

# MAKE ADIRE-INSPIRED DESIGNS

## MATERIALS

Blue paper -- you can substitute white paper or another color, if you don't have blue!  
White crayons or white chalk -- other art supplies/colors can be substituted if needed  
Pencils  
Rulers (optional)



## STEP 1

Watch this video with your students to learn more about where adire comes from and how it is made: [milpublib.qrd.by/adire](https://milpublib.qrd.by/adire)



## STEP 2

Find some images online of real adire fabrics and look at them with your students. Ask your students what kinds of lines, shapes, or patterns they notice. Explain that each adire design/pattern has meaning and significance to the Yoruba people who created (and still create!) them. The patterns can work together to tell a story.

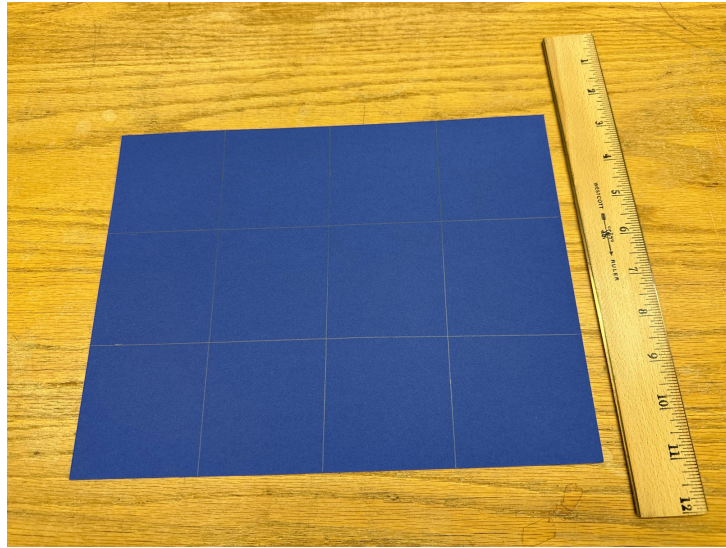
## STEP 3

Give each student a piece of blue paper -- or use another color if you don't have blue. Regular white paper can also work if you have blue art supplies.

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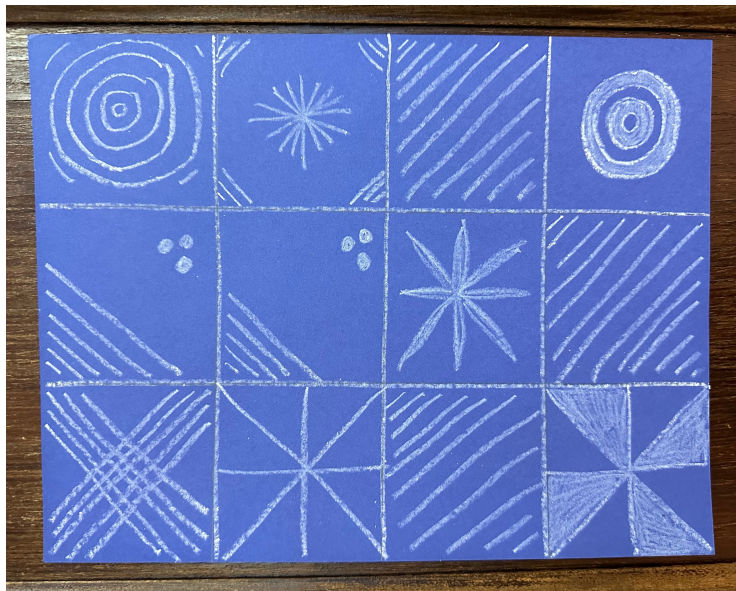
#### STEP 4

Show students how to use a ruler and pencil to divide their paper into squares, making a grid.



#### STEP 5

Using white crayon or chalk, have students draw a design inside of each square on their page. They could also make blue designs on white paper, if needed. Students can repeat designs or make a different design in each square. Bonus challenge: Try to tell a story using the designs you draw!



#### STEP 6 (OPTIONAL)

Hang the finished pages side-by-side on a wall or chalkboard so they fit together into an adire-inspired classroom mural for display.