Kwanzaa Printables

Kinara, mkeka, principle cards and more

December 26 to January 1

The seven principles (Nguzo Saba)

Date	Principle	Meaning
December 26	**Umoja**	Unity
December 27	**Kujichagulia**	Self-determination
December 28	**Ujima**	Collective work and responsibility
December 29	**Ujamaa**	Cooperative economics
December 30	**Nia**	Purpose
December 31	**Kuumba**	Creativity
January 1	**Imani**	Faith

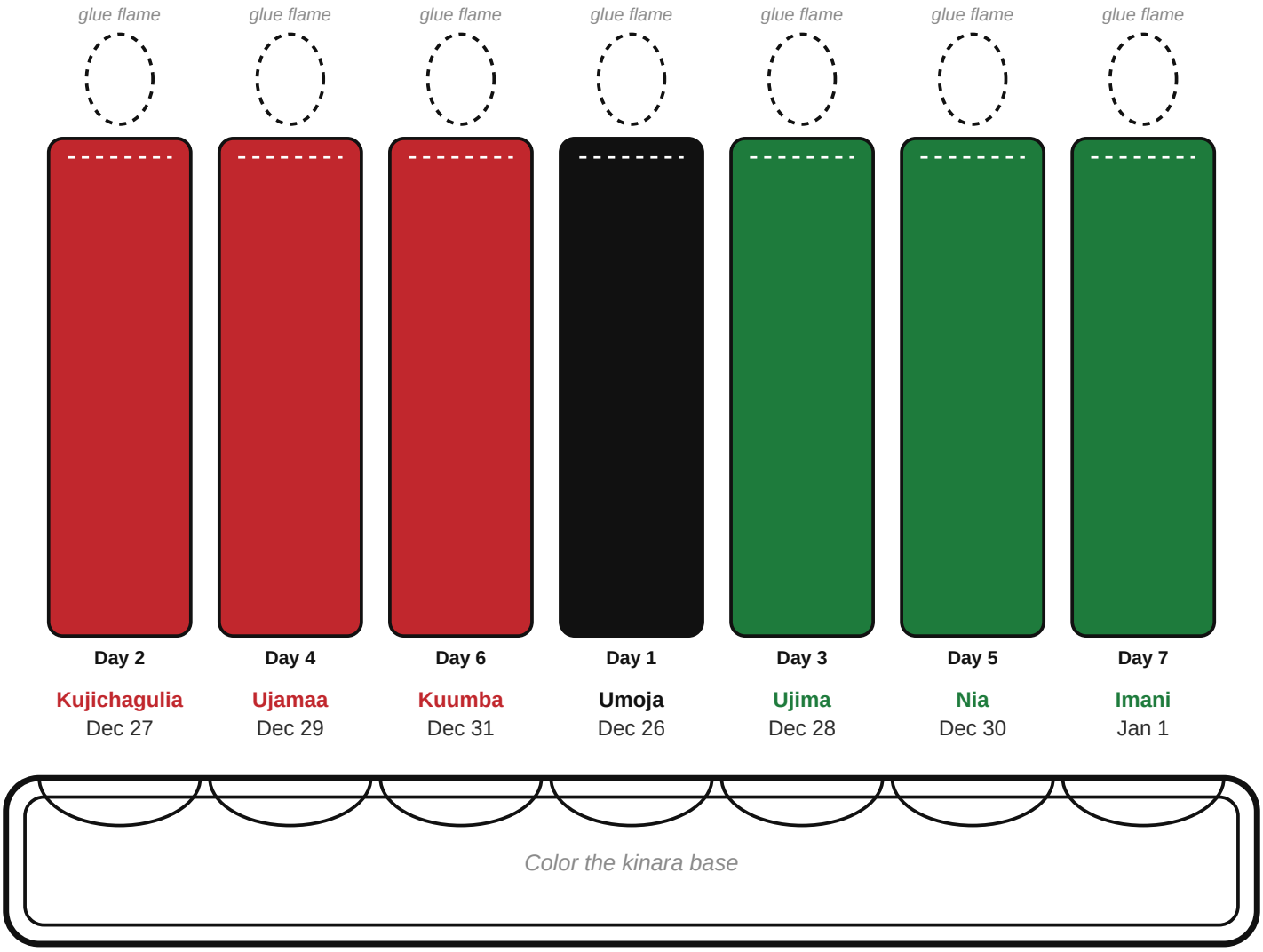
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The symbol and principle meanings in this pack follow the official Kwanzaa website. Kwanzaa uses its own symbols and colors: black, red and green.

