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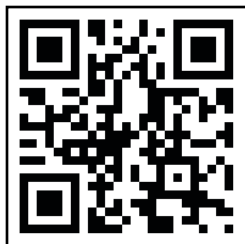
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## Gallery Guide

As a Chicano kid growing up in a military family, Miguel Angel Godoy struggled to find a community as he moved from base to base. That changed when he was introduced to Hip-Hop culture and the breaking (breakdancing) cypher, where he found a community to connect to. Inspired by graffiti, he creates his artwork by layering words on top of each other until they form an abstract image. He uses letterforms (the shapes of letters) and counterforms (the shapes between letterforms) to think about how we communicate what is important to us.



## EASY AS ABC

What is a letterform anyway? Scan the QR code above to learn more about how Miguel and other artists use text in their artwork.

## SEARCHING FOR IDENTITY

Look at the cloud of words below and circle the ones that feel like you.

Generous Resilient Neighbor Collaborator Confident Calm  
Foodie Sibling Gamer Independent Curious Energetic Serious Reader  
Empathetic Honest Kind Considerate Chandlerite Family  
Adventurous Problem-Solver Friend Optimistic Dancer  
Artist Arizonan Funny Transplant Athlete Chicano Thoughtful  
Determined English-Speaking Smart Ambitious Creative  
Native Courageous Outdoorsy Storyteller Musician Cool Spanish-Speaking  
Playful Unique American Adaptable Hardworking

## MAKE YOUR OWN

Supplies: blank paper, pencil and eraser, something to color with, scissors

\*optional: alphabet stencil or cardstock

1. Choose 1-3 of the words you circled in the word cloud above.

2. In block letters, write out your selected words, overlapping the letters on top of each other as many times as you like. You can make this easier by using an alphabet stencil. If you don't have a stencil, you can make your own by drawing your block letters on cardstock, cutting them out, and tracing them.



3. Color in all of the shapes you made with your overlapping letters.

4. Trace a circle on top of your artwork with something circular (like a bowl) and then cut it out. All done!

## TALK ABOUT IT

Belonging is the feeling of comfort and support you get when you can be yourself. Talk with a friend or family member about a place, activity, or group of people you feel you belong in, and why.