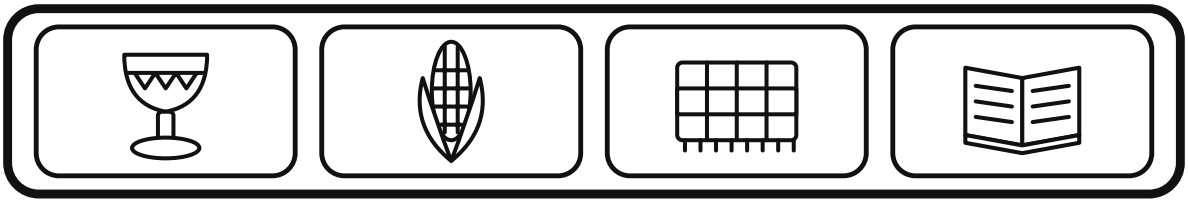
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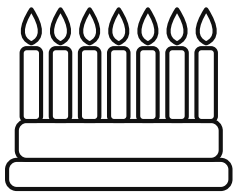
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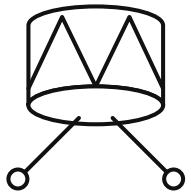
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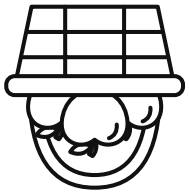
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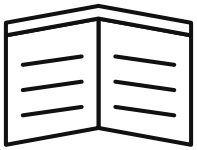
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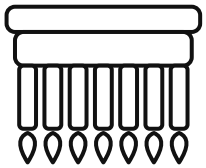
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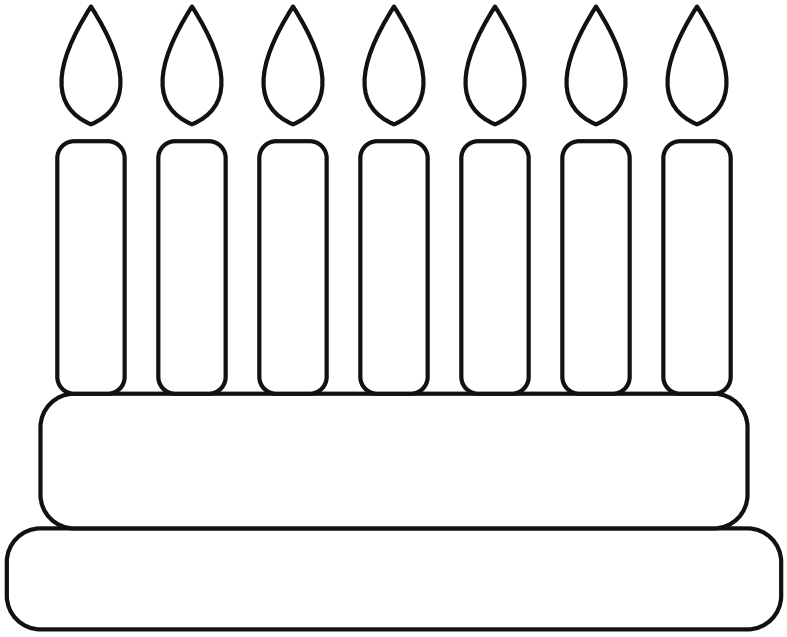


