

**DESIGN AND FABRICATION OF A METAL MURAL
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OF THE ASANTE KINGDOM**

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of this project was to design and fabricate a visual document that present historical facts about the Asante kingdom in chronological order using organised symbols and pictorial imagery.

Data on the history of the Asante kingdom were gathered, summarised and encoded into symbols and imagery which were arranged chronologically into segments representing eras of significant administrative, economic or educational transformations in the kingdom. This was later transferred onto a copper sheet by employing the technique of repoussage which is a metal forming technique which compliments another technique called chasing. Working with the two techniques, the researcher produced both relief and intaglio designs on the sheet copper surface through the use of special punches called repoussage and chasing tools.

The end result is an antique looking mural which is an embodiment of salient historical facts about the Asante kingdom (as captured by historians) right from the beginning of its formation, through successive kings, to the present.

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