Paper Kinara

Color the base. Add one flame each night.

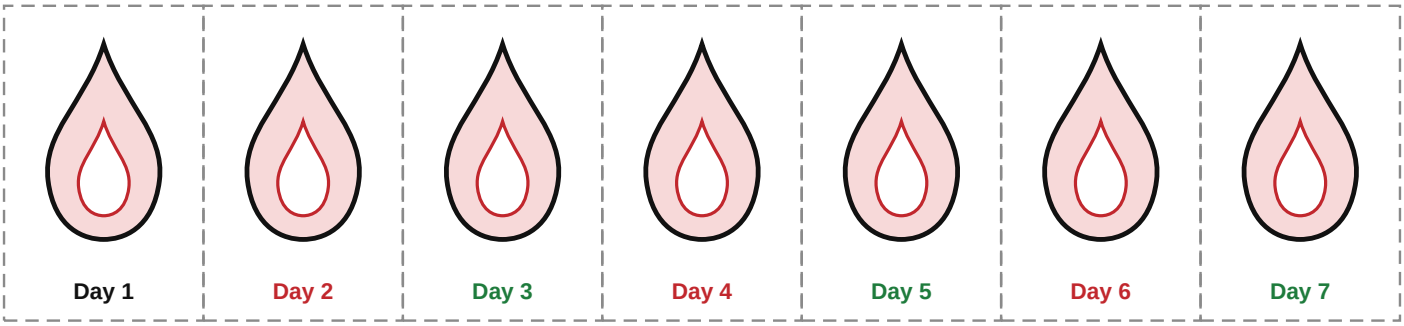


One black candle in the middle, three red candles on the left and three green candles on the right. The black candle is lit first, on December 26. The others follow the order of the principles.

