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Why did you choose these symbols for your design?



Use the symbols sheet to help you design an Adinkra cloth to be worn to a...

wedding.

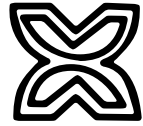
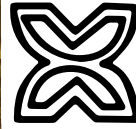
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funeral.

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birthday party.

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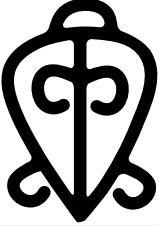
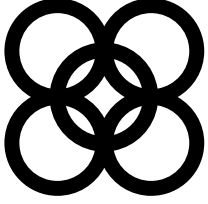

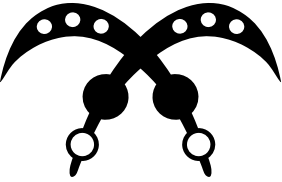

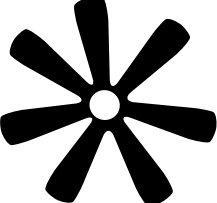




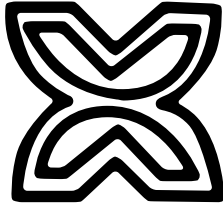
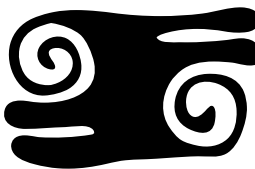

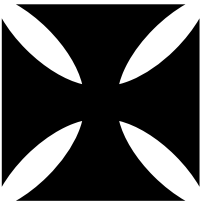
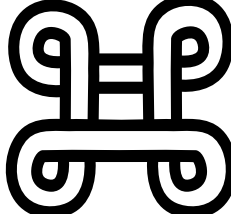
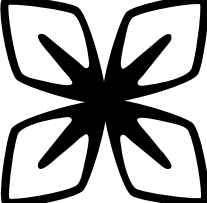
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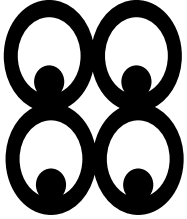
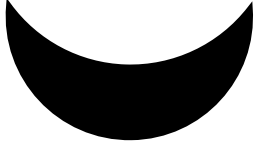
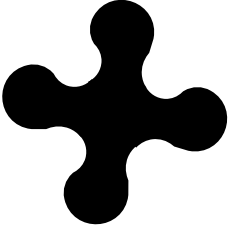
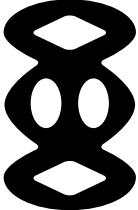
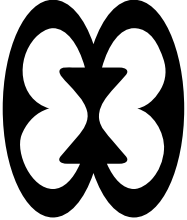
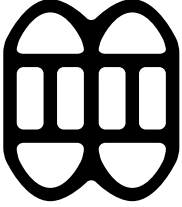

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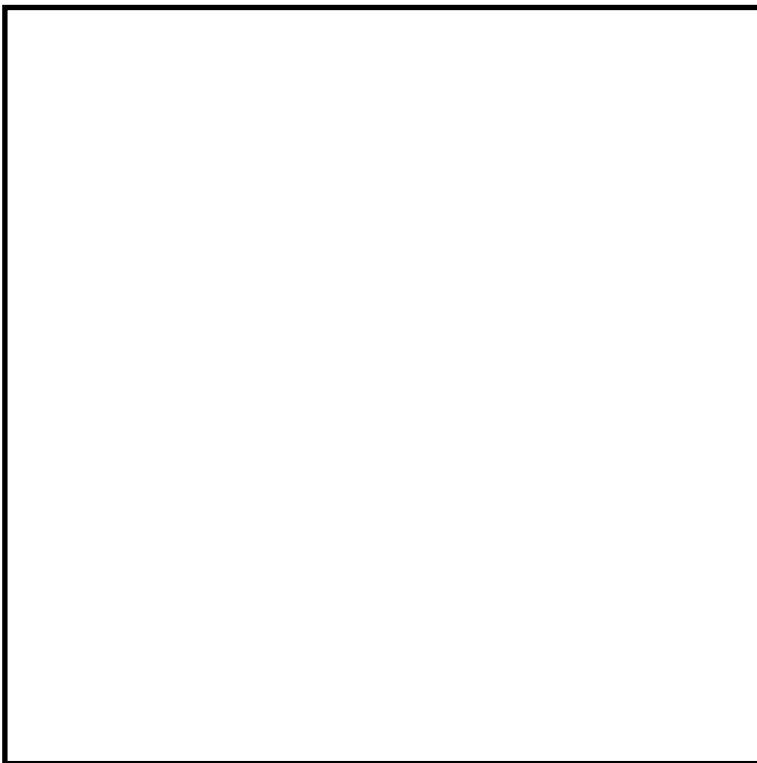
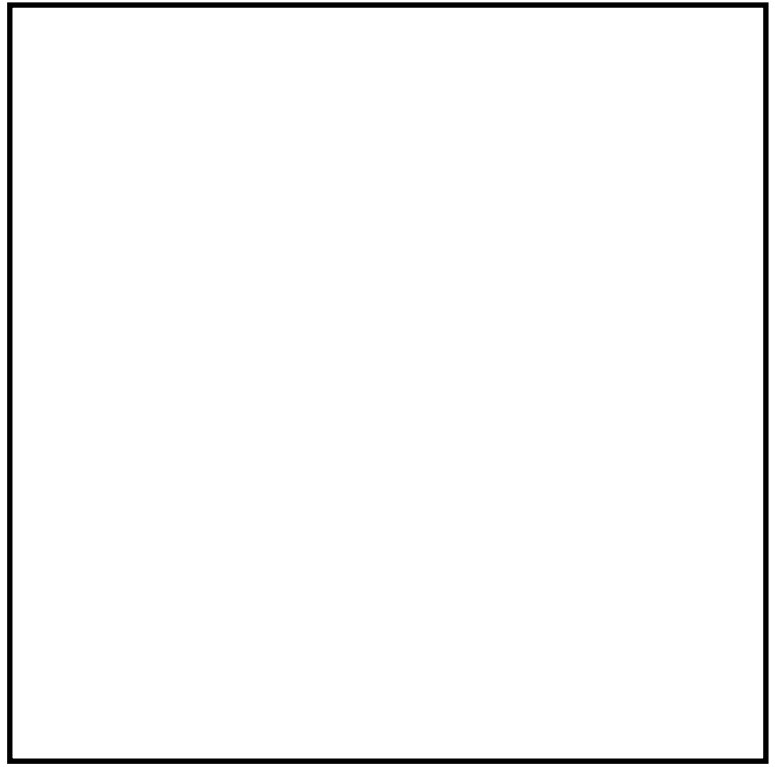
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Symbol	Name in Akan	Literal meaning	Symbolic meaning
	Odo nnyew fie kwan (oh-doh en-yeh-rah feh-kwahn)	Love does not miss its way home.	Love never ends Loyalty Commitment
	Kuntunkantan (koon-toon-kahn-tahn)	Do not boast. Do not be filled with pride.	Humility Modesty Humble
	Adinkrahene (ah-deen-krah-hay-nay)	Adinkra king	Greatness Royalty
	Akofena (ah-koh-fey-nah)	Royal/ceremonial sword	Gallantry Valour Bravery
	Akoma (ah-koh-mah)	The heart	Patience Endurance Love Faithfulness
	Ananse ntontan (ah-nahn-say en-thon-tahn)	Spider web	Wisdom Creativity
	Obi nka bi (oh-bee en-kah-bee)	Bite not one another	Peace Harmony

