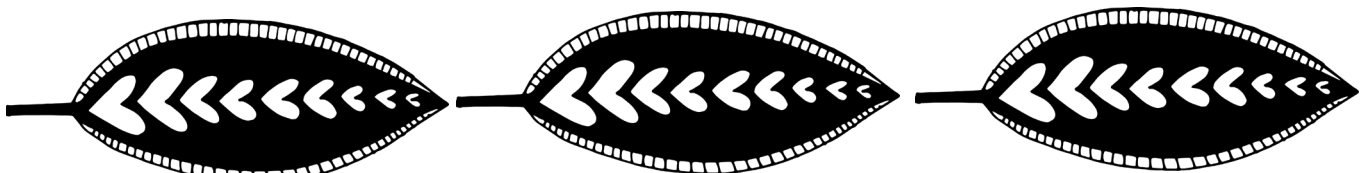
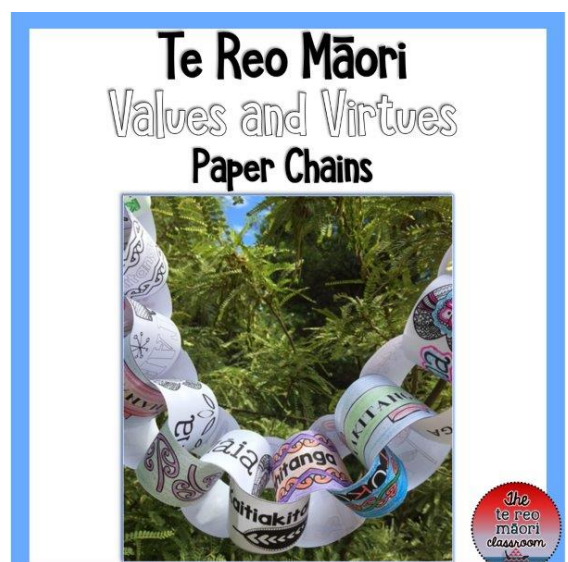


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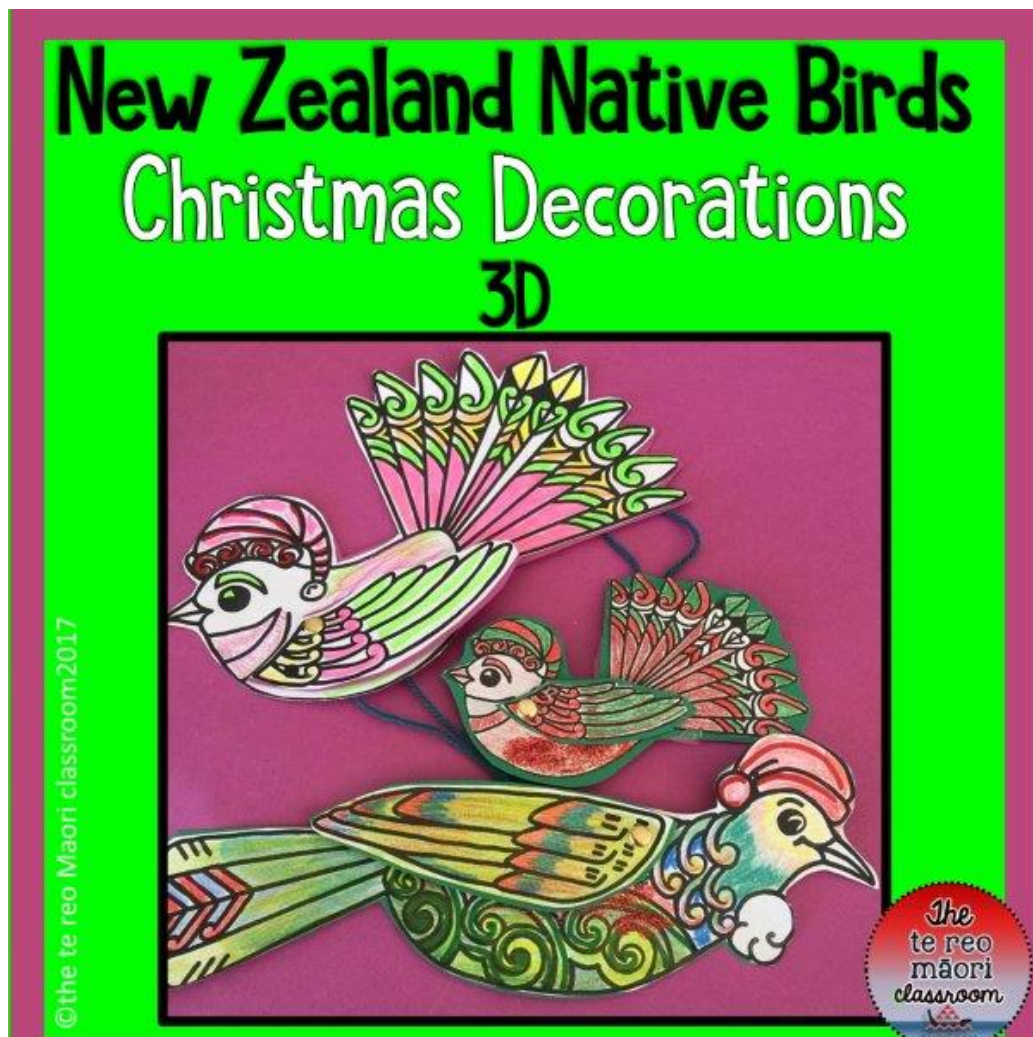


