



## INGREDIENTS & MATERIALS

- 2 Paper or plastic cups (paper preferred)
- Toilet paper tube
- Black marker or paint
- Glue or hot glue
- Masking Tape
- Red, black, and green paint or markers
- Miscellaneous decorations (stickers, jewels, string, beads, etc.)
- Construction paper (optional)



## ACADEMIC SUBJECT(S):

Art, Social Studies

## THIS LESSON SUPPORTS 3rd GRADE CURRICULUM:

SS 3.4a, 3.4b, 3.5a, 2.6, 2.8, 1.8

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This lesson gives your child the opportunity to create a Kwanzaa Unity Cup, an item that is instrumental in celebrating the holiday!

While celebrating this year's holidays from home, there is a great opportunity to see how other cultures and other nations celebrate the holidays. With this lesson your child will be able to experience new traditions and cultures. In this case specifically relating to Kwanzaa. A unity cup's primary purpose is to celebrate one's African ancestors.

## DIRECTIONS

**STEP 1** Paint or color the cups and the toilet paper tube completely black. OR wrap cups in construction paper to avoid paint. Either method works!

**STEP 2** Take time to decorate your Unity cup especially with the colors red and green. These colors represent the struggles, celebrations, and pride of the African people and people of African descent.

**STEP 3** Cut one of the cups about an inch from its base making a smaller cup (when flipped over this will be the base of your Unity Cup).

**STEP 4** Connect the toilet paper tube to the base of the cup with hot glue or tape, and then connect the other end of the tube to the painted and decorated cup.

**STEP 5** At this point you're almost finished; now add any finishing touches to your cup.

**STEP 6** Your cup is now completed; you now have experienced creating an item that is a vital part of any Kwanzaa tradition.



## VOCABULARY

**KWANZAA:** A holiday that acts more like a celebration of African American culture, and focuses on celebrating African culture and histories, as well as promoting Black pride.

**UNITY:** To be joined or brought together as a whole.

**ANCESTOR(S):** A person related to you who lived long ago.