Adinkra Symbols

**Adinkrahene variation**
(a DINK krah HAY nay)
Literally means, “chief of adinkra,” or, the most important adinkra.

**Gye Nyame**
(jee nyah MAY)
Literally means, “only God,” suggesting that the gods, not humans, make important decisions.

**Gyawn Atiko**
(JOW en ah TEEK koh)
Symbol of great courage and determination.

**Kuntinkantan**
(koon tin KAHN TAHN)
Associated with the saying, “Do not boast, do not be arrogant.”
Afuntun mmireku
Denkyem mmireku
(ah FOON toon mir ch KOO
dcn CHEM mir ch KOO)
Two crocodiles that share the
same stomach—a symbol of
unity between different groups of
people. It recalls the proverb,
“Bellies mixed up, crocodiles
mixed up.”

Fihankra
(fee HAIN krah)
Literally means, “a house
which is safe.” It
represents the floor plan
of an Akan house. Symbol
of security and peace.

Dweninimu aben
(jen nee nee MOO AH bay)
The ram’s horns—recalls the
proverb, “The ram, while
slow to anger, is unstoppable
when riled up.”

Osram
(OS rahm)
The moon—symbol of the
positive female qualities of
love and kindness.