

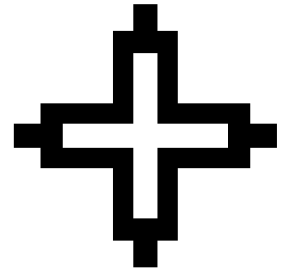
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**TRADITIONAL SYMBOLS
OF THE ASHANTI REGION**

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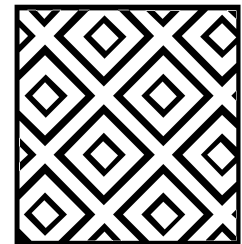
1. **ABAN** (Great fortress or Strong magnificent House).
A symbol that legitimizes the power of the King or the Chief.



2. **ADINKRAHENE** – (Chief of the adinkra symbols)
This is a symbol of greatness, charisma and leadership.



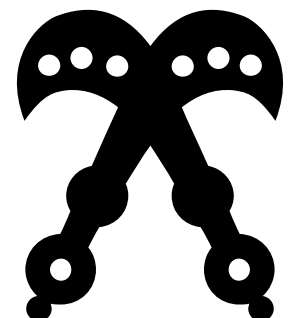
3. **ANIBERE A ENNSO GYA** - Literally meaning,
Seriousness does not always show in red eyes.
It connotes Defiance of odds and self-effacing
in difficulties.



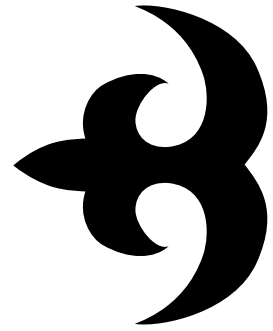
4. **AKOBEN** (War Horn) Signifies readiness to be
called to arms and Preparedness for action or battle.



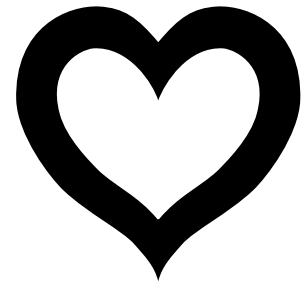
5. **AKOFENA**
A symbol of authority and gallantry.



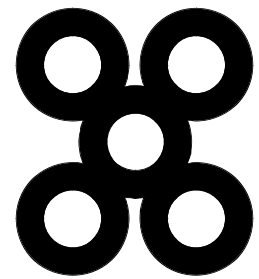
- 6. AKOKONAN TIABA** (The leg of a hen)
This symbol signifies the protective, corrective and loving nature of mothers for their children.



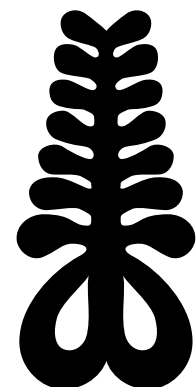
- 7. AKOMA**
A symbol of patience and tolerance.



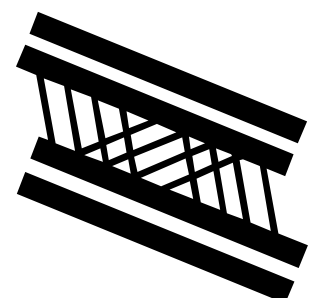
- 8. MPUANNUM** (Five tufts of hair)
This hair style is believed to symbolize adroitness.



- 9. AYA (FERN)**
It connotes defiance.
It also connotes the virtue of hard work and persistence which invariably is rewarded with success.



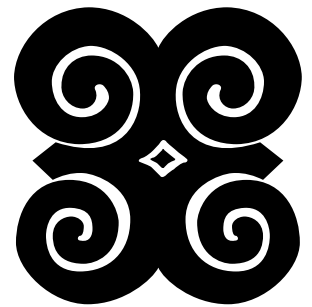
- 10. OWO FORO DOBE**
The symbol means to extol the importance of diplomacy and prudence.



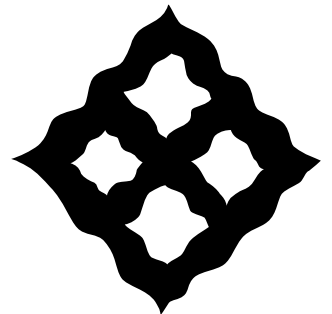
- 11. DUA AFE (Wooden Comb)**
This symbol signifies fondness for cleanliness and beauty in women.



- 12. DWENNI MMEN**
A symbol of humility and strength.



