

For many centuries, the Akan people of Ghana have created a unique fabric called **Kente**, which means basket. According to legend, two farmers named Krugu and Watah went hunting and came across a spider named Ananse who was making its web. Amazed by the web, the farmers went home to recreate it using fibers from a raffia tree. Then they presented it to the king. Because of this, Kente used to be worn only by royalty and wealthy people but nowadays anyone can wear kente.

There are more than 350 kente cloth patterns that have their own meaning. Some are meant to look like things and some have more spiritual meanings. Even the colors have special meanings!



*Now it's your turn! Use the directions and supplies to create your own kente cloth design!*

# Ghana



- **Name:** Republic of Ghana (formerly known as the Gold Coast)
- **Government:** Unitary Presidential Constitutional Republic
- **Population:** 31 million people
- **Languages:** English, Twi, Dagbani, Dangme, Ewe, Fante, Frafra, Ga, Gonja, Nzema
- **National Symbols:** National flag and coat of arms, King Protea (national flower), Tawny Eagle (national animal), red, gold and green (colors).
- **National anthem:** *God Bless Our Homeland Ghana*

