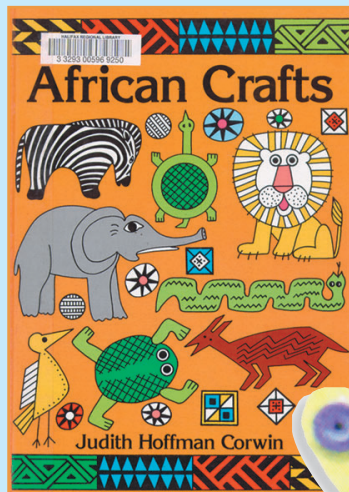


# Moroccan Good Luck Charm

A *khamsa* is a Moroccan good luck charm in the form of a hand. A *khamsa* with spread fingers is said to keep away bad luck. A *khamsa* with closed fingers is supposed to bring good luck. Some *khamsas* are worn as pendants, but you can hang this *khamsa* on the door of your house or bedroom.

1. Trace around your hand onto a piece of card board and cut out the shape.
2. Glue, sequins, buttons, beads and shapes cut from paper or foil onto the hand shape.
3. When you are happy with your design, leave it to dry and then hang it on your door. If you want to carry your good luck with you, make a tiny *khamsa* and thread it on a string to make a necklace.

From **The Reader's Digest Children's Atlas of the World, 1998**. Other crafts and games can be found in the books: **African Crafts** by Judith Hoffman Corwin and **Traditional Crafts from Africa** by Florence Temko.



Try your hand at creating this beautiful *khamsa*.



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