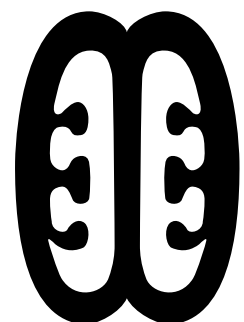
- 13. EBAN (Fence)**
This is the symbol of love, safety and Security.



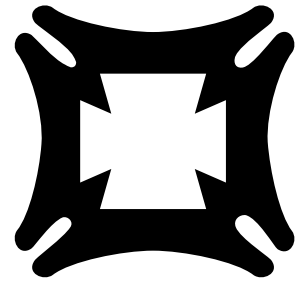
- 14. EPA (Handcuffs)**
The symbol is a symbol of servitude to a supreme power.



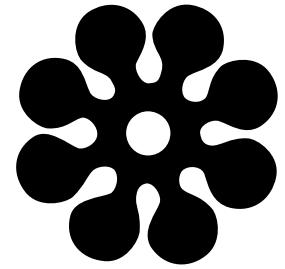
- 15. ESE NE TEKEREMA (The teeth and the tongue).** A symbol of friendship and interdependence.



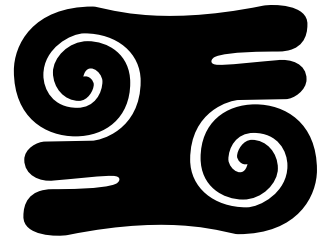
- 16. FIHANKRA**
A symbol of security and safety.



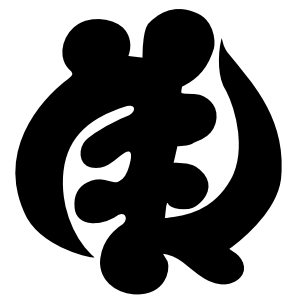
- 17. FOFOO** (Seeds of a plant)
This symbolizes warning against jealousy



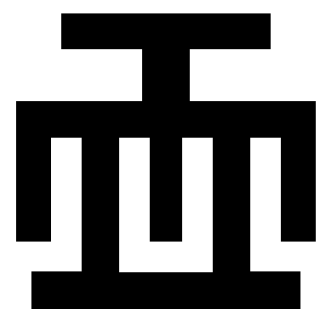
- 18. GYEWU ATI KO** (A symbol of valour)
This symbol was a hairstyle shave at the back of Chief Gyawu's head, signifying his valour.



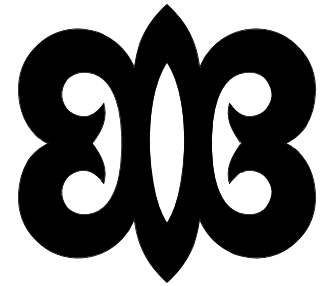
- 19. GYE NYAME** (Except God).
A symbol of the supremacy of God.



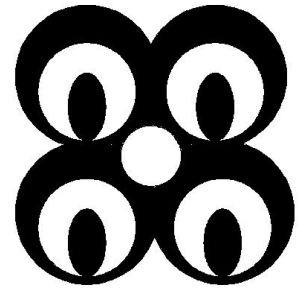
- 20. HWEMUDUA** (Measuring stick).
This is a symbol of examination and quality control.



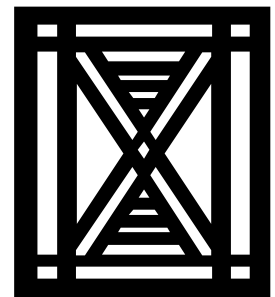
- 21. HYE-WO-HO-NHYE**
A symbol of imperishable and endurance.



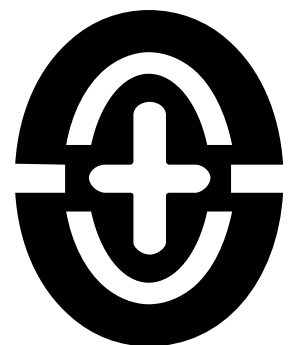
- 22. MATE MASIE** (What I hear, I keep)
This is the Symbol of wisdom, knowledge and prudence.



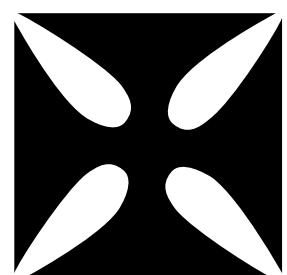
- 23. MFRAMADAN** (Airy house i.e. well ventilated house).
The symbol connotes fortitude and the readiness to face the rigours of life.



