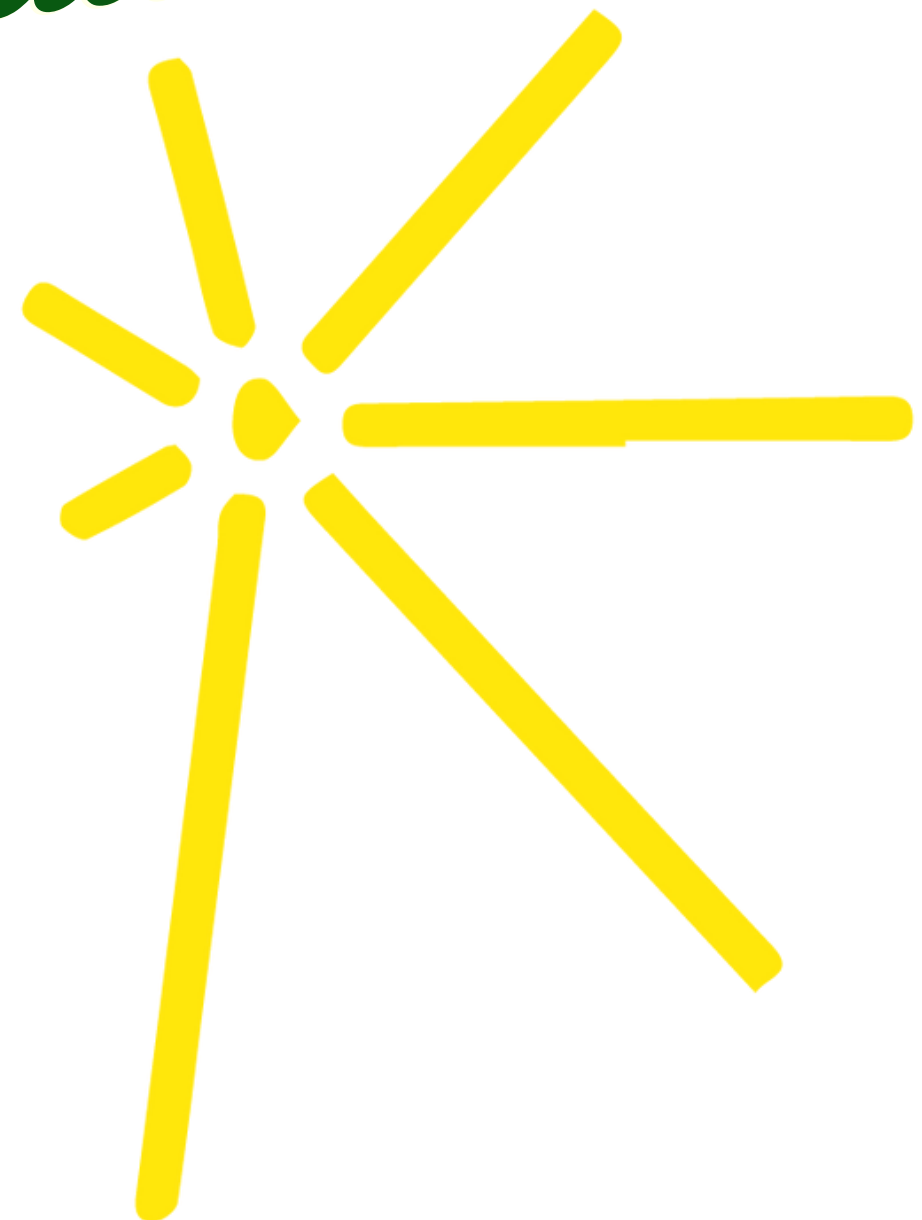
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kuumba

(koo-OOM-bah)

creativity

To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.





Kwanzaa Celebration

Adinkra

(ah-din-krah)

Adinkra is a printed or stamped traditional cloth made by the Ashanti people in Ghana.

