








Adinkra Symbols

	ADINKRAHENE “Chief of adinkra symbols” Greatness, leadership		SANKOFA “Return and get it” Learn from the past		FOFO “Yellow Flowered plant” Jealousy and envy		NKYINKYIM “Twisting” Initiative, dynamism, and versatility
	AKOKO NAN “The leg of a hen” Mercy, nurturing		SEPOW “Executioner's knife” Justice		HWE MU DUA “Measuring stick” Examination and quality control		NSAA “Type of hand-woven fabric” Excellence, genuineness, and authenticity
	AKOMA “The heart” Patience & tolerance		AKOFENA “Sword of war” Courage, valor		HYE WON HYE “That which does not burn” Imperishability and endurance		NSOROMMA “Child of the heavens” Guardianship
	ANANSE NTONTAN “Spider's web” Wisdom, creativity		AKOMA NTOSO “Linked hearts” Understanding, agreement		KETE PA “Good bed” Good marriage		NYAME BIRIBI WO SORO “God is in the heavens” Hoper
	ASASE YE DURU “The earth has weight” Divinity of mother earth		BESE SAKA “Sack of cola nuts” Affluence, abundance,		KINTINKANTAN “Puffed up extravagance” Arrogance		NYAME NNWU NA MAWU “God never dies, therefore I cannot die” perpetual existence of our spirit
	AYA “fern” Endurance, resourcefulness		BI NKA BI “No one should bite the other” Peace, harmony		ME WARE WO “I shall marry you” Commitment and perseverance		NYAME NTI “By God's grace” Faith and trust in God
	DWENNIMMEN “Ram's horns” Humility and strength		BOA ME NA ME MMOA WO “Help me and let me help you” Cooperation, interdependence		MFRAMADAN “Wind-resistant house” Fortitude & readiness to face life's vicissitudes		NYAME YE OHENE “God is King” Majesty and supremacy of God
	EPA “handcuffs” Law, justice, slavery		DAME-DAME “Name of a board game” Intelligence, ingenuity		MMUSUYIDEE “That which removes bad luck” Good fortune and sanctity.		NYANSAPO “Wisdom Knot” Wisdom, ingenuity, intelligence, and patience.
	FUNTUNFUNEFU DENKYEMFUNEFU “Siamese crocodiles” By feeding you I feed myself		DENKYEM “Crocodile” Adaptability		NEA ONNIM NO SUA A, OHU “He who does not know can learn” Life-long learning		OKODEE MMOWERE “The talons of the eagle” Strength, bravery, and power.
	GYE NYAME “Except for God” Supremacy of God		DUAFE “Wooden comb” Beauty, hygiene, feminine qualities		NKONSONKONS ON “Chain Link” Unity and human relations		ONYANKOPON ADOM NTI BIRIBIARA BEYE YIE “By God's grace, all will be well” Hope, providence, and faith.
	MMERE DANE “Time changes” Change, life's dynamics		EBAN “Fence” Love, safety, security		KWATAKYE ATIKO “Hair style of an Asante war captain” Bravery and valor		OSRAM NE NSOROMMA “The Moon and the Star” Love, faithfulness, and harmony.
	MPATAPO “Knot of reconciliation” Peacemaking, reconciliation		ESE NE TEKREMA “The teeth and the tongue” Friendship, interdependence		MATE MASIE “What I hear, I keep” Wisdom, knowledge, and prudence.		OWO FORO ADOBE “Snake climbing the raffia tree” Steadfastness, prudence, and diligence.
	MPUANNUM “Five tufts” (of hair) Priestly office, loyalty, adroitness		FAWOHODIE “Independence” Independence, freedom, emancipation		NYAME DUA “Tree of god” (altar) God's presence and protection		OWUO ATWEDEE “The ladder of death” Mortality
	ODO NNYEW FIE KWAN “Love never loses its way home” Power of love		FIHANKRA “House, compound” Security and safety		NKYIMU “Divisions on adinkra cloth before stamping” Skillfulness and precision		PEMPAMSIE “Sew in readiness” Readiness, steadfastness, and hardness.
	SESA WO SUBAN “Change or transform your character” Life transformation		WAWA ABA “Seed of the wawa tree” Hardiness, toughness, and perseverance.		WI BSA DA MU A “If your hands are in the dish” Democracy, participation, pluralism		WOFORO DUA PA A “When you climb a good tree” Support, cooperation, and encouragement.
	TAMFO BEBRE “The enemy will stew in his own juice” Jealousy and envy						