

Mangōpare

This design
represents the
hammerhead shark.
It is a symbol of
strength, courage
and power.

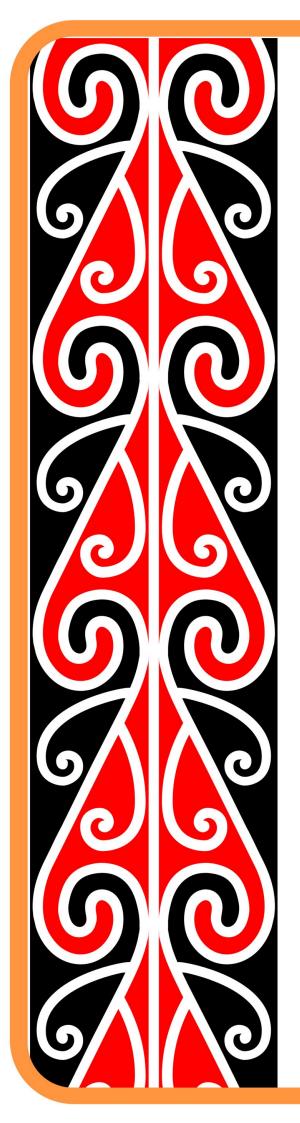




Ngutu Kākā or Marama

When this pattern is referred to as 'Ngutu kākā', this shape is the beak of the kākā bird. When it is 'marama', it is the moon.





Ngaru

This design represents the ocean waves — the cutting of the waka travelled.





Puhoro

This pattern is a split koru. It represents speed, swiftness and agility.





Pātiķi

The flounder - a symbol of hospitality.





Rauru

This shape is the spiral. It shares similar meaning to the koru.





Koiri

This pattern is the koru repeating and turning back into itself — this may continue into infinity. The koiri is a symbol of self-reflection and nurturing; it also means to florish.





Kōwhai Ngutukākā

This pattern represents the flowers of the kākā beak plant.





Koru

Koru is the most common pattern found in Kōwhaiwhai. It represents the pitau, the unfurled shoot of a fern. Koru symbolises new beginnings, birth and the unfolding of life.