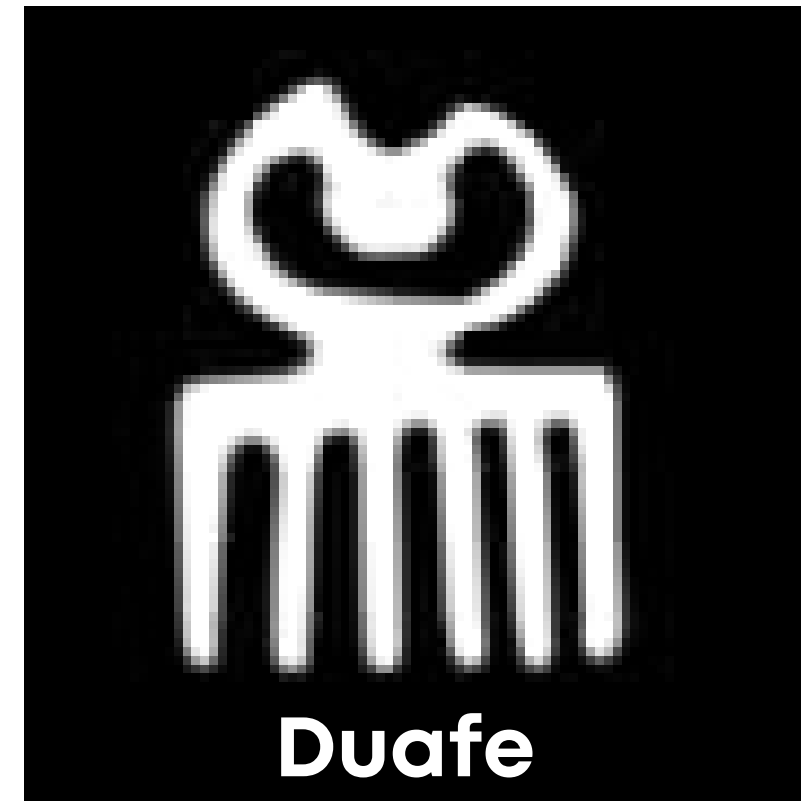
Adinkra cloths are thought to have a protective function and they communicate messages through their designs, which relate to sayings or proverbs.

In the Akan language, Adinkra means “saying goodbye” to one another when parting.

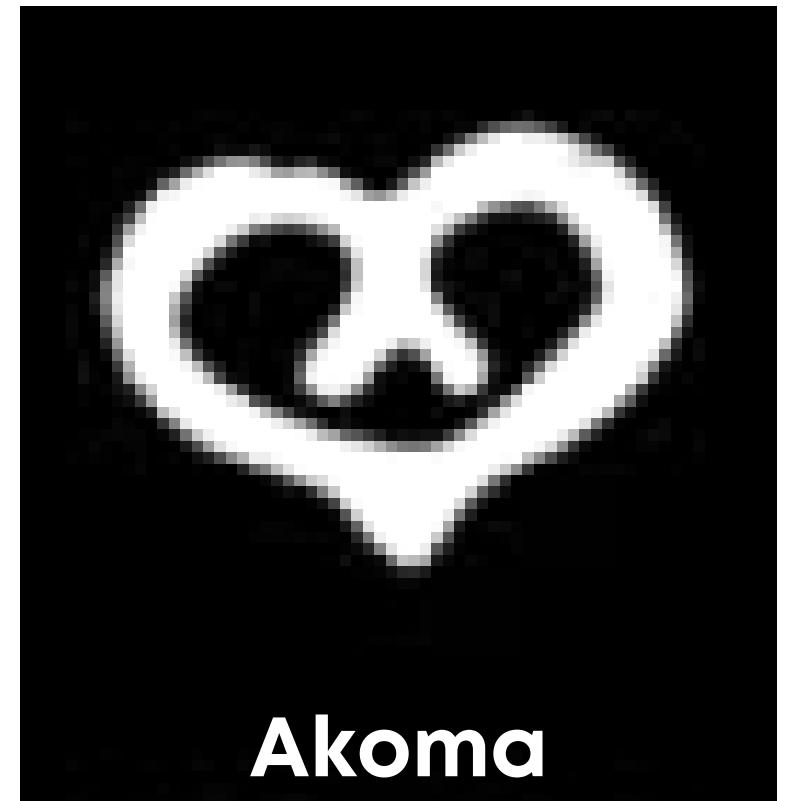


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Adinkra Symbols



Duafe



Akoma

**what do these symbols
remind you of?**

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Adinkra Symbols



Duafe
"wooden comb"
symbol of beauty and
cleanliness



Akoma
"heart"
symbol of love, goodwill,
patience, faithfulness,
fondness



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Meet David

Ghanian artisan



David Adinkra Works and
Training



Photos from David Adinkra Works and Training



Stamps are Carved

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David Adinkra Works and Training