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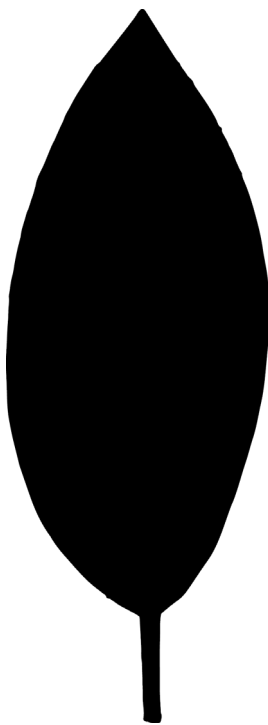
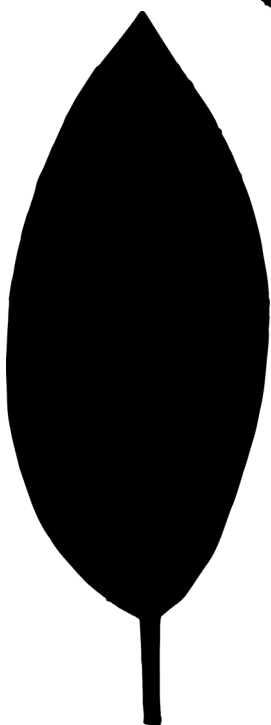
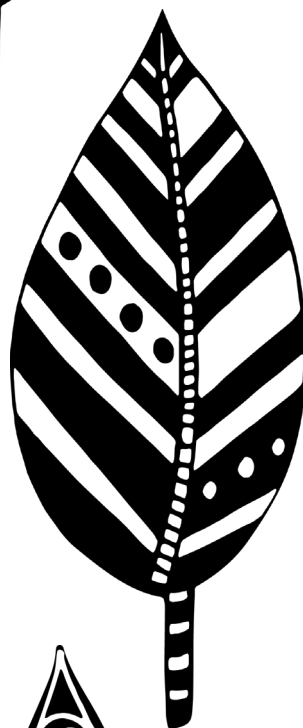
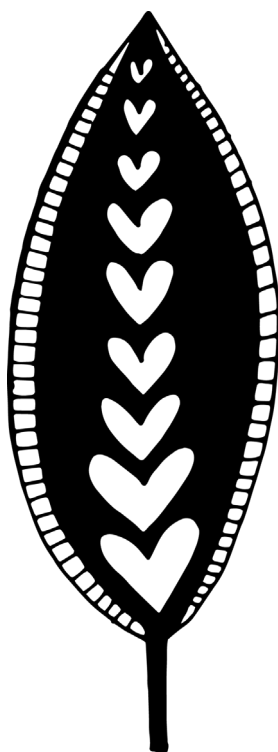
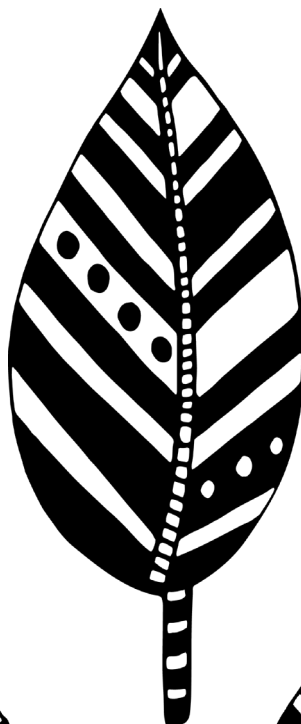


