







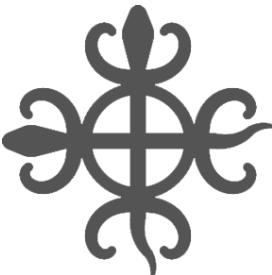







Adinkra Symbols and Meanings

Image	Twi Name	Literal Translation	Symbolic Meaning
	ADINKRAHENE	"Chief of adinkra symbols"	Greatness, charisma, leadership
	AKOKO NAN	"The leg of a hen"	Mercy, nurturing
	AKOMA	"The heart"	Patience & tolerance
	ANANSE NTONTAN	"Spider's web"	Wisdom, creativity

	ASASE YE DURU	"The earth has weight"	Divinity of mother earth
	AYA	"fern"	Endurance, resourcefulness
	DWENNIMMEN	"Ram's horns"	Humility and strength
	EPA	"handcuffs"	Law, justice, slavery
	FUNTUNFUNEFU DENKYEMFUNEF U	"Siamese crocodiles"	Democracy, unity in diversity

	GYE NYAME	"Except for God"	Supremacy of God
	MMERE DANE	"Time changes"	Change, life's dynamics
	MPATAPO	"Knot of reconciliation"	Peacemaking, reconciliation
	MPUANNUM	"Five tufts" (of hair)	Priestly office, loyalty, adroitness
	ODO NNYEW FIE KWAN	"Love never loses its way home"	Power of love

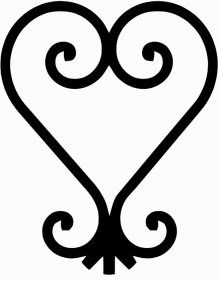




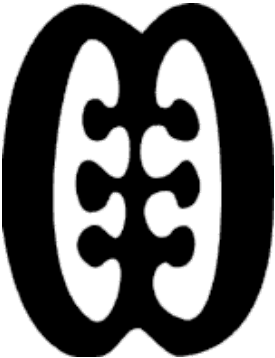





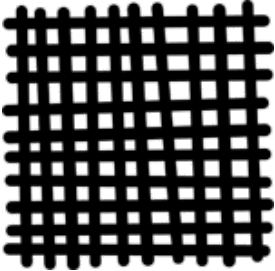
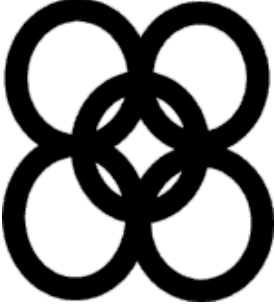

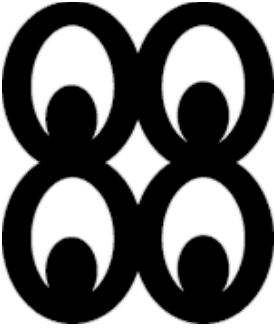
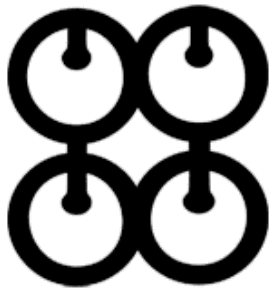
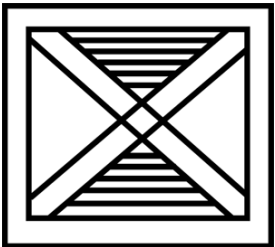
	SANKOFA	"Return and get it"	Learn from the past
	SEPOW	"Executioner's knife"	Justice

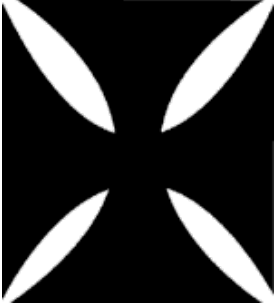
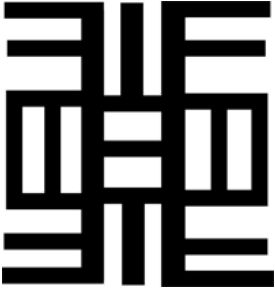
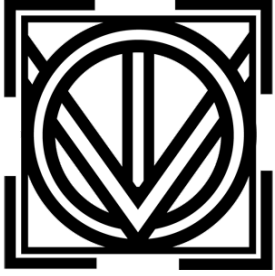


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	AKOFENA	"Sword of war"	Courage, valor
	AKOMA NTOSO	"Linked hearts"	Understanding, agreement