by hand



out of Calabash

Photo by Tien Chiu



calabash is a dried gourd.

Photo by Dickson Adom



**bark of the bade tree
is used to make ink**



**bark is pounded and
then boiled to make ink**



Stamped by Hand

by pressing and rocking
stamp onto fabric.

The handle is
made of stiff
palm-leaf ribs.



let's make
our own
Adinkra
stamps!



what you'll need



Foam Sheets with Adhesive Back



Foam Brushes



Cardboard squares 4x4" in



Paints (washable or acrylic)



Paper plates



Scissors & Exact-o Knife



Cardstock or Construction Paper




Thin Marker



Ruler

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- Ruler

Adinkra symbols



Umoja
(Unity)



Kujichagulia
(Self-Determination)



Ujima
(Collective Work & Responsibility)



Ujamaa
(Cooperative Economics)



Nia
(Purpose)



Kumbaa
(Creativity)



Imani
(Faith)



ABAN



ABE DUA



ABUSUA PA




ADINKRAHENE



ADINKRAHENE DUA



ADWERA



ADWO



AKOFENA



AKOKO NAN



AKOMA



AKOMA NTOSO



ANANSE NTONTAN



ANI BERE



ASASE YE DURU



BIRIBI WO SORO



BOA ME NA ME MMOA WO



DAME-DAME



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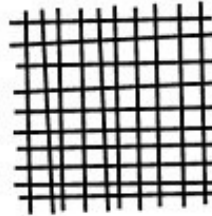
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KONTIRE NE AKWAMU



KRADO



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Steps

NOTE: *For symbols that are not symmetrical, make sure to mirror or flip symbols when you draw them out. This will ensure that when you stamp it, the image is facing the correct direction. You can use your phone or computer to flip the image.*

For example:



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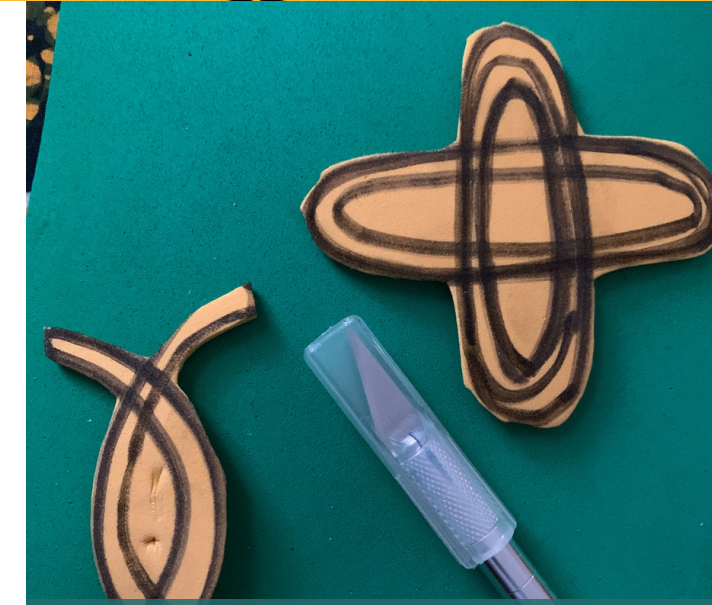
Mirrored
for stamping

