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Kente: A ROYAL FABRIC OF YOUR HERITAGE

Kente cloth originates from the Asante people of Ghana, West Africa. The weaving of Kente Cloth dates back to the 12th Century and was woven exclusively for the Asante Kings and Queens.

Today, authentic Kente Cloth is hand-woven from cotton, silk and rayon fibers. It is woven on horizontal looms in about four-inch strips and later sewn into larger cloth.

Kente is a visual representation of history, philosophy, ethics, moral values, religious beliefs and social code of conduct. Each Kente pattern is unique with its own name and significance. The symbolic significance of colors used is generally derived from how natural objects of similar color are used. The symbolic meanings of Kente colors are as follows:

- RED: Associates with the blood shed by our ancestors in their struggles and sacrifices for independence Freedom from colonial rule.
- Gold: Represents the rich minerals of Africa, especially gold. It symbolizes wealth.
- Green: Represents the abundant vegetation of Africa. It symbolizes growth, fruitfulness and vitality.
- Pink: Represents the female essence of life. It symbolizes tenderness, calmness, pleasantness and sweetness.
- Blue: Represents the blue sky, the abode of God. It is therefore used to signify spiritual sanctity, good fortune and harmony.
- Purple: Associates with the feminine aspect of life, worn by queens to denote royalty.
- Black: Represents maturity. It derives its significance from the notion that new things get darker when they mature. Thus physical aging comes with spiritual maturity. Black symbolizes an intensified spiritual energy.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DESIGNS ON KENTE STOLES

Key: this represents the fact the education is a key to success.

Asante Stool: this design represents leadership. The Golden Stool is the symbol of rule of the Asante Kingdom in Ghana.

Zig-Zag Design: This pattern relates to the forward and backward experiences in life. Life is not straight Smooth ride. One must exercise caution and prudence to overcome the peaks and valley, backward and forward experiences of life.

Diamond: Symbol of wealth and riches

Today, the original royal fabric of Ghana has become an extraordinary fusion of our rich African past , our fruitful present and our even more promising future.

Wear your Kente with pride! Keep the heritage alive!