

Zulu

Basket Weaving



South Africa

- The Zulu people live in South Africa.



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- The Zulu tribe is the largest tribe in South Africa (9 million people)
- Zulu people are famous for their weaving, craft making, pottery, and beadwork



Grandmothers, granddaughters

- Basket weaving is mainly a female craft taught by older women in a family to young girls, sometimes as young as age 5



Natural materials

- Zulu women use all natural materials, including palm leaves, to make the baskets.
- To make colors, they use roots, leaves, berries, and tree bark.



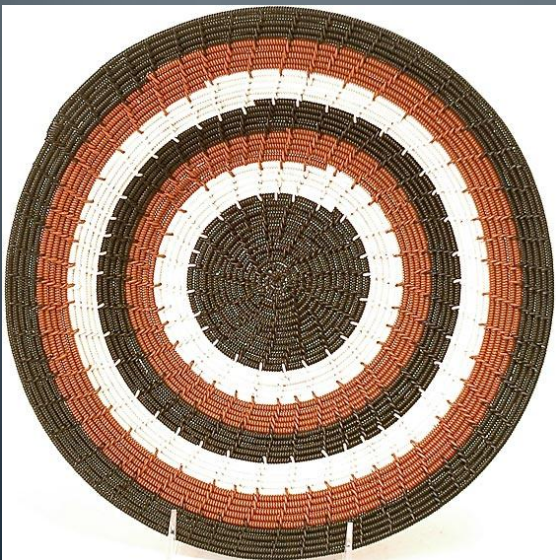
A lot of hard work

- Making a basket takes a long time— a medium-sized basket can take about a month to make!
- Some baskets are made to hold liquids while others are meant to hold medicines or foods.



Patterns have meaning

- Triangle— man or boy
- Diamond— Woman or girl
- Double triangle— Marriage for men
- Double diamond- Marriage for women
- Circles— Good news



Baskets carried on heads

- Many Zulu people carry their baskets on their heads.



Family Basket Craft

- * Color your paper plate using markers. Fold it in half. A grown up will help you staple it at the ends.
- Color and cut out triangles for the boys and men in your family.
- Color and cut out diamonds for the girls in your family.
- Glue shapes onto folded paper plate.
- Color the construction paper handle. A grown up will help you staple this on.



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