

# Maasai Paper Necklace

**I**n traditional African clothing and jewelry, we often see lots of bright and beautiful colors. Sometimes, the more colors there are, the better! Today we're going to create something of our own to wear. It's called a Maasai necklace. It's usually made out of beads, but we're going to make a simpler version out of paper plates.

Both men and women wear Maasai jewelry, and it's the women who make the necklaces and bracelets. They're all beautiful, and different colors mean different things.

- 🌍 **Red** — bravery, unity and blood.
- 🌍 **White** — peace, purity and health.
- 🌍 **Blue** — energy and the sky (and rain too).
- 🌍 **Orange & yellow** — hospitality.
- 🌍 **Green** — health and land (like green grass).
- 🌍 **Black** — people and the hard times they have to go through.

Create your own design, and if you like, you can choose colors for your necklace that mean something special to you!

## Supplies

- ✓ Paper plates
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Scissors

## Here's how you do it:

- ✓ Take a paper plate and cut a slit from the edge to the middle of the plate.
- ✓ Cut out the middle of the plate, leaving behind only the bumpy rim.
- ✓ Color the rim however you like. Lots of colors and designs are good!
- ✓ Cut out a gap in the necklace (starting at the slit) and make it big enough so you can wear the Maasai necklace around your neck.



## Fun Facts

- 🌍 There are **54 countries** across the continent of Africa.
- 🌍 The Nile is the **longest river in the world**, and it's found in Africa! It flows for **4,258 miles**. That's really far!
- 🌍 Africa is home to some of the **largest mammals on the planet**, including the African elephant (largest land mammal), the giraffe (the tallest mammal) and the cheetah (the fastest mammal).

You can learn other fun facts about various African countries in our book, "Around the World with Kate & Mack: A Look at Languages from A-Z." Buy a copy today at [shop.wycliffe.org](http://shop.wycliffe.org).

## Pray for Africa

There are more than 7,000 languages spoken in the world, and 30 percent of those are spoken just in Africa! A lot of those languages don't have the Bible yet, so people aren't able to learn

about God. You can pray that more and more people would get the Bible in their own language so that they can learn how much God loves them — so much that he sent Jesus to die on the cross for their sins!