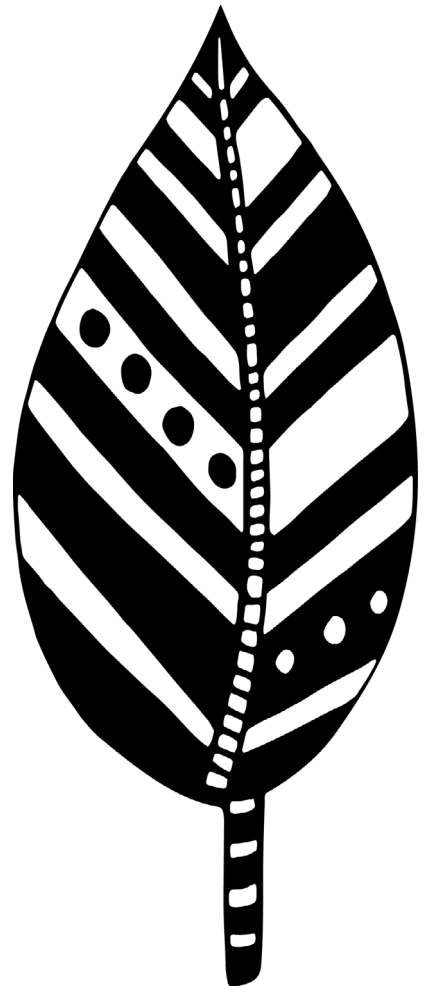
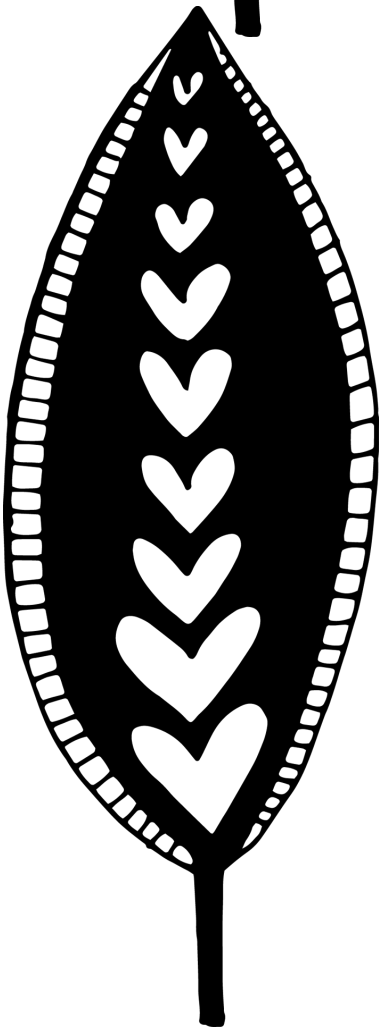
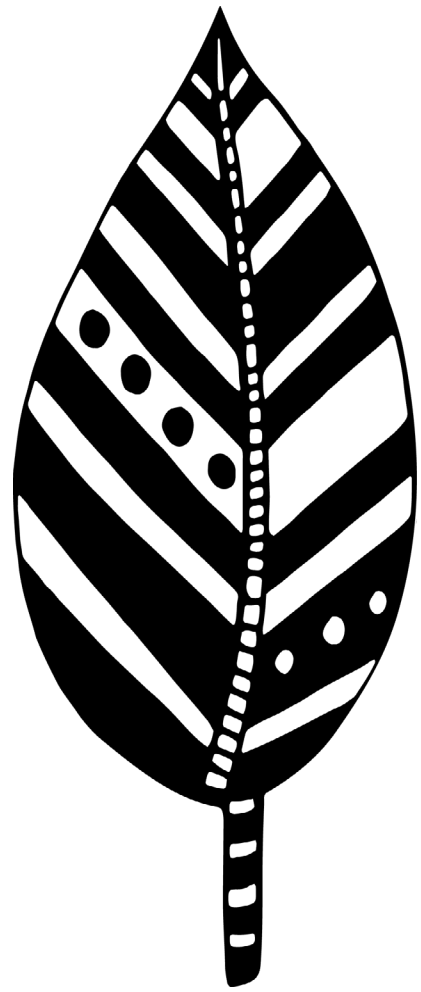
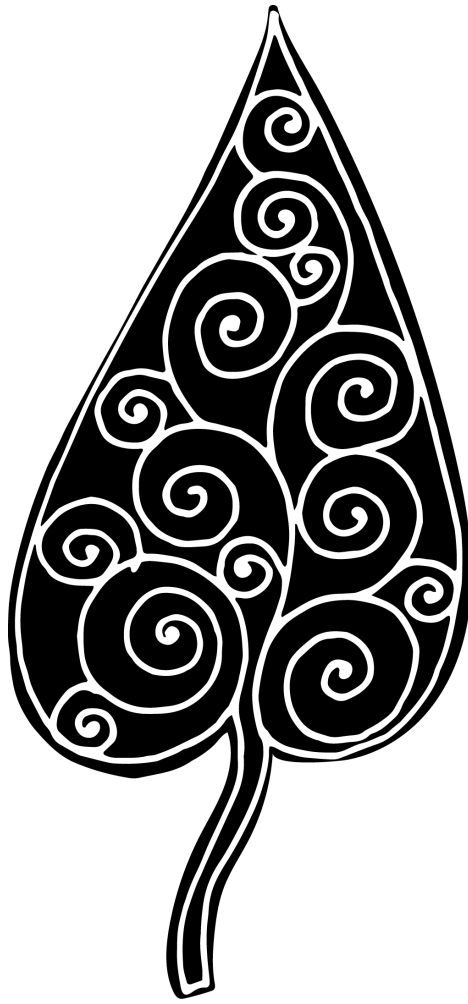
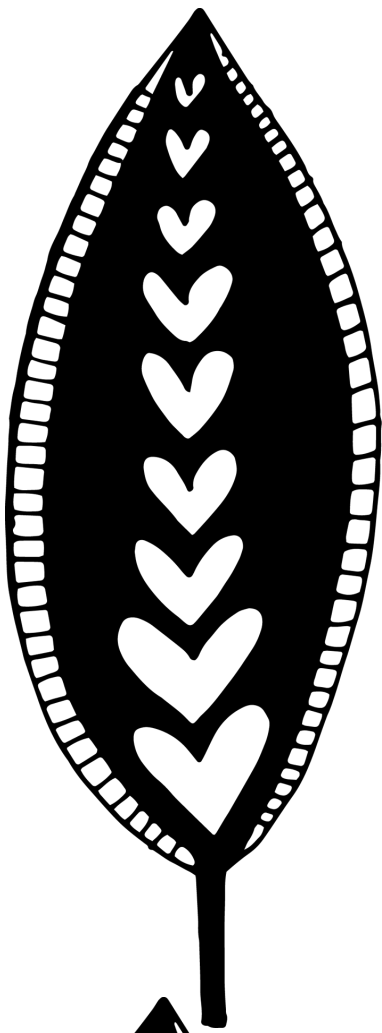