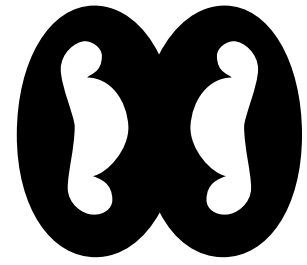
- 24. MMRA KRADO** (Padlock of law i.e. seal of law)
This is a symbol of authority and justice.



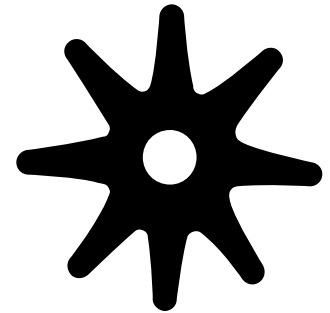
- 25. MMUSUYIDEE**
This symbol encourages regular request to good omen from God.



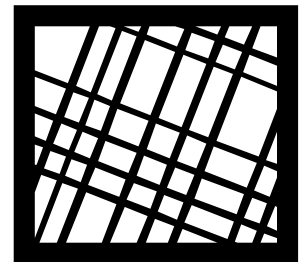
- 26. NKONSONKONSON**
A symbol of unity and human relations.



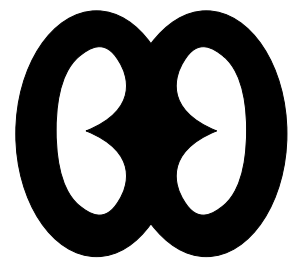
- 27. NSOROMMA (Star)**
A symbol of guardianship.



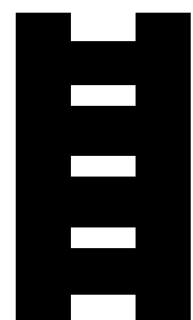
- 28. NKYIMU**
This is a symbol of skilfulness and precision.



- 29. NYAME BIRIBI WO SORO**
A symbol of hope.

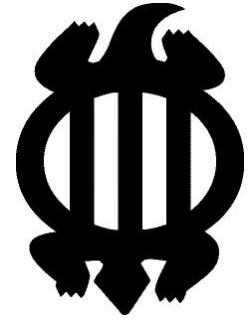


- 30. OWU ATWEDEE (Death's Ladder)**
This symbol reminds everybody of the ultimate end of man.



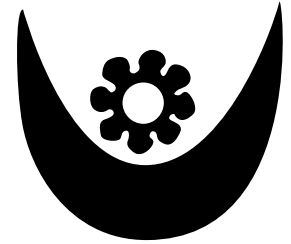
31. ODENKYEM DA NSUO MU

This is a symbol of adaptability.



32. OSRANE NE NSOROMMA (The Moon and the Star).

The Symbol of love, faithfulness, harmony, fondness and benevolence.



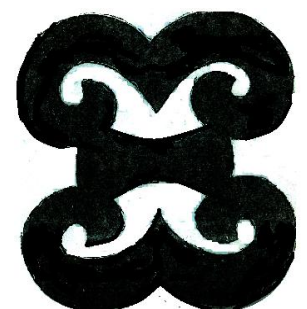
33. SANKOFA

A symbol of positive reversion and revival.



34. PEMPAMSIE (Sew in readiness)

This connotes readiness, valour and fearlessness.

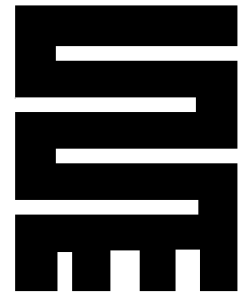


35. ODO NNYEW FIE KWAN (Love never loses its way home).

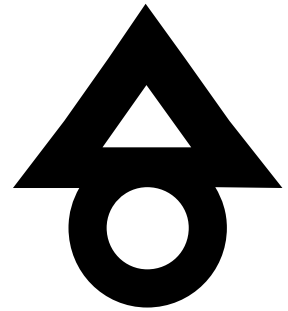
The Symbol of the power of love.



- 36. NKYINKYIM**
A symbol of initiative, dynamism and versatility.



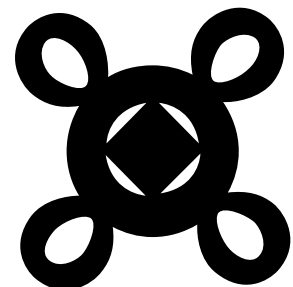
- 37. SEPO - (Executioners knife)**
This is symbol of freedom of speech.



- 38. PAGYA (Strike fire)**
A symbol for gunners and of bravery.



- 39. SUNSUM (Soul)**
This is a symbol of purity and spirituality.



- 40. WAWA ABA (Seed of Wawa)**
This symbolizes hardiness.

