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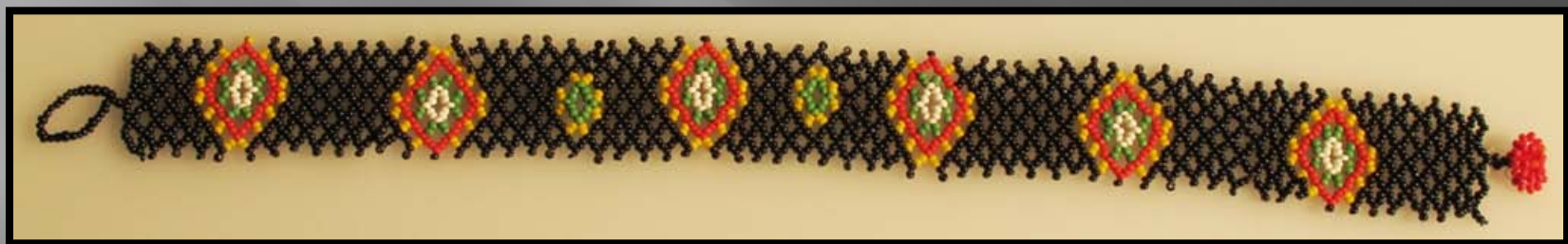


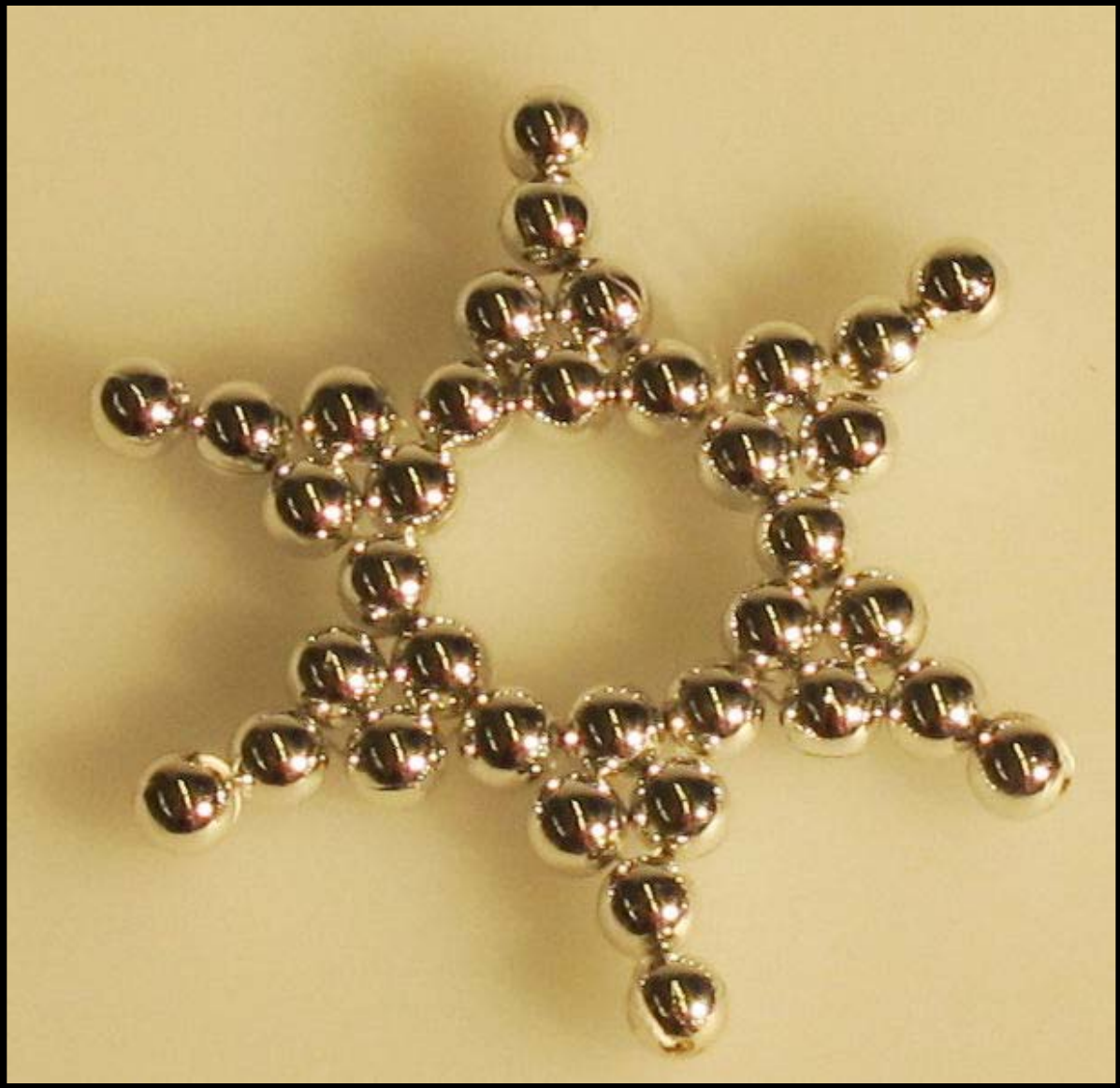
















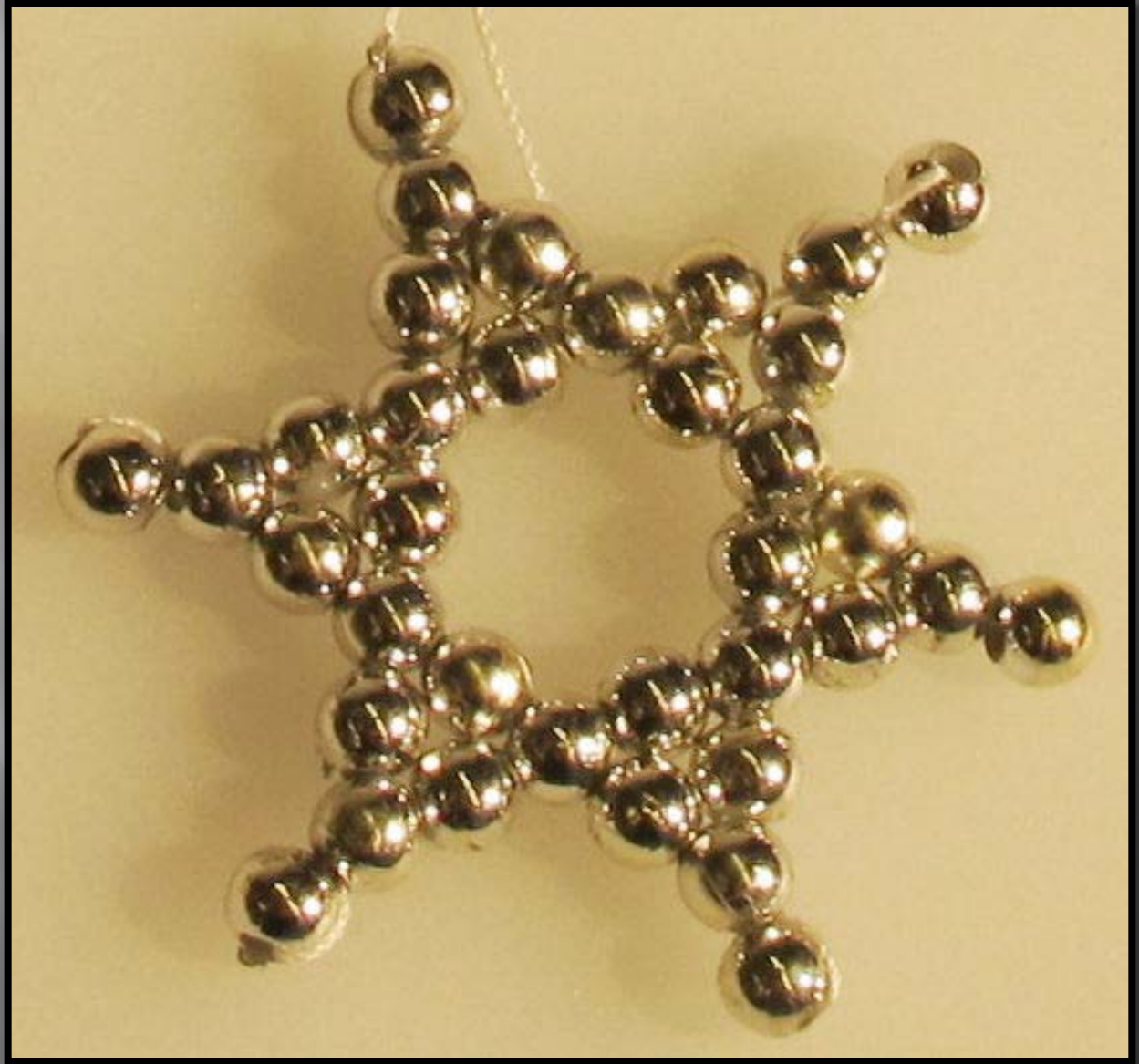




















ZULU LOVE LETTER

Zulu love-tokens (iNcwadi) are woven in beads by Zulu maidens and sent to their lovers as a means of communication.

Each colour, or combination of colours, has a specific meaning. Many of these have changed over the years, but the basic and most commonly used colours today are:

WHITE: Purity, Vision, True Love.

RED: Intense love — "My heart bleeds for you".

BLUE: Loneliness — "If I were a dove, I would fly the endless skies to see you."

GREEN: "I have become as thin as a blade of grass, from pining for you."

YELLOW: Jealousy.

PINK: Poverty — She feels he is wasting his money & not making enough effort to pay her "bride-price" (lobola)

BLACK: Anger, hurt, jealousy. "My heart has become as black as the rafters of the hut, as I hear you have taken another maiden."

BLUE/WHITE STRIPE: "You must choose — you are like a striped locust, jumping from bush to bush."

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