

Kwanzaa Crafts

Khamsa Hand

Materials:

Construction paper

Scissors

Glue

Paint

Optional: sequins, glitter

Ribbon



Directions:

Trace around your hand on a piece of construction paper and cut out. Decorate hand with paint. Add sequin and glitter as desired. Glue ribbon to hand to form a loop for hanging.

Maasai Necklace

Materials:

Paper plate

Paint

Paintbrush



Directions:

Cut the inner circle from a paper plate and discard. Cut a 1"-wide section from the outer circle, making it easier to fit around the neck. Decorate with paint and let dry.

African Mask**Materials:**

Thin cardboard

Burlap

Glue

Scissors

Scraps of fabric, felt, paper, feathers, buttons, etc.

Hole punch

Raffia

**Directions:**

Cut a mask shape from the cardboard. Glue burlap to cardboard and trim. Glue on scraps of fabric, papers, feathers etc. to decorate the mask. Use a hole punch to make holes around the top of the mask. Tie lengths of raffia through the hole.

Kwanzaa Chair Slipcover**Materials:**

Fabric (½ to 1 yard)

Tape measure

Scissors

Sewing machine



Directions:

Measure the width of the chair back and add 1" for seam allowances. Measure the chair back from the bottom front, over the top, and down to the bottom back. Add 3" for seam allowances.

From the desired fabric, cut 1 rectangle for each chair to be covered. Press under 1½" on each short edge of the fabric rectangle. Open the pressed fabric. Fold each raw edge to the pressed edge, and finger -press in place. Refold along the pressed edge and press again with an iron. Stitch the seam. Fold rectangle with right sides together. Using a ½" seam allowance, stitch sides together. Trim threads and slip over the back of the chair.

Unity Cup**Materials:**

Large, stemmed glass
Puffy paint (red, green, black, yellow)
Rhinestones

**Directions:**

Use the puffy paint and rhinestones to create a unique and meaningful Unity Cup.

Paper African Beads**Materials:**

Black Scissors
Ruler
Toothpick
Gold sharpie
White puffy paint
String



Directions:

Cut a variety of paper strips (for rugby-shaped bead, cut a 15" strip that is 1 ½" at one end and narrows to ¼" at the other. For a barrel -shaped bead, cut a 15" strip that is 1" at one end and narrows to ½". Experiment with different shapes.

Starting at the wide end, roll the strip tightly around itself using a toothpick. For a symmetrical spiral, keep the strip centered as you roll; for a more free-form look, allow the strip to become slightly off-centered. Glue the end to the rolled paper. Let dry. Remove the toothpick. Repeat for as many beads as you desire. Decorate the beads with the gold sharpie and white puffy paint. String the beads to create a necklace or bracelet.

Kwanzaa Handprint Wreath**Materials:**

Glue

Pencil

Scissors

Red, Green and Black Construction paper

**Directions:**

Trace 12 handprints (4 of each color) onto the construction paper and cut out. Glue the prints to form a wreath.

Kwanzaa Journal

Materials:

Scissors
Kwanzaa-themed scrapbook papers
Letter stencils
Adhesive
Hole punch
Raffia



Directions:

Cut out shapes from the scrapbook paper that emphasize the Kwanzaa holiday. Trace letters for the title, and then cut out. Glue the shapes to the cover page. Punch holes down the left side of journal pages. Bind the journal together using raffia.

Kwanzaa Bag

Materials:

Burlap
Ribbon or cord for drawstring
Marker
Embroidery thread and needle
Scissors



Directions:

Cut a piece of burlap 10" X 14" long. Along the 14" side, fold the burlap down an inch to make a tube. Sew the bottom of the tube closed, leaving the ends open for the drawstring. Use a safety pin to thread the cord or ribbon through the tube. Make a knot.

Use the marker to write the word "Kwanzaa" on the front of the bag. Use the Kwanzaa colors of black, red, and green to sew along the word Kwanzaa. Fold the bag in half so that the drawstring is at the top and design is on the inside. Stitch the sides of the bag together and turn the bag inside out.

Kwanzaa Favor

Materials:

Paper towel tube
Craft glue
Scissors
Red, black, and green construction paper
Yellow and orange tissue paper
Ruler
Wrapped candy



Directions:

Cut each tube in half and glue a piece of red, black, or green construction to each tube. Cut a 10" square of tissue paper and place the candy in the middle of the square. Gather the tissue paper around the candy. Push the wrapped candy into the tube so the end of the tissue sticks up to look like a flame.

