

A child is represented by the tukutuku pattern 'maunga' or mountain.

The pattern demonstrates that all people are made up of many different strands. Strands represent whakapapa (genealogy), whatumanawa (emotional), tinana (biological), wairua (spiritual), whēako (experiences), all of which (and more) represent the very tapestry of who we are. As parents, caregivers, grandparents, aunties and uncles, we have the privilege of influencing the many strands that make up a child.