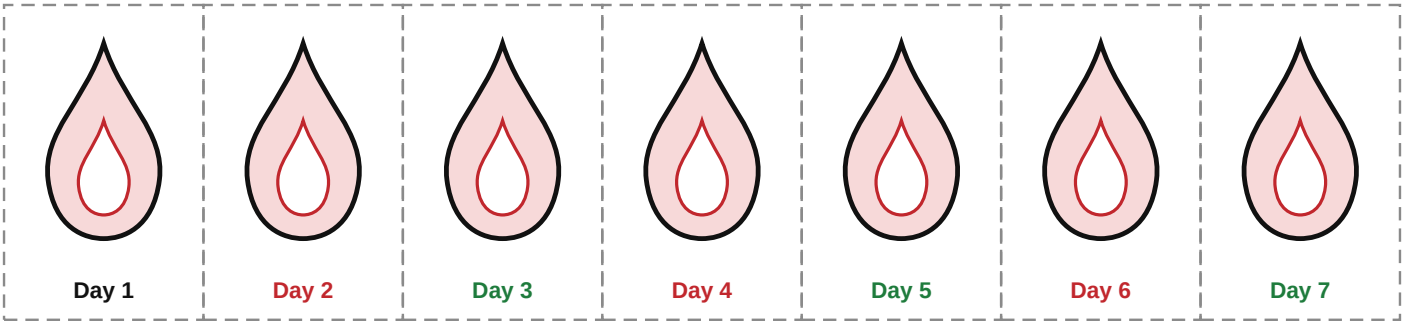
Flames

Cut out, then glue one on each night

Your flames

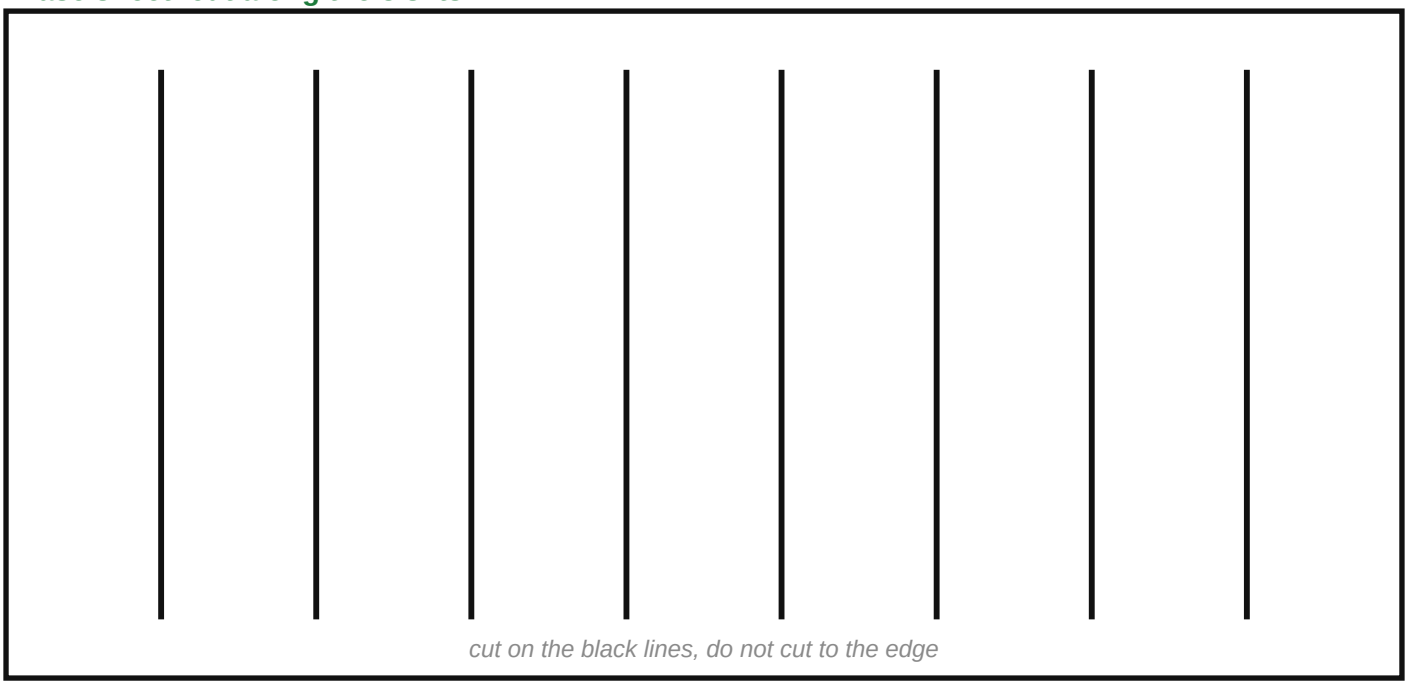


Spare flames



Color each flame, cut along the dashed lines and glue one onto the matching candle on the kinara page. The spare set is for mistakes or a second kinara.

Base sheet: cut along the 8 slits



cut on the black lines, do not cut to the edge

10 strips: color 4 black, 3 red and 3 green, or print on colored paper. Cut them out.

1 black

2 black

3 black

4 black

5 red

6 red

7 red

8 green

9 green

10 green

Principle Cards

Seven principles, one for each day

Nguzo Saba

The Seven Principles

Habari gani?

Day 1 — **December 26**

Umoja

oo-MOH-jah

Unity

We stay together as a family and community.

Try it: Do one kind thing with your family today.

Day 2 — **December 27**

Kujichagulia

koo-jee-chah-goo-LEE-ah

Self-determination

I decide who I am and I speak for myself.

Try it: Draw yourself and write three words about you.

Day 3 — **December 28**

Ujima

oo-JEE-mah

Collective work and responsibility

We help each other and solve problems together.

Try it: Help someone at home with a job today.

Day 4 — **December 29**

Ujamaa

oo-jah-MAH

Cooperative economics

We build and support businesses together.

Try it: Swap or share something you made with a friend.

Day 5 — **December 30**

Nia

NEE-ah

Purpose

I have a goal that helps my family and community.

Try it: Write one goal for the year on paper.

Day 6 — **December 31**

Kuumba

koo-OOM-bah

Creativity

I make our home and community more beautiful.

Try it: Make something new from paper scraps.

Day 7 — **January 1**

Imani

ee-MAH-nee

Faith

I believe in my family, my teachers and myself.

Try it: Tell someone one thing you believe in.