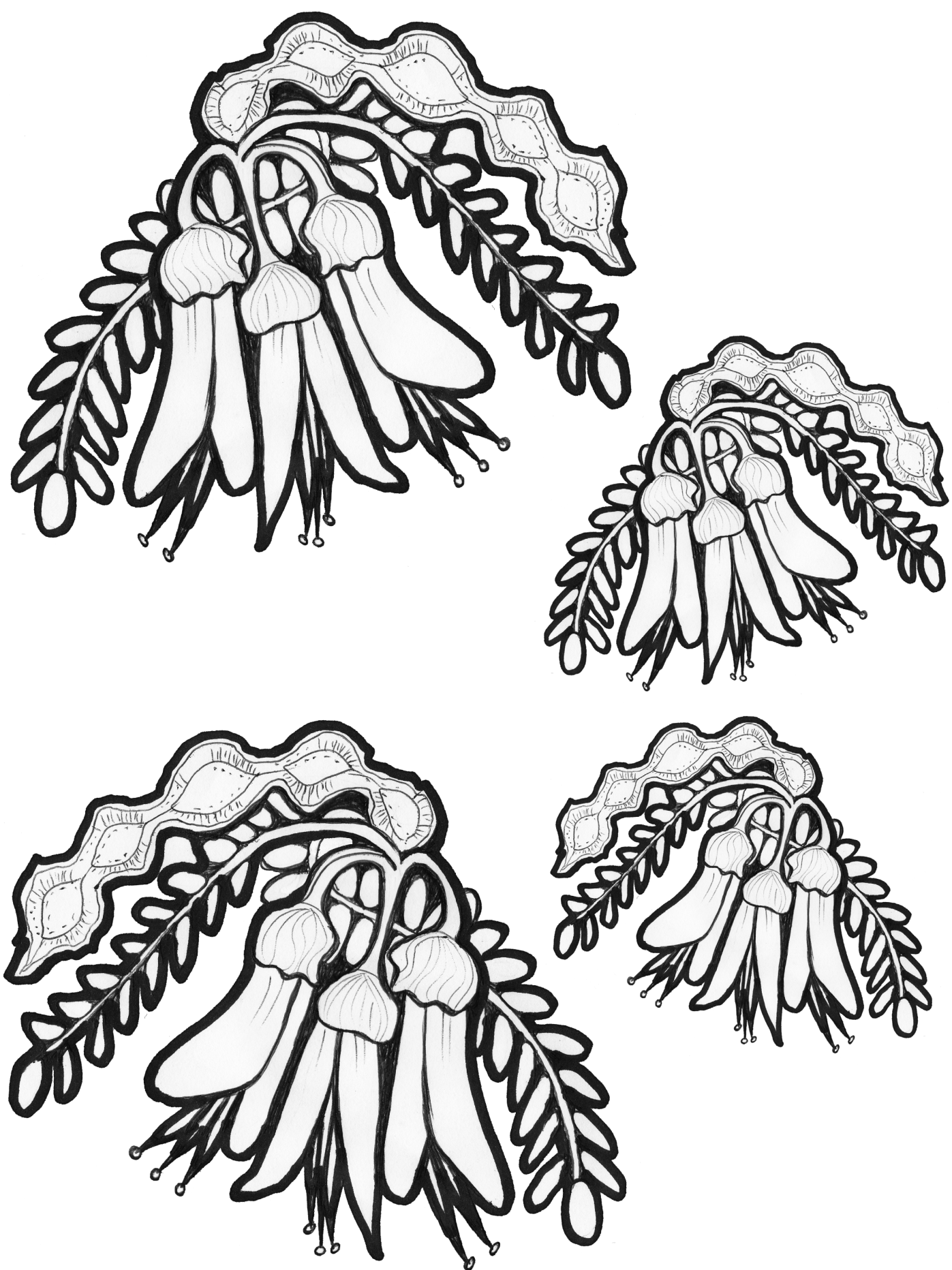
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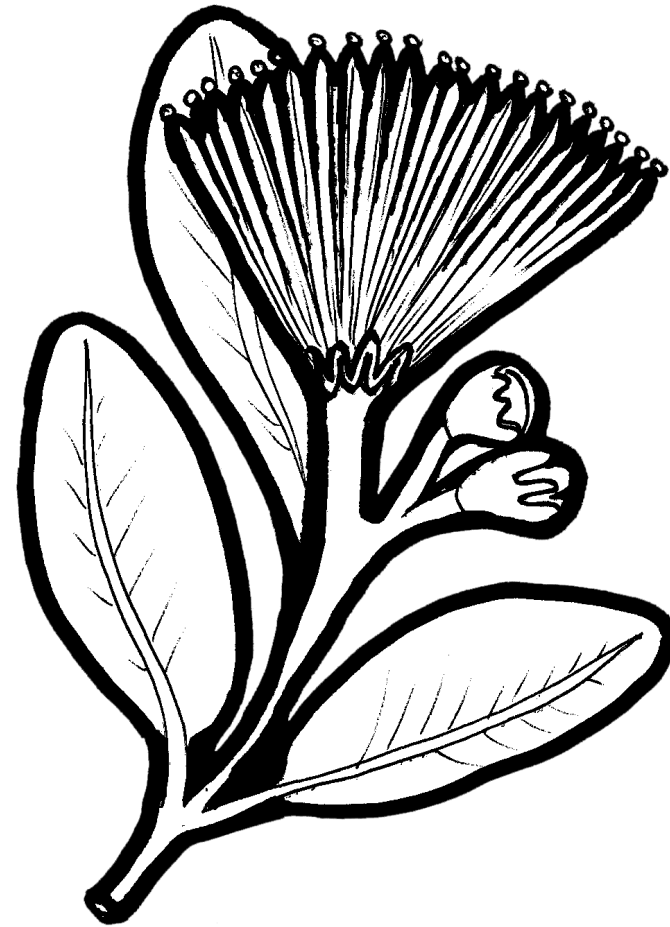
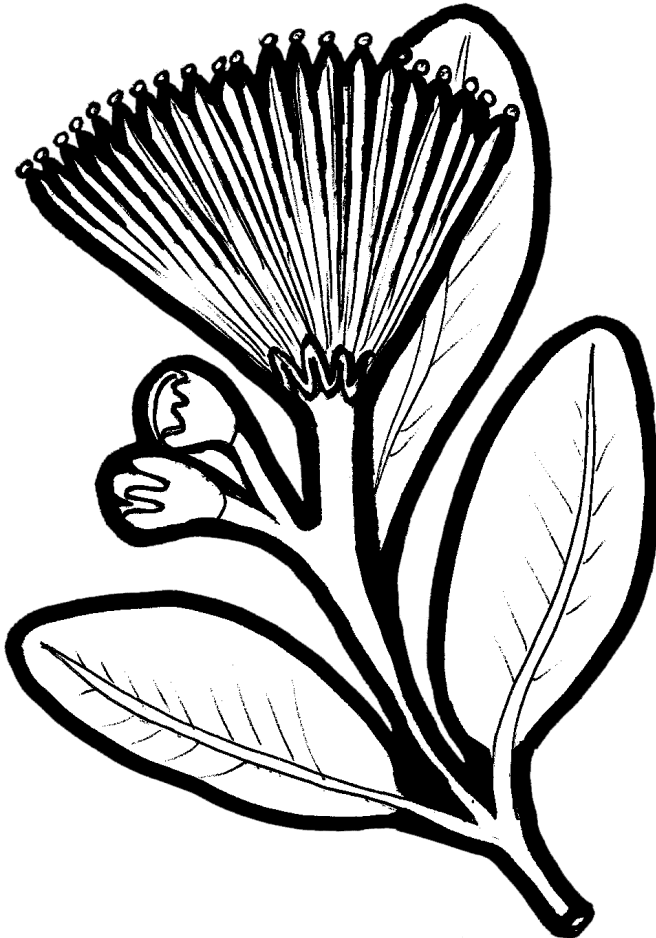