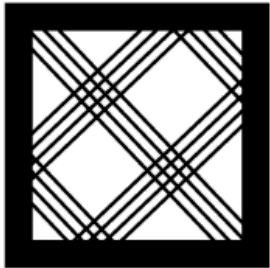

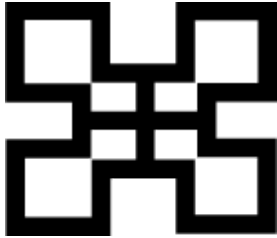


	BESE SAKA	"Sack of cola nuts"	Affluence, abundance, unity
	BI NKA BI	"No one should bite the other"	Peace, harmony
	BOA ME NA ME MMOA WO	"Help me and let me help you"	Cooperation, interdependence
	DAME-DAME	"Name of a board game"	Intelligence, ingenuity





	DENKYEM	"Crocodile"	Adaptability
	DUAFE	"Wooden comb"	Beauty, hygiene, feminine qualities
	EBAN	"Fence"	Love, safety, security
	ESE NE TEKREMA	"The teeth and the tongue"	Friendship, interdependence
	FAWOHODIE	"Independence"	Independence, freedom, emancipation

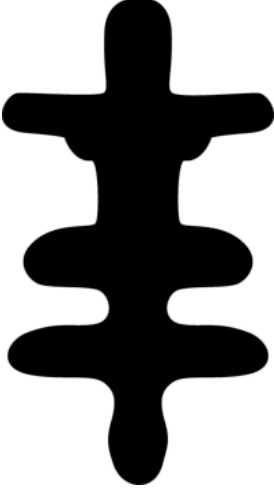



	FIHANKRA	“House, compound”	Security and safety
	FOFO	“Yellow Flowered plant”	Jealousy and envy
	HWE MU DUA	“Measuring stick”	Examination and quality control
	HYE WON HYE	“That which does not burn”	Imperishability and endurance
	KETE PA	“Good bed”	Good marriage





	KINTINKANTAN	"Puffed up extravagance"	Arrogance
	KWATAKYE ATIKO	"Hair style of an Asante war captain"	Bravery and valor
	MATE MASIE	"What I hear, I keep"	Wisdom, knowledge, and prudence.
	ME WARE WO	"I shall marry you"	Commitment and perseverance
	MFRAMADAN	"Wind-resistant house"	Fortitude and readiness to face life's vicissitudes

	MMUSUYIDEE	"That which removes bad luck"	Good fortune and sanctity.
	NEA ONNIM NO SUA A, OHU	"He who does not know can know from learning"	Knowledge, life-long education, and a continued quest for knowledge.
	NEA OPE SE OBEDI HENE	"He who wants to be king"	Service and leadership
	NKONSONKONS ON	"Chain Link"	Unity and human relations
	NYAME DUA	"Tree of god" (altar)	God's presence and protection

	NKYIMU	"The crossed divisions made on adinkra cloth before stamping"	Skillfulness and precision
	NKYINKYIM	"Twisting"	Initiative, dynamism, and versatility
	NSAA	"Type of hand-woven fabric"	Excellence, genuineness, and authenticity
	NSOROMMA	"Child of the heavens [stars]"	Guardianship
	NYAME BIRIBI WO SORO	"God is in the heavens"	Hope

	NYAME NNWU NA MAWU	<p>“God never dies, therefore I cannot die”</p>	<p>God’s omnipresence and the perpetual existence of man’s spirit.</p>
	NYAME NTI	<p>“By God’s grace”</p>	<p>Faith and trust in God</p>
	NYAME YE OHENE	<p>“God is King”</p>	<p>Majesty and supremacy of God</p>
	NYANSAPO	<p>“Wisdom Knot”</p>	<p>Wisdom, ingenuity, intelligence, and patience.</p>

	<p>OKODEE MMOWERE</p>	<p>“The talons of the eagle”</p>	<p>Strength, bravery, and power.</p>
	<p>ONYANKOPON ADOM NTI BIRIBIARA BEYE YIE</p>	<p>“By God’s grace, all will be well”</p>	<p>Hope, providence, and faith.</p>
	<p>OSRAM NE NSOROMMA</p>	<p>“The Moon and the Star”</p>	<p>Love, faithfulness, and harmony.</p>
	<p>OWO FORO ADOBE</p>	<p>“Snake climbing the raffia tree”</p>	<p>Steadfastness, prudence, and diligence.</p>

	OWUO ATWEDEE	“The ladder of death”	Mortality
	PEMPAMSIE	“Sew in readiness”	Readiness, steadfastness, and hardiness.
	SESA WO SUBAN	“Change or transform your character”	Life transformation
	TAMFO BEBRE	“The enemy will stew in his own juice”	Jealousy and envy

	WAWA ABA	“Seed of the wawa tree”	Hardiness, toughness, and perseverance.
	WOFORO DUA PA A	“When you climb a good tree”	Support, cooperation, and encouragement.
	WI BSA DA MU A	“If your hands are in the dish”	Participatory government, democracy, and pluralism.