Zulu Beadwork

In Zulu culture, beadwork like this is an important form of decoration. Beadwork is also a form of communication! Different shapes and colors have different meanings.

Shapes

- ▲ a girl who is not married
- ▽ a boy who is not married
- ◈ a married woman
- ◊ a married man

Colors

- ♦ love
- ■ anger
- ⊖ happiness

So this ▲ is a happy girl. And this ◈ is a married couple who love each other.

You can create your own beadwork message using shapes and colors.

My shapes:

_____ means ______________  _____ means ______________

My colors:

_____ means ______________  _____ means ______________

Now use your shapes and colors to make a message.