

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.



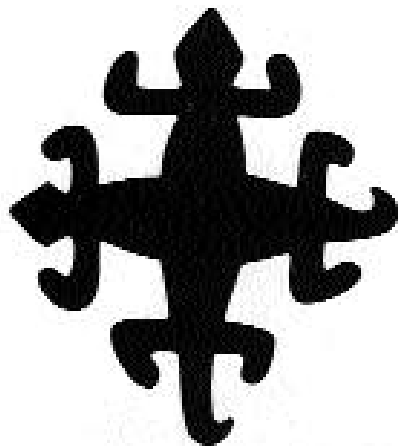
◀ Gyawn Atiko

(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**

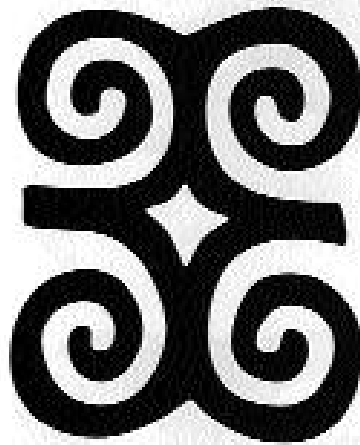
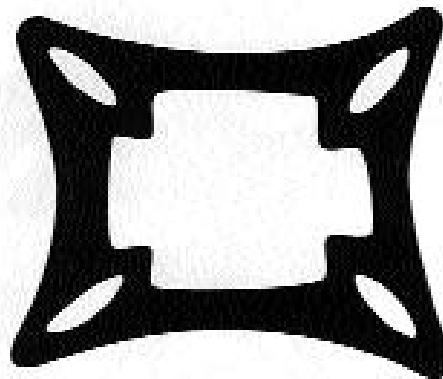
(ah FOON toon mir eh KOO
den CHEM mir eh KOO)

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 HAHN 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.

