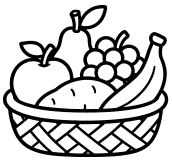
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Day 1: read about Umoja. Then draw and write.

Day 1 · December 26

Umoja

Say it: oo-MOH-jah

Unity



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I can

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Kwanzaa's Seven Principles

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Day 2 · December 27

Kujichagulia

Say it: koo-jee-chah-goo-LEE-ah

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Day 3: read about Ujima. Then draw and write.

Day 3 · December 28

Ujima

Say it: oo-JEE-mah

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Day 4 · December 29

Ujamaa

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Kwanzaa's Seven Principles

Day 5: read about Nia. Then draw and write.

Day 5 · December 30

Nia

Say it: NEE-ah

Purpose



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1. Nia means ___ **creativity** **purpose** **unity**

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I want to

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Kwanzaa's Seven Principles

Day 6: read about Kuumba. Then draw and write.

Day 6 · December 31

Kuumba

Say it: koo-OOM-bah

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I can

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Kwanzaa's Seven Principles

Day 7: read about Imani. Then draw and write.

Day 7 · January 1

Imani

Say it: ee-MAH-nee

Faith



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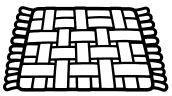
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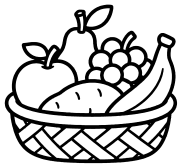
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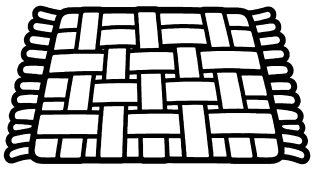


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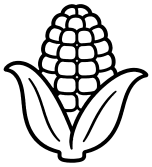
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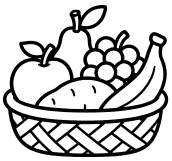
January 1
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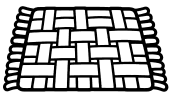
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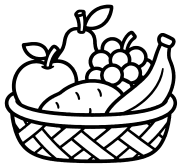
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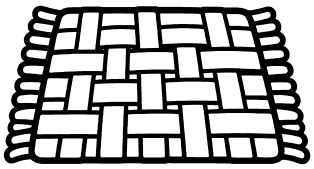
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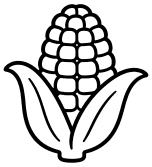
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