Mande/Akan

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Maps of West Africa, showing geographic region where Mande- and Gur-speaking peoples live.
Left: A round adobe dwelling with thatched roof, Guinea, 21st century. Right: Kogi woman standing in front of a traditional adobe/thatched roof dwelling, Colombia, 21st century.
Mende peoples (Sierra Leone),
Above left: Ewe weaver working on a narrow-strip loom, Ghana. Late 20th century. Below left: Ewe peoples (Ghana), Detail of cloth, 20th century. Cotton.
Left: Saramaka men wearing patchwork and appliqued loin cloth and cape, Suriname, 1900s.
Above & right: Saramaka peoples (Suriname), Patchwork and appliqued men’s cape, 1920s. Cotton.
Phyllis (enslaved woman in Columbus, Georgia), Applique Quilt, 1850s. Cotton.