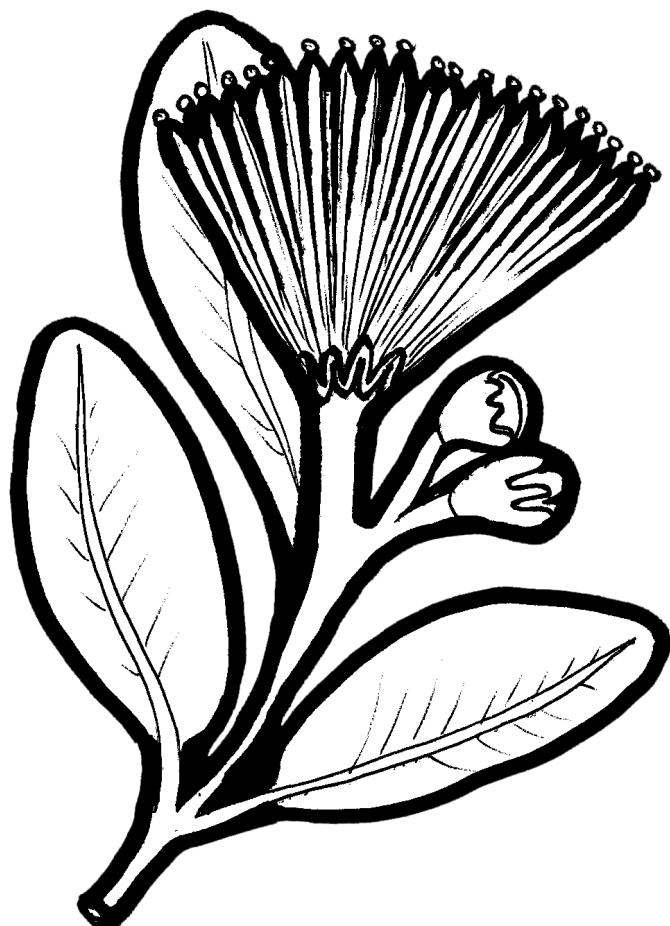
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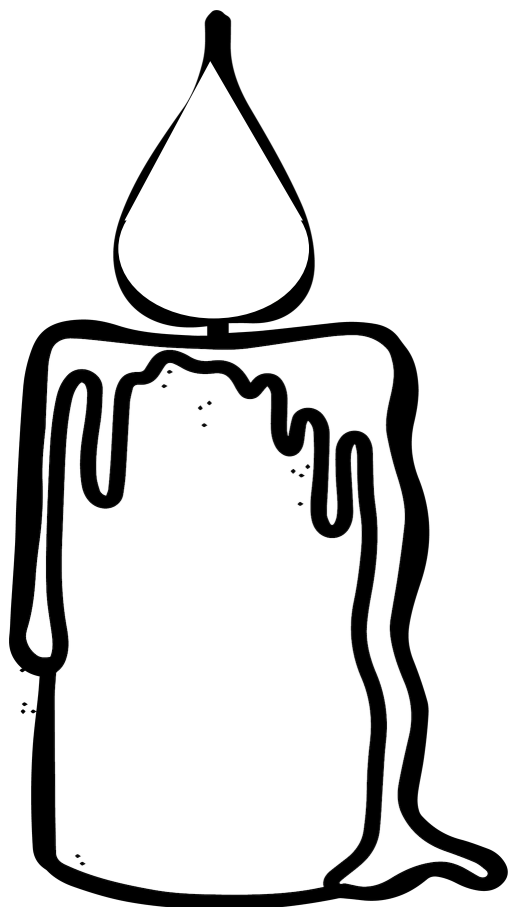
