

## Tales From the Land of Gullah

### Mock Mudcloth activity

#### **What you need**

- Blue, black or brown tempera paint in cups
- Dirt
- Popsicle sticks
- Fabric squares
- Photographs of traditional mudcloth (optional)

#### **What you do:**

Set up:

- Set up a table and cover the table with butcher paper or plastic table cover.
  - Mix the paint and dirt so it is stiff by not solid. It should be the consistency of think pancake batter.
1. Hand each child one fabric square and a popsicle stick,
  2. Show them the examples of the mudcloth from West Africa before they start painting.
  3. The children will use the popsicle stick as a “paint brush” to create their designs on the cloth.

#### **Did you know?**

Mudcloth is also called *Bologanfini*. It is a traditional fabric used throughout West Africa where cotton is dyed from tree bark and mud. Designs are created by using sticks or rocks. The cloth is pieced together to make clothing or blankets.

#### **What about you?**

How many designs can you make for your mudcloth?