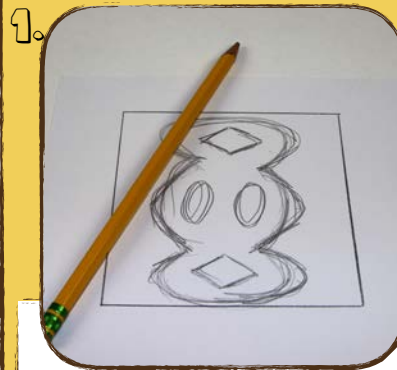
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	Boa me na me boa wo (Bwow-me-nay- me-bwow-o)	Help me to help you	Cooperation Reciprocity Helpful
	Fawohodie (Fah-hoo-dee-ay)	Freedom	Independence Freedom Liberty
	Gyawu atiko (jah-woo ah-tee- koh)	Adinkra king	Bravery Valour Fearlessness
	Odenkyem (oh-din-chim)	Crocodile	Adaptability Practical Clever
	Mmusuyidee (moo-shoo-yee- deh)	That which removes ill luck or evil	Good fortune Sanctity Spiritual strength
	Mpatapo (em-pah-tah-poh)	Reconciliation knot	Reconciliation Peacemaking
	Nserewa (en-seh-reh-wah)	Cowrie shells	Wealth Abundance Affluence

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	Mate masie (mah-teh mah-see-yeh)	I have heard and kept it.	Knowledge Wisdom
	Osram (oh-srahm)	The moon	Patience Understanding Empathy
	Tabono (tah-boh-noh)	Paddle	Courage Confidence Hard work Resilience
	Nokore (noh-koh-reh)	Truth	Honesty Truthfulness
	Nkonsonkonson (corn-song-corn-song)	Chain link	Unity Community
	Nnampo pa baanu (en-nahm-poh pah bah-ah-noo)	Two great friends	Friendship Kindness
	Gye W'ani (jeh wah ah-nee)	Enjoy yourself	Joy of living Rejoicing Happiness Merriment



You will need:

- A 10x10cm square of thick cardboard
- Foam tile
- Pencil
- Paint
- Large paper or fabric
- Scissors
- Paintbrushes
- Roller (optional)



1. Choose the symbol you would like to print and practise drawing it on one of the practice squares.



2. Lightly sketch out the design on a piece of foam tile.



3. Cut out the pieces and glue onto the cardboard.



4. Remember, you can add details by scoring into the foam tile using a pencil. Any bits you score will come out white.



5. When the glue has dried, roll or paint a thin layer of paint on your tile.



6. Press the tile down on your paper. You can use a dry roller to press down the tile evenly.



Lift your printing block off carefully, holding your paper down with the other hand. Repeat to fill the space you're printing.

Tips:

- Make sure you don't apply too much paint to the printing block. Too much and the paint will ooze around and your block might slip.
- Try printing more than once between paint applications.
- Think about the sections of your print. Are you going to have the traditional vertical and horizontal lines?