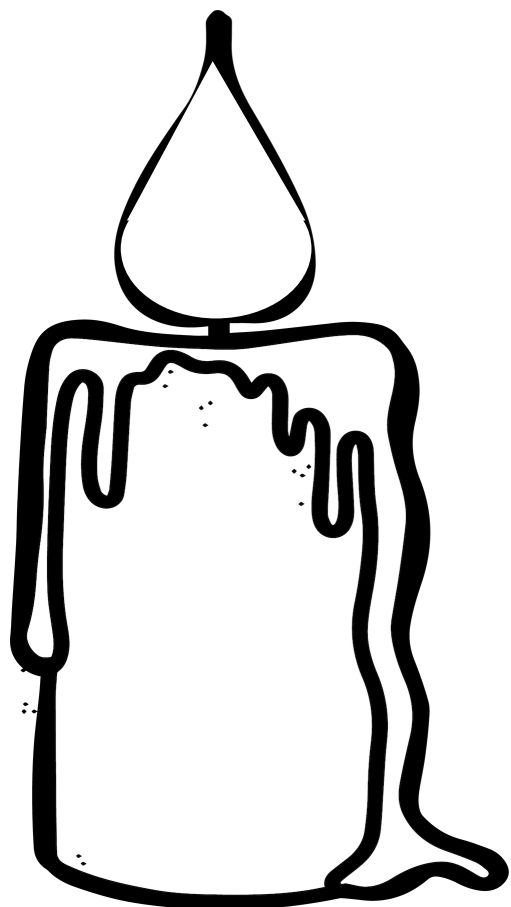
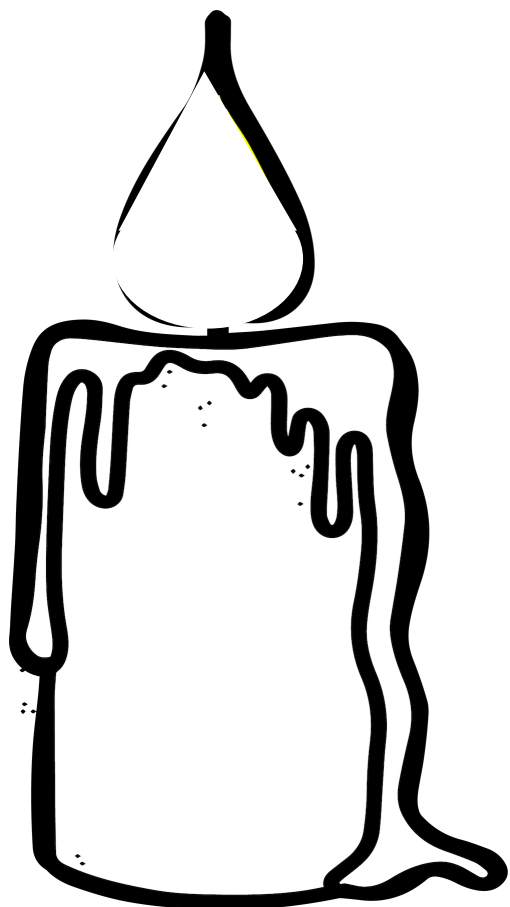
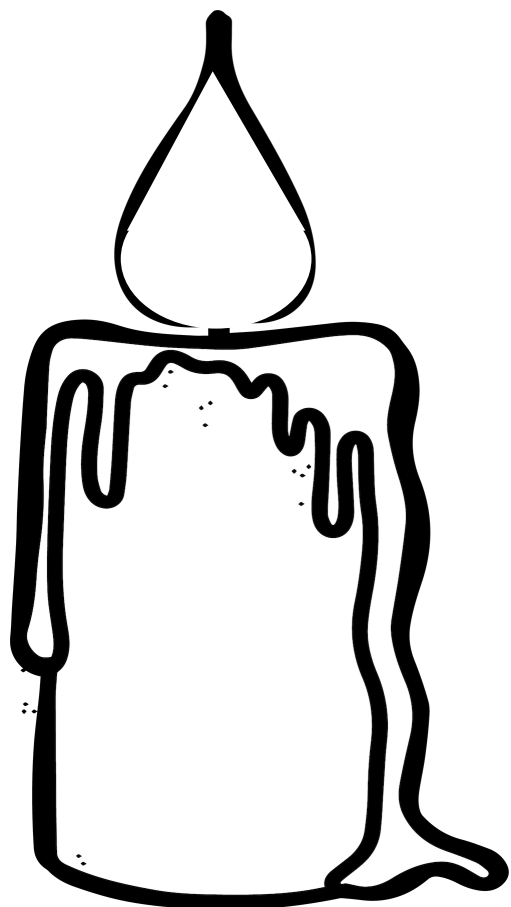


