

African Necklace

Invitation to
create

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The Maasai tribe, located in southern Kenya, have been creating beaded jewelry for a very long time. Besides clay, bone, wood, copper and brass, colorful beads are used to create necklaces to indicate someone's age, social or marital status or to represent emotions or nature elements like sky and earth. During this Invitation to Create, children used a paper plate to create a necklace form then used a cotton swab to add a variety of colorful paint as decoration. When children are given the opportunity to create their own designs, they develop self-confidence and a sense that there is no wrong way to be creative.



**What do you
think the necklace
colors represent?**