Kwanzaa Bracelet

Materials:

1 foot of black suede cord
8 plastic pony beads (3 green, 3 red, and two black)

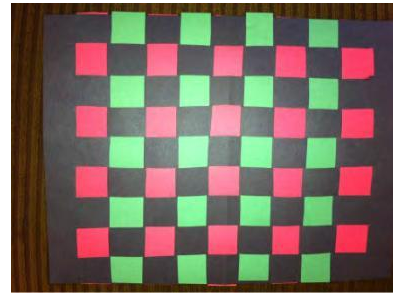


Directions:

String beads onto cord (red, red, red, black, green, green, green). Tie a knot on either side of the beads to hold in place. String both ends of the string through the final black bead in opposite directions. Trim to fit and knot at the ends.

Kwanzaa Placemat**Materials:**

Red, green, and black construction paper
Scissors
Ruler
Pencil

**Directions:**

Fold the black construction paper in half, short sides together. From the folded side, cut 1" strips reaching to 1" from the other side. You should not cut all the way through the paper. There should be a 1"-wide area on each side that is not cut through. Unfold.

Cut 9 (9" x 1") strips out of the red and green construction paper.

Weave the red and green strips over and under the black strips. Spread glue under the end of the strips to hold them in place.

Mancala Game**Materials:**

Egg Carton
Paint (green, red, yellow)
48 small stones, beads, or marbles
Glue



Separate the top from bottom of the egg carton. Paint the bottom portion of the egg carton yellow. Let dry. Paint one side of the egg cups green and one side of the egg cups red.

Cut the top of the egg carton in half. Paint the inside of one half red and the other half green. Let dry. Glue one to each end of the bottom portion of the carton.

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Ear of Corn Place Cards

Material:

Heavy-duty construction paper or card stock (green + another color)

Un-popped popping corn

White glue

Scissors

A pencil, marker or pen



Directions:

Cut a piece of construction paper that is about 5" x 6".

Fold the paper in half so that you have a rectangle that is 5" x 3". Unfold it. Using a piece of folded green construction paper, cut an oval with pointed ends. You should now have 2 green ovals. Cut one of the ovals in half the long way. Glue the green oval to the bottom half of the unfolded place card.

Squeeze white glue onto the green oval, leaving an edge of about ¼" without glue around the green oval. Sprinkle un-popped popcorn on the glue. Put a line of glue over the right half of the corn and under the bottom right half. Glue on the half ovals of green paper (to be the husks of an ear of corn) at a slight angle. Only the edges of these half ovals will be glued -- the rest will stick up over

the corn, looking like a partly-opened corn husk. Let the glue set. Write the name of each guest on the place card.

Kwanzaa Trivet

Materials:

1-pound bag or box of white grout (can be found in craft stores)

Disposable plastic bowl or cup

Water

Mosaic trivet mold

Craft stick or old spatula

Bag of red, green, and black tiles

Sponge

Soft cloth

Can of mosaic sealer

Paintbrush



Directions:

Place about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of grout in the bowl or cup. Mix with water according to the directions on the package of grout.

Fill the mold with grout almost to the top of the mold. Use a Popsicle stick or spatula to smooth over the top.

Lay the tiles on top of the grout in the desired pattern. Apply a small amount of grout on top of the design and push it into the crevices.

Once the grout has set, wipe off the excess grout with a damp sponge. Continue this process until all grout is removed from the top of the tiles. Allow this to dry overnight. Polish with a soft cloth and apply a coat of mosaic sealer. Allow to dry.

Kwanzaa Bead Candles

Materials:

½-inch wooden craft cubes
Red, green, and black acrylic paint
Small paintbrush
Glue
Letter beads
Yellow oval shaped beads



Directions:

Count the number of cubes you need for each candle. Paint the wooden cubes in the appropriate colors (see below).

Glue the cubes together. Use the letter beads to glue the name of the principle to the stack of cubes. Glue the yellow bead on the top for the flame.

Unity **Umoja**: Black

Self-Determination **Kujichagulia**: Red

Collective Work and Responsibility **Ujima**: Green

Cooperative Economics **Ujamaa**: Red

Purpose **Nia**: Green

Creativity **Kuumba**: Red

Faith **Imani**: Green