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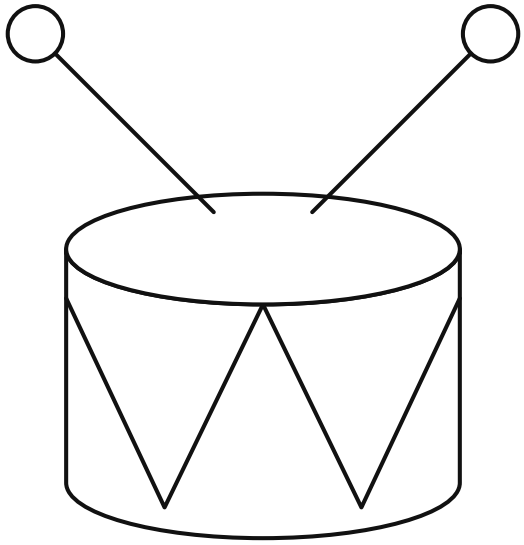
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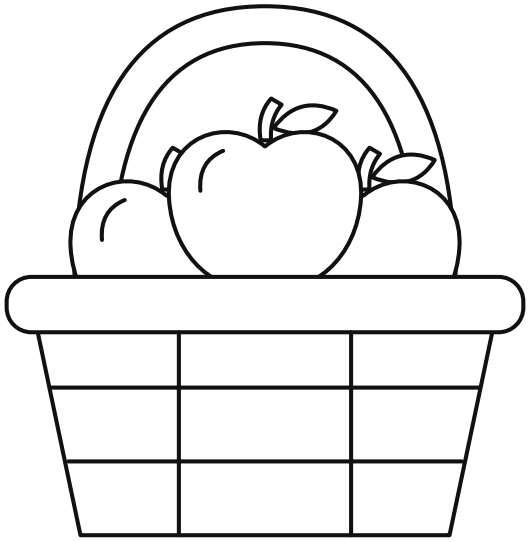
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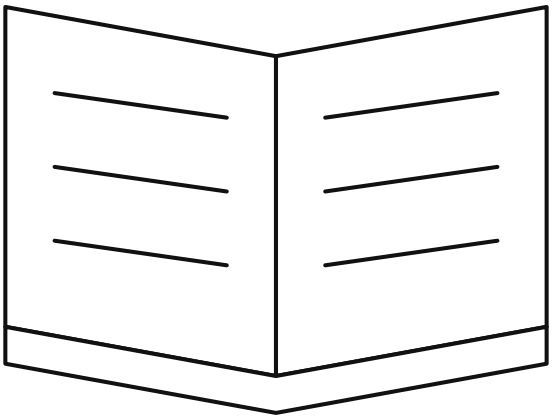
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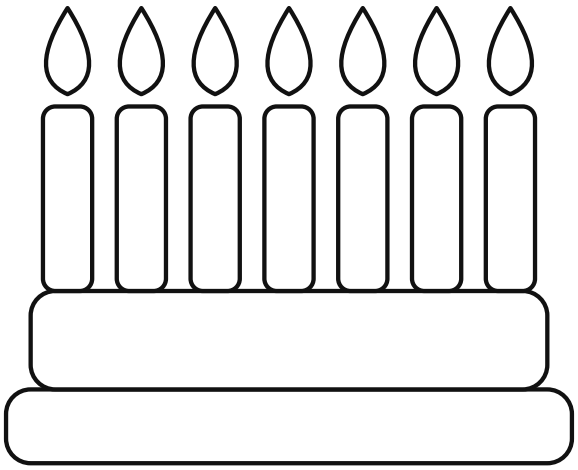
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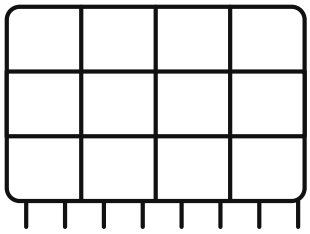
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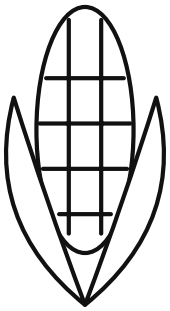
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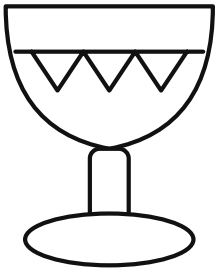


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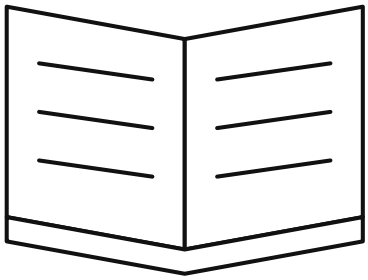


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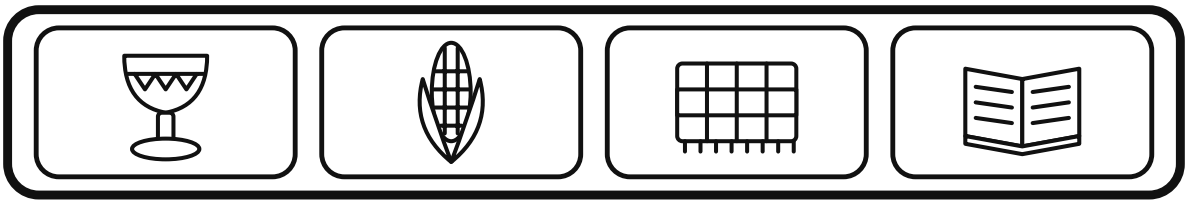
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   Red, green and black

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   Karamu

5. **Why do you think books and handmade things are good Kwanzaa gifts?**

   Possible answer: they help people learn and be creative, like the principles

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