1. Look up & learn more about Adinkra symbols & their meanings
2. Select an Adinkra symbol that has a simple shape, and that is something that you can draw and cut out.
3. Draw symbol/s on foam sheet with a marker
4. Cut out shape with scissors and exact-o knife as needed (help the little ones with this part!)
5. Cut out cardboard squares (approximately 4x4 inches) Any cardboard box will do!
6. Peel and stick cut out Adinkra symbol/s onto cardboard squares
7. Draw & cut out few symbols which will allow you to make a pattern.
8. Gather your paper, paints, and foam brush.
9. Using a thin marker, draw a thin, repeated linear pattern on the paper.
10. This repeated line pattern will resemble the lines in Adinkra cloth patterns
11. Use foam brush to add paint to symbol/s
12. Press and print your stamp into squares. create a pattern with your symbols!
13. Repeat and alternate symbols and colors as you like!
14. Keep going! Play with different paint colors and paper colors.
15. When you're done, allow paint to dry.
16. Add your pattern print to your Kwanzaa Altar or Frame it!
17. For clean up, use mild soap and water for messy

Let's get started!



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cut out shape with scissors and exact-o knife as needed



cut out cardboard squares



peel and stick symbol/s onto cardboard



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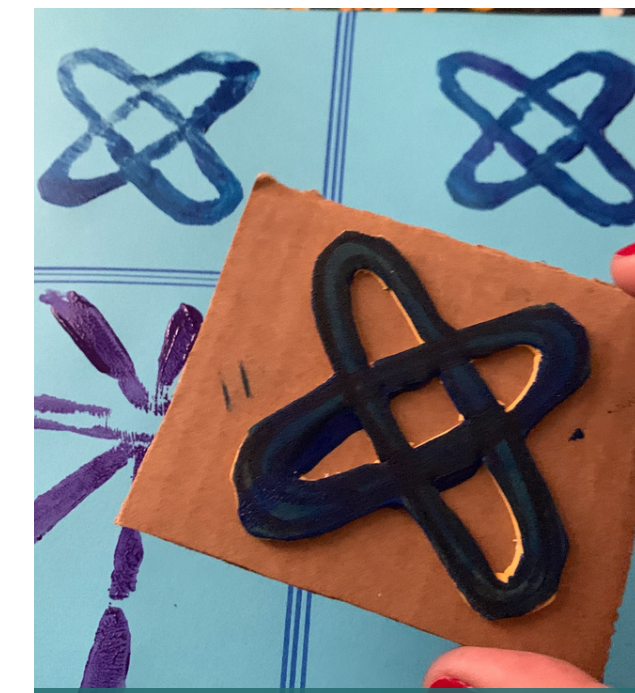
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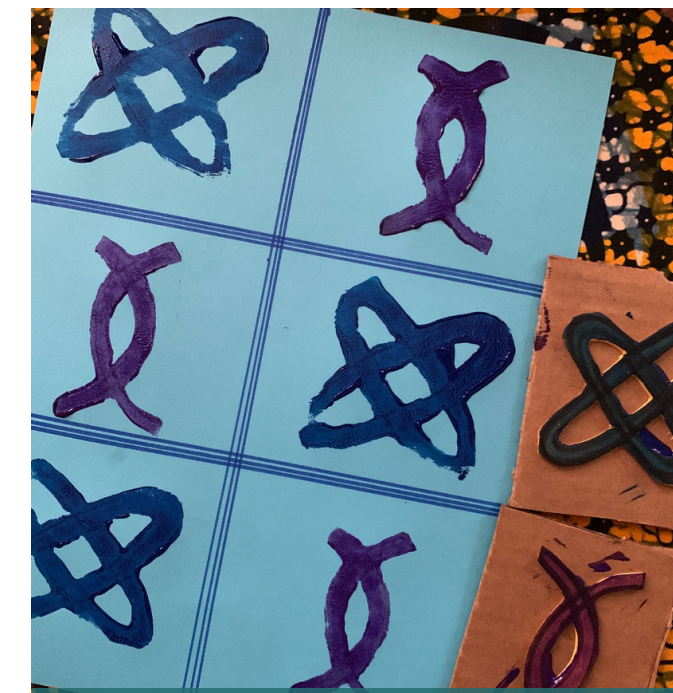
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Keep on Printing!



Play with different paper and paint colors! Have fun making more patterns and prints. You can add your print to your Kwanzaa Altar, frame it, or gift it. Enjoy!

