

## What to do

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1. Trace the lines of a hat onto a piece of black construction paper using crayon or chalk. Do this for each child.
2. Help the children cut out their hats. Ask the children to save a smaller piece of black scrap paper to use later.
3. Tear yellow, red, and green construction or tissue paper into pieces. Encourage the children to glue the pieces of paper all over one side of their hats.
4. Print the child's name on the hat.
5. Take the smaller piece of black paper and staple it to the edge of the hat to extend the width of the hat. Measure it to fit the child's head and staple the piece to the other side of the hat. Take the high part that is standing up and bend it to the back part of the hat. Staple it to the back area to keep it bent.
6. Now the hat is ready to wear.

## More to do

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Have a holiday party and ask the children to wear their Kwanzaa hats.  
*Dramatic Play:* Keep the hats in the Dramatic Play Center.

## Related books

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*Celebrating Kwanzaa* by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith  
*Imani's Gift at Kwanzaa* by Denise Burden-Patmon  
*A Kwanzaa Celebration* by Nancy Williams (a pop-up book)

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# Kwanzaa Corn

## Materials

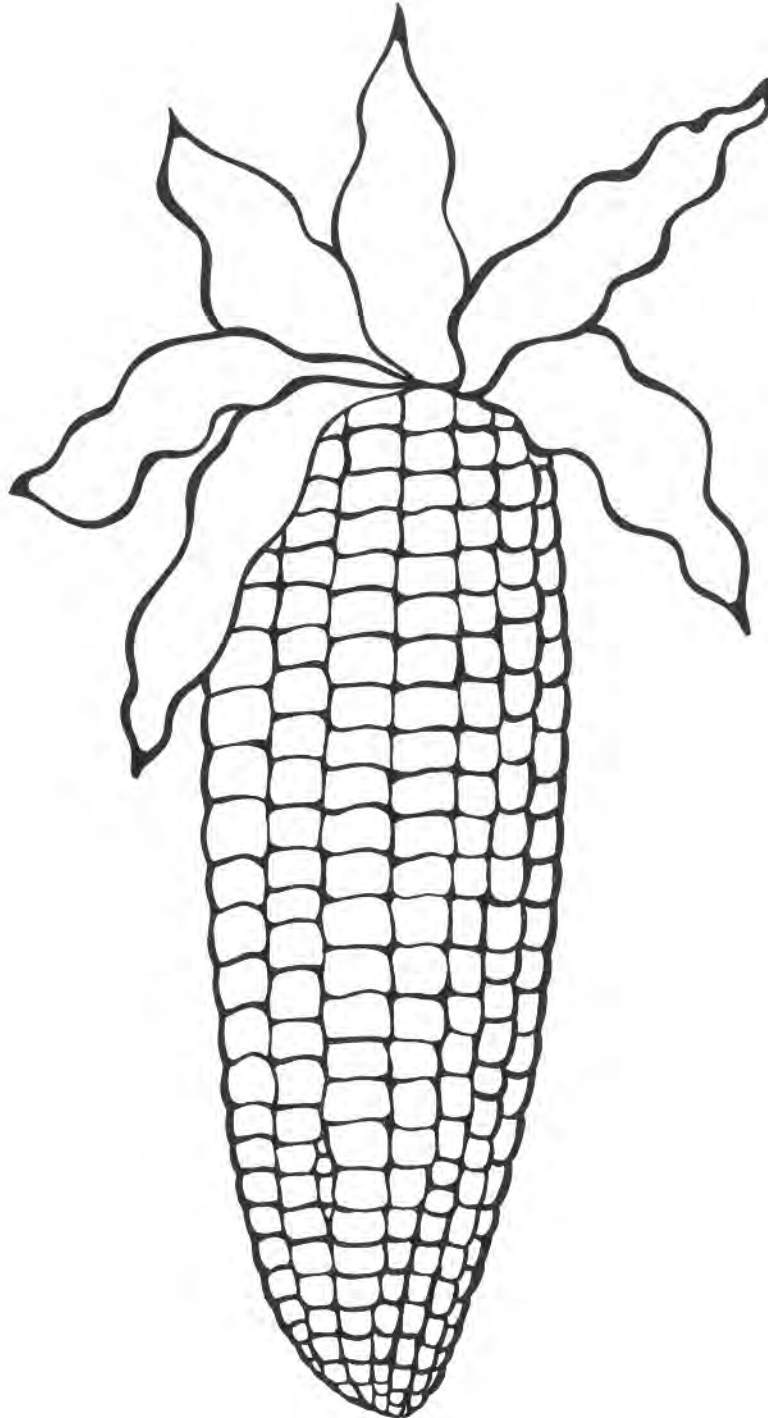
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Information about the Kwanzaa corn  
Tagboard  
Scissors  
Yellow, orange, and green paint and brushes  
Glue  
Brown or black marker  
Brown paper (torn construction paper or tissue paper)  
String  
Paper punch

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1. *Munhundi* means corn. The corn represents the children of a family (one ear of corn for each child). The corn symbolizes the parents' wish for the child to grow up strong and happy.
2. Cut out corn shapes from tagboard.
3. Ask the children how many brothers and sisters they have. Give each child one "ear of corn" for each sibling he has.



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4. Encourage the children to paint their corn. When the corn is dry, encourage them to glue small pieces of brown paper to the top of each ear.
5. Give each child a piece of paper with information about Kwanzaa corn. Help them glue the information to the back of one ear of corn.
6. Write down the names of each child's siblings on a separate ear of corn.
7. Talk about what the corn symbolizes.
8. Punch a hole into each ear of corn and string them together. If you tie each ear of corn to the string, they will not overlap and lay on top of each other.
9. The child can take it home to be used as a door or wall hanging.

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