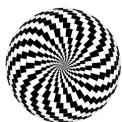
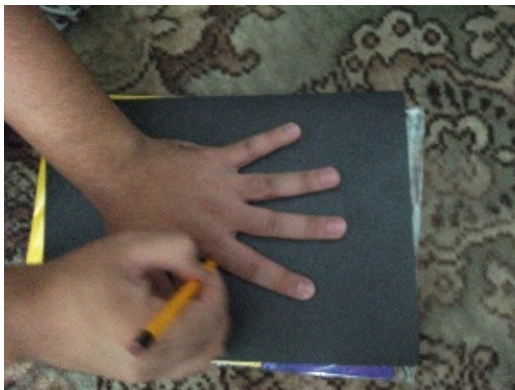




KHAMSA IN THE CLASS ROOM

The khamisa is a good luck symbol. It keeps away the "evil eye", and can be worn as an amulet around the neck or a wall decoration. It is in the form of a hand, with decorations on the palm and the fingers. "Khamisa" means five (fingers) in Arabic, and the first khamisas came from Morocco in North Africa.

Khamisa designs can be made easily in the class room by drawing around the outline of a hand. An adult hand is bigger and easier to decorate, so maybe it is best to precut the outlines on coloured paper, particularly if these are younger children. The paper shaped hand can be decorated with cut out designs, colored paper shapes from craft punches, or painted.



Designs for Khamisa can be printed from the SHIVA Charity CD, or obtained from the Resources Centre.