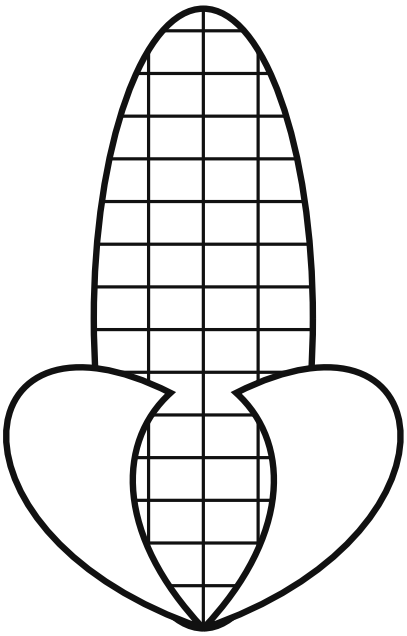
Habari Gani? Chart

The principle of the day is the answer

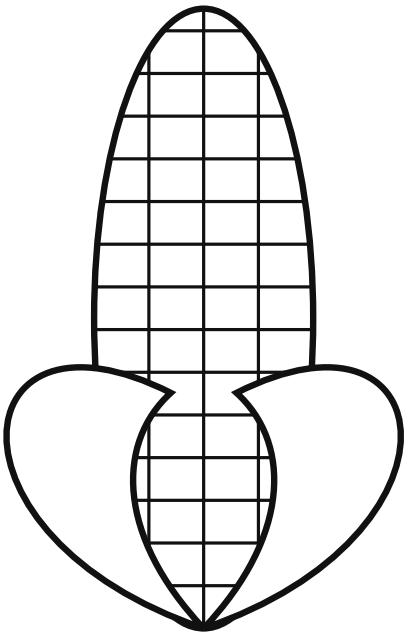
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Muhindi Template

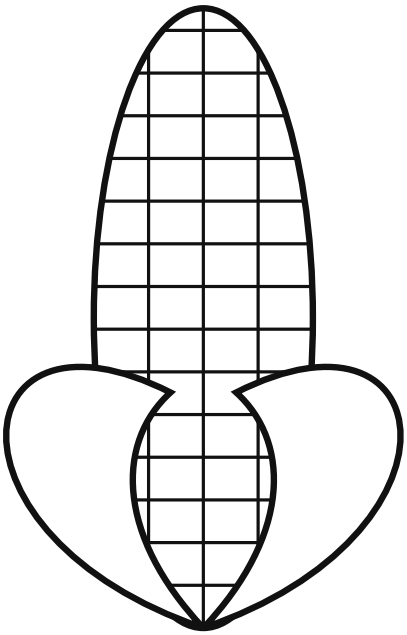
4 ears of corn, color, cut and add a name



