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Kwanzaa Unity Cup

Kwanzaa is celebrated between December 26 - January 1. The name is derived from the phrase "Matunda ya Kwanza," meaning "First Fruits," which symbolizes the celebration of unity, faith, creativity and gift giving. The Kikombe Sha Umoja is the Swahili name for the Unity Cup used during Kwanzaa. Everyone sips from the cup to symbolize and celebrate the unity of family and the community. Construct with us your own Kwanzaa Unity Cup with just a plastic cup, paint, and yarn!

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Gather materials:

- Clear Plastic Wine Glass / Chalice
- Acrylic Paint (black, red, green, yellow)
- Paintbrushes
- Yarn (black, red, green, or yellow)
- Scissors
- Glue / Hot Glue
- Pony Beads (black, red, green, or yellow)

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First, take your clear plastic wine glass or chalice and paint the entire thing with black acrylic paint.

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Once the black paint has completely dried, start painting decorative shapes and details with your red, yellow, and green acrylic paint. Then let it dry.

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Now take your colored yarn and wrap it around your cup. Secure it down with glue. Try to create zigzag lines with the yarn or any line design you like!

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Once your yarn is secured, start adding pony beads onto the cup using glue for extra decoration.

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Once your pony beads are fastened and secured, your Kwanzaa Unity Cup is finally complete! Happy Kwanzaa!