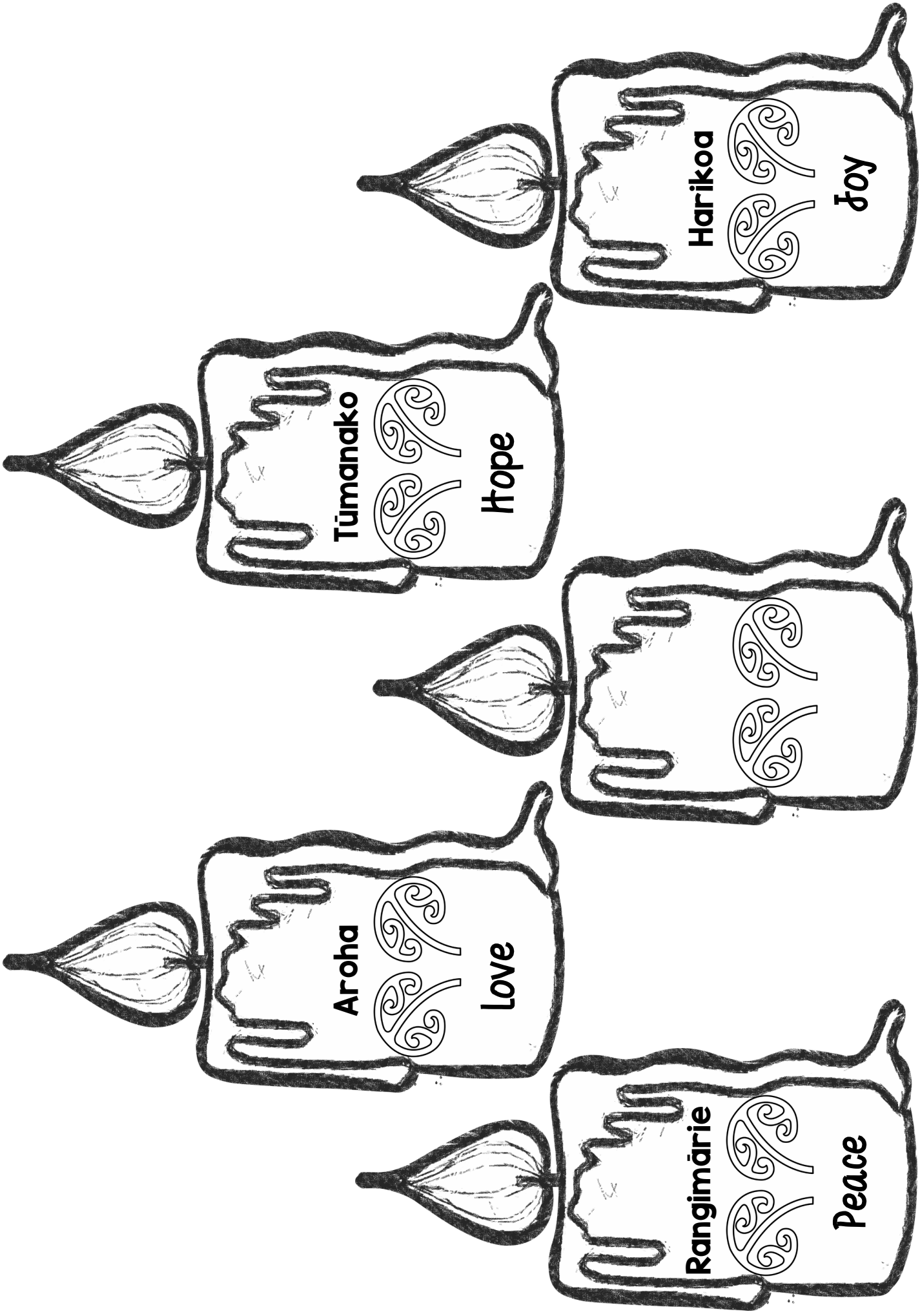












Harikoa

Joy

Tūmanako

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Love

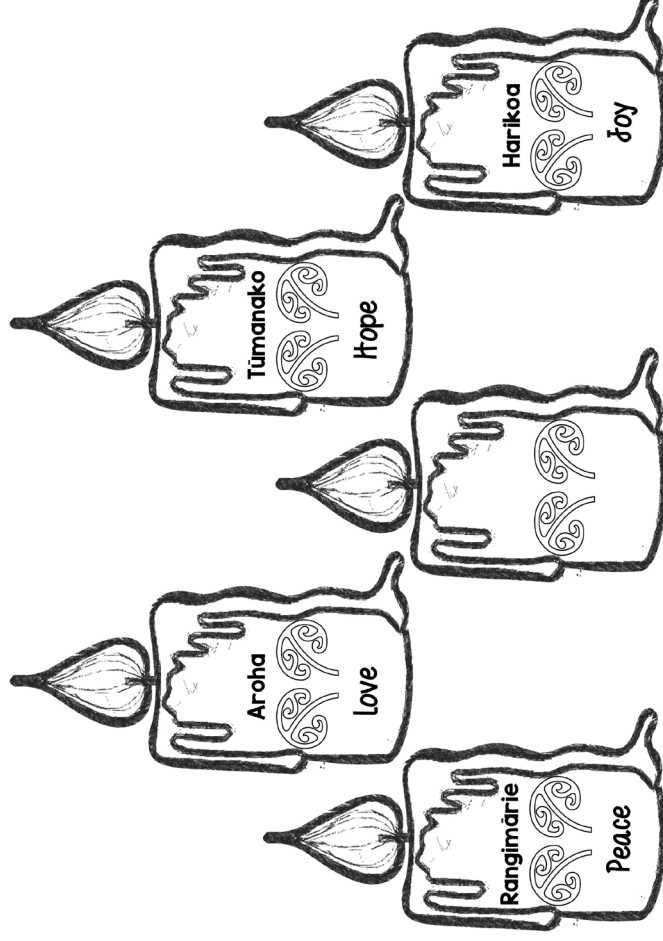
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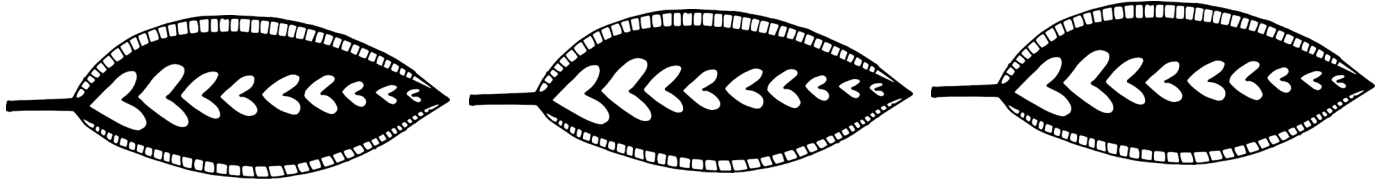
Peace

Advent Wreath

For those of you wanting to use this as an Advent resource this black and white copy can be used in your learners books.

We are learning about Advent and the Advent Wreath.
Each week in Advent we light a new candle to prepare for Christmas Day.





NEW ZEALAND CHRISTMAS WREATH

A wreath is an assortment of flowers, leaves, fruits, twigs or various materials that is constructed to resemble a ring.

Wreaths have been used as a decorative sign of Christmas for hundreds of years and in many homes, this symbol of growth and everlasting life can be found both inside and out. It is common to find many wreaths on doors, over the mantle piece, or hung in windows.

The wreath has significant meaning for the season. Its circular shape represents eternity, because it has no beginning and no end.

Christian Perspective

From a Christian religious perspective, it represents an unending circle of life. The evergreen, most frequently used in making wreathes, symbolizes growth and everlasting life. Holly branches have thorns. When used in a wreath it represents the thorn on Jesus' crown when he was crucified. Bright red holly berries symbolize Jesus' blood that was shed for others.

