



Embrace a Tradition of Royalty

ADVANSYNC seeks to honor every graduate who has earned the right to wear a Kente Stole on their graduation day. Our goal is to make sure that you feel special on your graduation day. Thank you for making ADVANSYNC your choice for Kente Graduation Stoles.

Kente Cloths are Rich with Meaning - they Tell a Story



Sika Futoro

In Ghana, Kente Cloths have names and the patterns have meanings. This particular combination of designs in this cloth has a special meaning. The name of this entire kente cloth motif is "Sika Futoro". This translates to "Gold Dust". Before the use of coins and paper as money, gold dust was used as a medium of exchange in what is now Ghana. This cloth motif is a symbol of wealth and prosperity.

Kyemfere

The pattern used here is called Kyemfere, which translates to "Potsherd". A potsherd is a broken piece of ceramic material, especially one found on an archaeological site. This is inspired by the proverb "Kyemfere se odaa ho akye, na onipa a onwene no nso nye den?" which translates to "The potsherd proclaims it has been around for ages but what about the potter who molded it?". This pattern reminds us to be humble and honor God.

Nkyinkyim

This zig-zag pattern is called Nkyinkyim which translates to "twisted". This pattern is derived from the proverb "Obra kwan ye nkyinkyimii" which literally means "Life's journey is twisted." It reminds us that life may throw surprises our way with its twists and turns so we should be prepared for what may come our way.

Akyem

This pattern is called Akyem and it translates to "shield". It is inspired by the proverb "Akyem head a eka does mmeramu." which translates to "when a shield wears away, the frame remains." This pattern reminds us that our good deeds and acts of courage will outlive us.



Hand-woven African Art

Kente Cloth is handwoven in looms. The cloth is made of four to five inch wide strips. These strips are sewn together to make larger pieces of cloth for wearing.

Each Pattern Tells a Story that Passes Wisdom from One Generation to the Next



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Kotwere Agyeman

This pattern is called Fa wo hia kotwere Agyeman which translates to "carry poverty to Agyeman". Agyeman was an especially generous king at the time this pattern was made and this pattern encouraged the people to lean their cares on him. This pattern reminds us that we don't always have to handle everything. It is okay to ask for help.



Kotwere Agyeman

This pattern is also called Fa wo hia kotwere Agyeman which translates to "carry poverty to Agyeman". It is a derivative and different style of the Fa wo hia kotwere Agyeman design.



Babadua

This particular pattern on your ADVANSYNC stole is called Babadua, which translates to "strength". The Babadua tree, which is a strong tree used for building fences, thatch roofs and barricades during war inspires the pattern. It depicts strength, toughness and resilience. This pattern reminds us to be strong during difficult times.