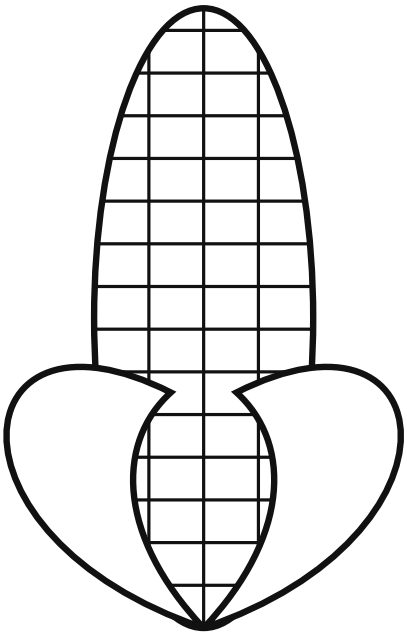
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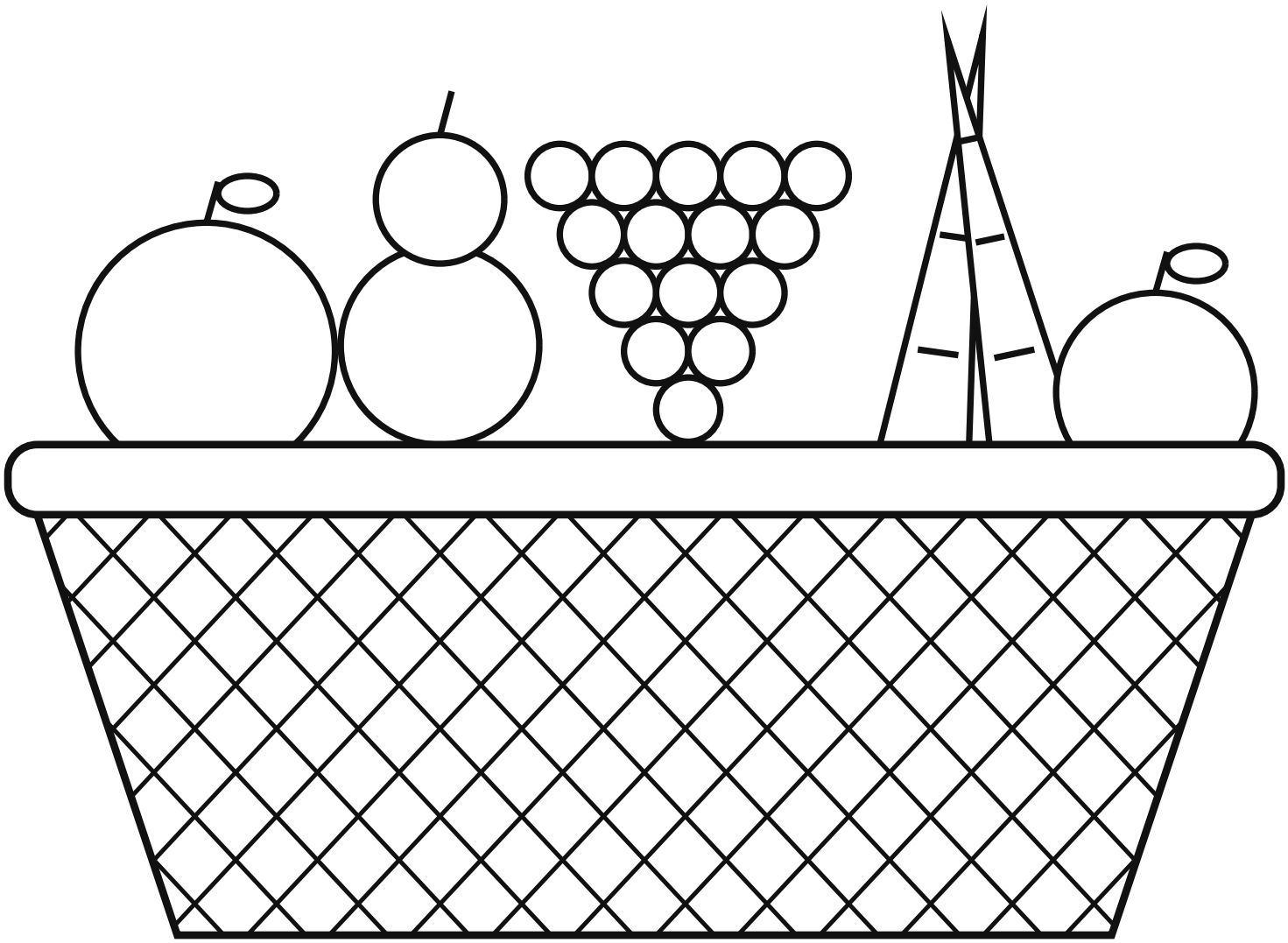
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Mazao Coloring Page

A basket of fruit and vegetables



Mazao: the crops of the harvest

Zawadi Tags

8 tags for handmade gifts

A zawadi for you

To: _____

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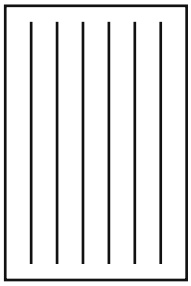
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How to Make It

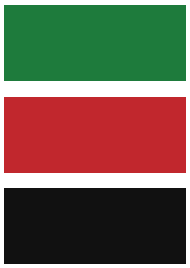
Weave a mkeka and build the kinara

Mkeka weaving

1. Cut along the 8 slits on the base sheet. Stop before the edges.



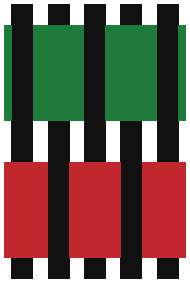
2. Color the strips black, red and green, then cut them out.



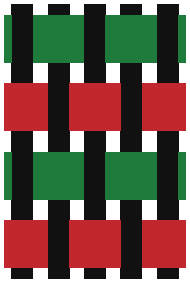
3. Slide the first strip over, under, over, under across the slits.



4. Start the next strip the opposite way: under, over, under, over.



5. Keep going. Push the strips close together and glue the ends.



Kinara assembly

1. Color the kinara base.



2. Cut out the seven flames.



3. Every evening, ask Habari gani? and answer with the principle of the day.



4. Glue that day's flame on its candle. By January 1, all seven are lit.

