

Images for *Astronomic Arts*  
Lesson Plans, Grades 1-4

*African Cosmos: Stellar Arts*

National Museum of African Art

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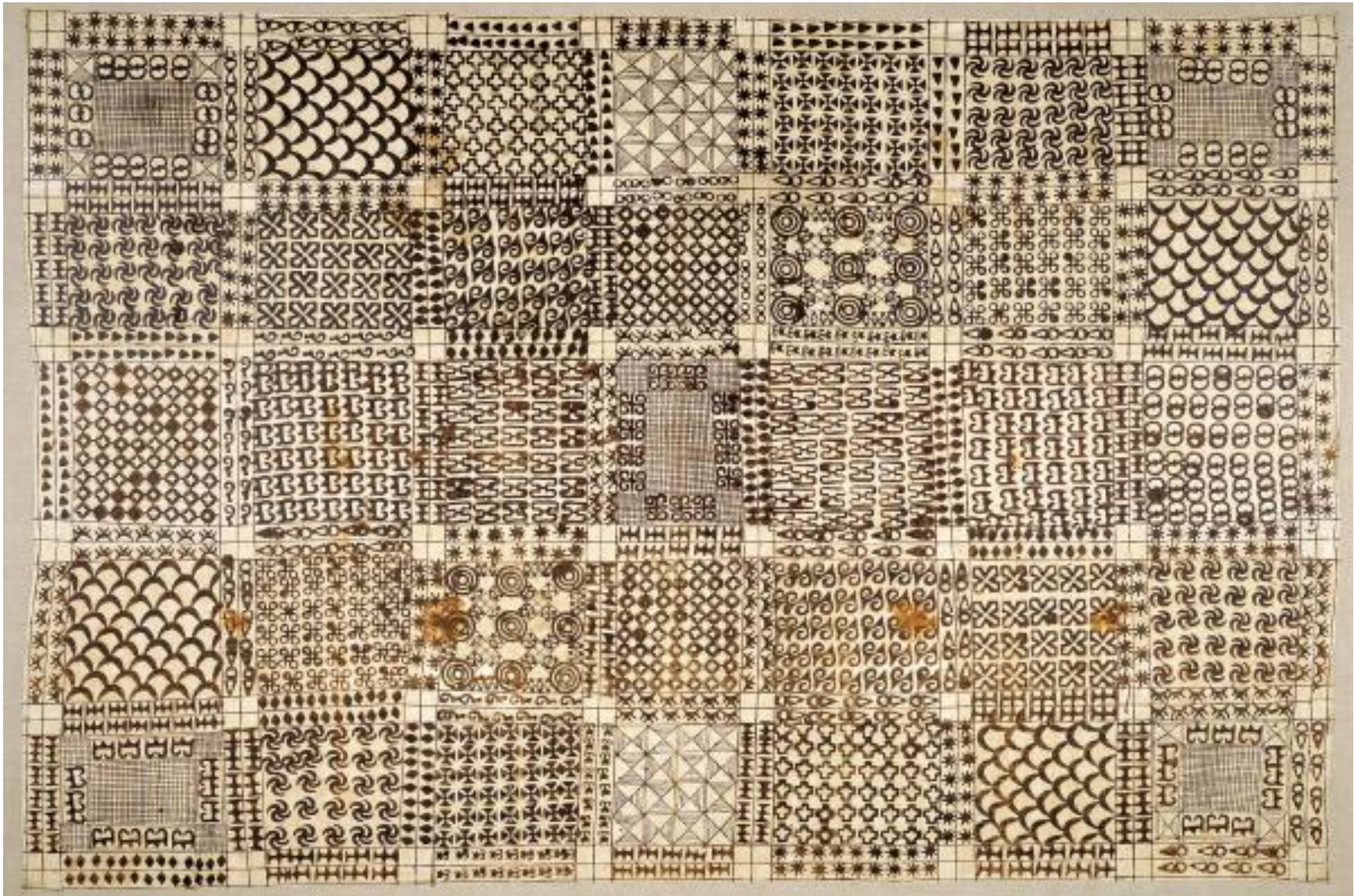


Image 1  
Cloth Wrapper with adinkra stamps  
Asante peoples, Ghana  
Mid to late 19th century  
Imported cotton cloth, black pigment  
National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, museum purchase, 83-3-8

# Adinkra Stamps

Star



Moon and Star



Galaxy



Sun



Image 2, Image 3, Image, Image 4, Image 5

Adinkra stamps, Asante peoples, Ghana

Mid-20th century

Gourd, pigment

National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, gift of the Roy and Brigitta Mitchell Collection

# Adinkra Symbols of the Sky

Moon and the Star Love, faithfulness, harmony



Star/Child of the Heavens “A child of the Supreme Being I do not depend on myself. My illumination is only a reflection of His.” Guardianship



God is in the Heavens “God, there is something in the heavens, let me reach it.” Hope



Moon “It takes the moon sometime to go round the nation.” Patience, understanding



# Adinkra Symbols of the Sky (cont.)

Rays

Cosmos omnipresence



Sun

Vitality, procreative or cosmic energy, growth, enlightenment)



Morning Star

Transformation, new beginning





Image 6  
*Untitled*, Gavin Jantjes  
South Africa  
1989-1990  
Acrylic on canvas

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Image 7  
*Untitled*, Garth Erasmus  
South Africa  
1996  
Acrylic and crayon on paper  
*National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, purchased with funds provided by the Smithsonian Collections Acquisition Program, 96-23-1*



Image 8  
*Face mask (Kanaga)*  
*Dogon peoples, Mali*  
*Mid-late 20th century*  
*Wood, pigment*  
*National Museum of African Art, gift of Walt Disney World Co., a subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company*  
*2005-6-533*





Image 9

Face mask (Bedu)

Nafana peoples, Bondoukou region, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana

Mid-20th century

Wood, paint, metal

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Image 10  
Chi wara kun crest mask  
Bamana peoples, Mali  
Early 20th century  
Wood, metal  
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Image 11  
Chi wara kun crest mask  
Bamana peoples, Mali  
19<sup>th</sup>-20th century  
Wood, metal  
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