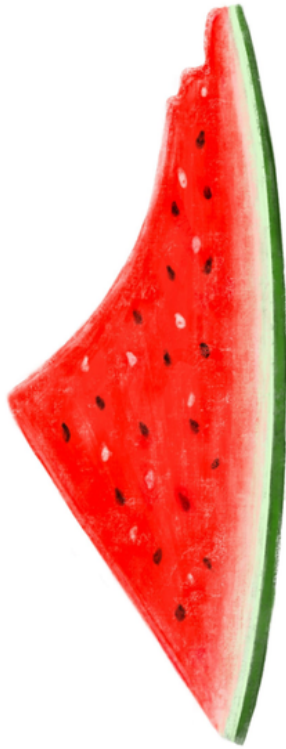


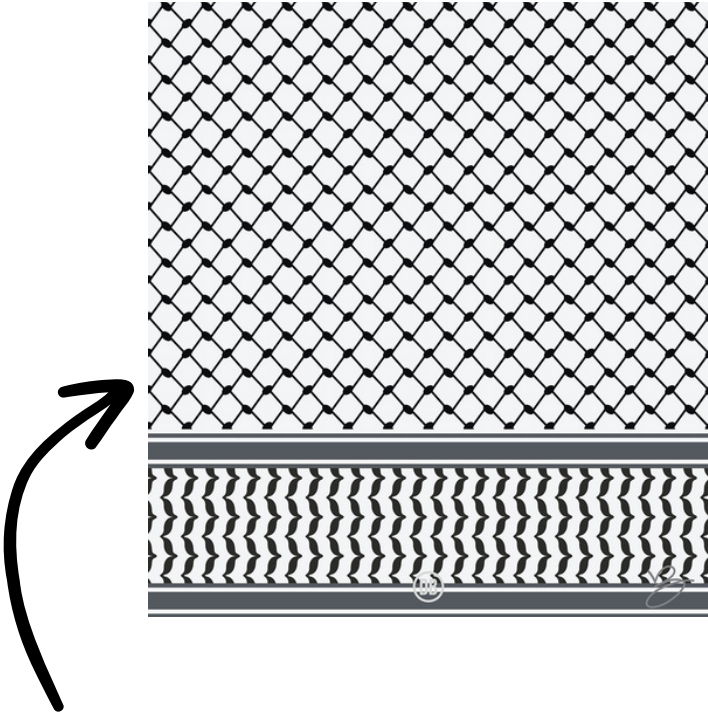
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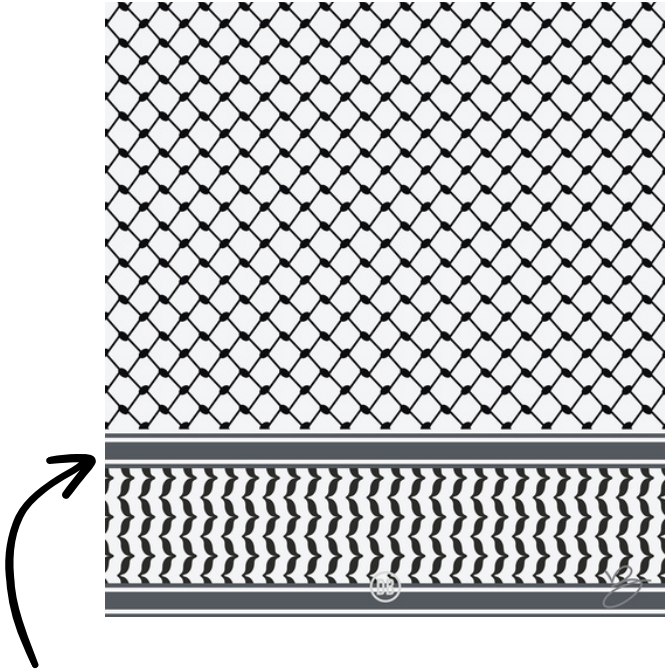
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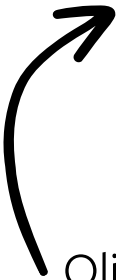
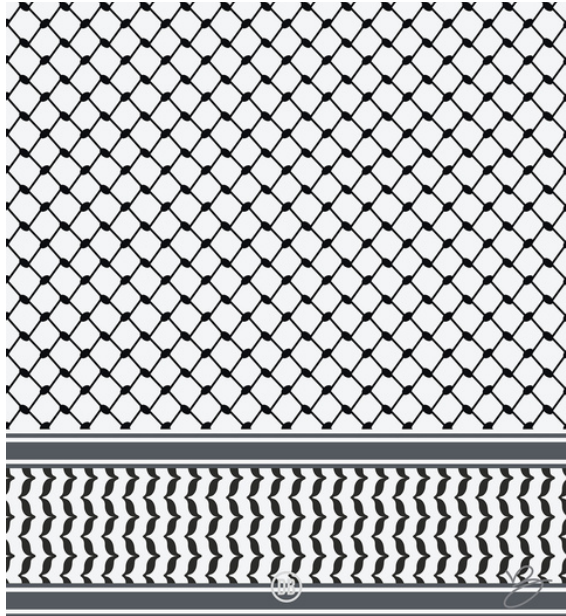
The fishnet pattern – represents the Palestinians' connection to the sea. Also thought to be a symbol of collectivism – knotted individuals, stronger together. The resemblance to barbed wire a fitting nod to their 75+ year occupation.

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Bold lines along the keffiyah - represent trade routes across historic Palestine which made the region a hub for exchange. Others believe the lines represent the walls that surround the land, onstructing their freedom.

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Olive leaves line the bottom of the keffiyah. Olive trees are of great cultural significance to Palestinians, once playing a vital role in the Palestinian economy.

Once upon a time, before the Nakba,
Palestine was famous for growing
succulent watermelons.



After the Six-Day War in 1967, public displays of the Palestinian flag were banned, by Israel. Anyone who displayed the flag or its colors could face arrest.





Watermelon — with its red, green, black, and white coloring — became a subtle act of resistance. Even holding a slice of fresh watermelon outside became an act of protest. Today it represents solidarity with Palestine, globally.

**From the river to the sea,
Let children prosper and be free!**

We stand in solidarity.

**‘Cause no one is free
until we’re all free.**

**And all the children
are our children.**

A Weelaunee Coalition Press zine
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