Materials

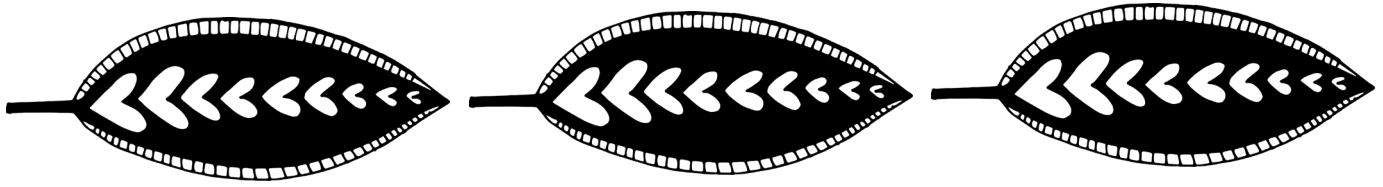
*Glue (PVA or glue stick)

*Scissors

*cardboard (or old cereal box etc)-27cm ish diameter

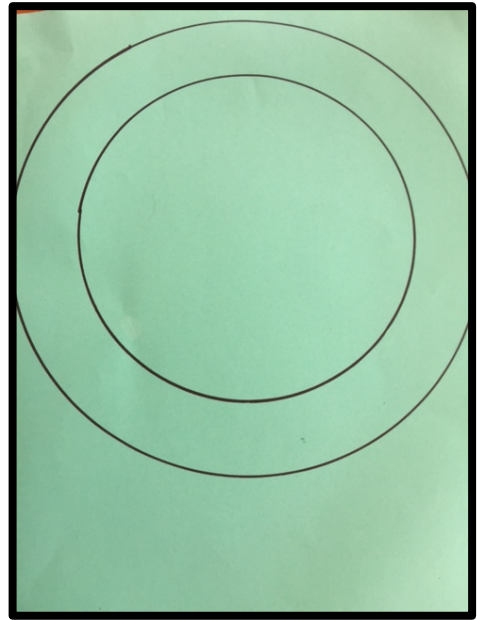
*glitter? *ribbon to hang it with.





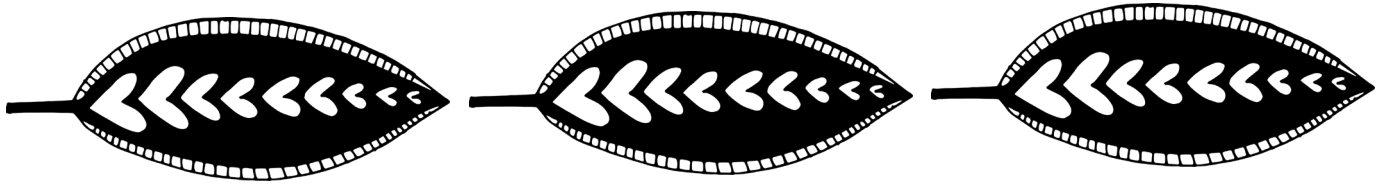
MAKING A WREATH

Cut a circle out of cardboard or an old box, using a large dinner plate and smaller plate as templates.



If the cardboard is thick and hard to cut, you can make incisions from the centre to the edges (like orange segments.) Cut around the inner circle to get rid of the middle, and make a ring.





*Colour and place 4 pōhutukawa or kōwhai where you would like them.

*Using PVA or a glue stick, dab a little glue just to keep them in place. By keeping most of the piece unglued you can layer more leaves underneath.



*Place some of the larger leaves in the spaces. I like to tuck mine under the flowers.

* Dab glue on the ends to keep them in place.





*Add more of the smaller leaves in the same way. If the stems aren't going to be seen, it's fine to cut them off.

*Dab glue on the ends.

*Just glue the bottoms, and tuck under to layer and give a more 3D look.



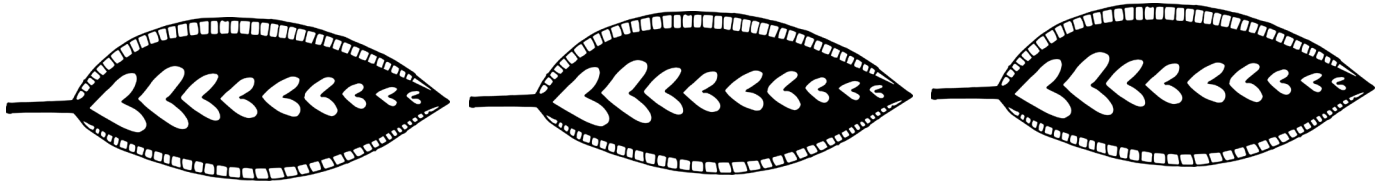
Here I have added one of the birds from the [Native Bird Christmas Decorations](#).



*To finish off put either the kōwhhai or something different at the top.

*Use ribbon, string or wool to hang it up with..

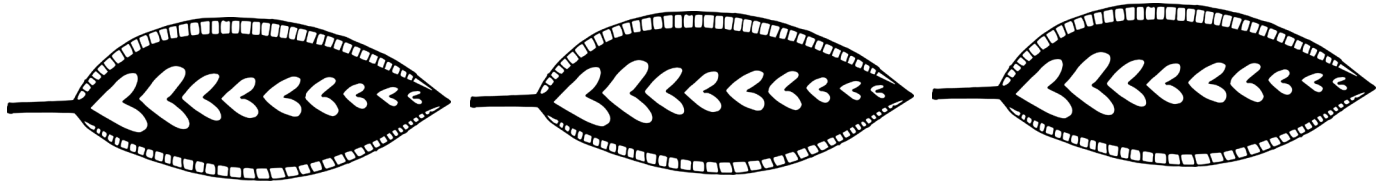




- *You could use some found leaves, seeds, pressed flowers or just about anything!
- *Go on a nature walk outside and see what else you can find.
- *Add glitter for extra sparkle.
- *Cut flowers from nature magazines
- *Make crepe flowers
- *Learn how to make harakeke flowers (flax flowers) then add these.

Ngā mihi to these artists:





Candles can be coloured in (lit) and the black and white versions can be placed in your learners books.

